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Employment office makes donation to animal shelter

Inspired by the efforts of elementary students in Floyd County, the Department for Employment Services in Prestonsburg had its own food drive for the Floyd County Animal Shelter.

In less than a week, DES employees contributed 140 pounds of dog food, 40 pounds of cat food and \$110 in cash.

The animal shelter is in dire need of assistance due to the volume of abandoned pets. DES workers said they felt compelled to hold their drive because the shelter contributes to the well-being of the community by reducing the number of stray animals. This reduces the spread of disease and the number of strays being hit by cars and overturning garbage.

The shelter is also in need of sponsors for a spay and neuter clinic.

The employees of Prestonsburg DES challenge other agencies to contribute to the shelter.

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2 DAY FORECAST

Today

Showers and t-storms

High: 52 • Low: 32

Tomorrow

Partly to mostly sunny

High: 48 • Low: 32

For up-to-the-minute forecasts, see floydcountytimes.com

Howell gets 40 years in rape case

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

In Floyd County Circuit Court Friday, Judge John David Caudill sentenced James Mitchell Howell to 40 years in prison for raping his 6-year-old daughter on June 16 and 17, 1999.

The sentence came after a brief attempt to make a plea for mental instability from the defense on Howell's behalf.

It was offered that the court should consider Howell's mental state and see that he be "evaluated psychologically" before being sentenced.

Caudill, hearing the plea, con-

tended that although Howell's mental state may require treatment, it did not give him immunity from having entered a guilty plea to all charges in October.

"The issue of competency is not necessary," Caudill said on Friday. "Competency is not an issue."

Howell, 45, entered a plea of not guilty on October 24, 2000, to two counts of first-degree rape and one count of first-degree sex abuse, a decision that seemed odd as an alternative according to Commonwealth's Attorney Brent Turner.

"This hardly ever happens, that someone pleads guilty without

hearing our recommendation, but we're glad he did," Turner said Friday afternoon.

The guilty plea allowed Turner to ask for the maximum penalty possible against Howell, which he promptly did Friday afternoon.

Howell raped his daughter on the night of June 16, 1999, went to bed, and woke the next morning to rape her again.

Turner explained that this indicated no sign of remorse. He offered that Howell had sufficient time to feel disgusted or appalled at what he had done, but, instead, decided to repeat the action the

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James Mitchell Howell is led from the courtroom Friday afternoon after being sentenced to 40 years in prison for raping his 6-year-old daughter in June 1999.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Stumbo's trash bill defeated

Patton's measure clears House

by JACINTA FELDMAN
KPA NEWS BUREAU

Encouraged by a victory for the governor's garbage plan, House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo unexpectedly called for a vote on his own environmental bill Friday.

But Stumbo's bill failed on the floor, 41-56.

"Saying we can clean up the state but saying we don't want to pay for it is like saying I want to go to the moon, but I'm afraid to fly," said Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg.

He called his bill, House Bill 183, from the orders of the day just after the House had passed the governor's plan. Stumbo said he had not planned on bringing the issue up for a vote then, but after the discussion on House Bill 237, he thought that it might be the best time to try.

Stumbo said his bill complemented Gov. Paul Patton's plan, House Bill 237, which gives counties the option of enacting mandatory curbside garbage collection or cleaning up all the ille-



After legislators approved Gov. Paul Patton's plan to combat the state's litter and dumping problem through cleanups, House Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo brought his half-cent beverage container impact fee proposal to the floor. It was rejected by a 41-56 margin.

gal dumps in its area. The bill had just passed in the House 70 to 28.

"I realized today may be the day I've been waiting for for three or four years," he said. "Maybe today is the day when we have the courage to stand up

and really solve the problem."

Stumbo's bill created a \$30 to \$35 million comprehensive plan to clean up the state. It would have provided money to counties for education and roadside

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Combs Airport could become site for business

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

What began as one man's desire to better himself and his company's financial future may just have been inspiration enough to open doors for others who wish to do the same.

Members of the Combs Airport board held a special-called meeting Thursday to discuss leasing one of their hangars to Henry Setser, owner and operator of East Kentucky Metal on South Lake Drive.

With hope of relocating his business, Setser purchased a building from Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin who previously leased the 3,300 square feet of airport property for \$42 a month.

Members of the panel seemed uneasy at first at the proposal of allowing businesses to operate on airport property, located in Johnson County along Route 321 near the Floyd County line.

"In principle, we support what he (Setser) is trying to do," said board member John Herald, "but my concerns are the details of the lease."

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Combs Airport could share its space with businesses as members of the airstrip's governing board agreed to lease space to East Kentucky Metal and indicated a willingness to do the same for other businesses in the future.

photo by Mary Music

Revised deadly force bill moves forward

by JACINTA FELDMAN
KPA NEWS BUREAU

LEGISLATURE 2001



Despite heavy debate and concerns that it goes "dangerously overboard," a modified version of a bill that would allow a person to use deadly force to protect their property passed out of the House Judiciary Committee February 20.

House Bill 49, sponsored by Rep. Robert Damron, D-

Nicholasville, would extend the use of deadly force from protecting yourself from death or serious injury to protecting yourself from burglary and robbery as well.

"If someone is in your home at night, late at night, you shouldn't have to wait for them to fire a shot before you defend yourself," Damron said.

But members voiced concerns that the bill put a higher value on

property than human life.

"We are saying you can kill another human being and we are saying you can do this because these items of property are more valuable than their life," said Rep. Jesse Crenshaw, D-Lexington, during the debate.

Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, said that the state needs to stop encouraging people to use deadly force.

"This piece of legislation

gives people of the Commonwealth more rights to shoot someone, to kill someone, than our trained law enforcement officers," she said.

Originally, the bill would have allowed people to use deadly force to also protect themselves or others from the threat of these crimes as well.

But an amendment, sponsored

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Session

by committee chairman Gross Lindsay, D-Henderson, took that out.

After the vote, Damron said he sponsored the legislation not to promote the use of deadly force, but to clarify the existing law.

"We need to be on the side of law-abiding citizens, not the side of the criminals," he said.

Industrial Hemp

Industrial hemp cleared another

hurdle in the Kentucky General Assembly this week. House Bill 100, sponsored by Rep. Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, passed out of the Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Thursday.

The bill would authorize a university with an agriculture department to conduct research on industrial hemp as long as it gets a federal permit to grow it. The bill would also create and Industrial Hemp Commission and create a fund that could receive private donations for studying the plant.

"It's received more and more attention and it's an issue we think it's time to move forward on," Barrows said.

Former Gov. Louie B. Nunn testified in support of the bill. He told members of the committee that he is vehemently against legalizing marijuana, but he is in favor of Kentucky studying the crop.

One of the biggest concerns about hemp is that it is difficult to tell the difference between it and a marijuana plant, but Nunn said that should not stop the state from studying the option.

"We can't tell the difference between Kentucky White Moonshine and water, but we haven't outlawed water," Nunn said.

All across the world people are making millions of dollars from products made from hemp, many of which are being bought

in Kentucky, and Nunn said some of the dollars should be going to the state.

Vernie McGaha, R-Russell Springs, cast the only no vote. He said he worried that passing any legislation dealing with hemp would be "opening the door" to people who could misuse it.

House committee strikes down vision requirement

Joe Stewart has been shooting guns since he was a boy, and is considering getting a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

And because a bill was defeated in the House Judiciary Committee Thursday, he will be able to.

Stewart is legally blind and House Bill 298, sponsored by Rep. Kathy Stein, D-Lexington, would have required a person to have at least 20/40 vision — correctable with glasses — to get a permit.

"It's a constant problem to me to be told what blind people can't do," Stewart, who is a retired chemist, told members of the House Judiciary Committee Thursday.

Stewart, along with members of the Kentucky Coalition to Carry Concealed, testified against the bill, saying that it would prevent blind people from defending themselves.

Stein said she chose 20/40 because that is the same standard as getting a motor vehicle license.

Trash

cleanup, as well as interest-free loans to close old landfills.

The plan would be paid for by a half-cent environmental fee that would have been placed on all bottles and cans. The fee

would have also been added to all disposable cups used in a fast food restaurants. Stumbo said the bill would cost the average person about \$3 a year. But the majority of the money would come from out-of-state shoppers who come to Kentucky because there is no sales tax on food.

Rep. Joe Barrows, who spoke in favor of the bill, reminded the legislators of fees they had passed on other items such as used tires or gasoline to help clean the environment.

"This is a societal problem and it needs to be spread across all of society," said Barrows, D-Versailles.

"I think that that is a very reasonable standard that for one to be able to carry a concealed deadly weapon one should be able to operate a motor vehicle in the Commonwealth," she said.

The bill failed 8 to 6.

County Consolidation

A bill that passed in the House this week could trim down the number of counties in Kentucky.

House Bill 50, sponsored by Rep. Charles Geveden, D-Wickliffe, would create a procedure for two or more counties to consolidate.

"There's no specific counties in mind," Geveden said. "We're looking out for the future of Kentucky."

Geveden said told lawmakers on the floor Wednesday that the bill would be necessary in upcoming years as the populations of some of the state's smaller counties continue to dwindle. He said in the future those counties would not be able to survive unless it raised taxes or consolidated with another county.

The bill would require counties interested in consolidating to have a petition signed by at least 20 percent of the population who voted in the last presidential election to get the issue on the ballot. Then, there has to be a majority of people voting in both counties.

"Just like marriage, both parties have to agree," Geveden said. "It won't be a shotgun wedding."

The bill passed 82 to 16, and was sent to the Senate.

Other Bills:

The House passed House Bill 182 Thursday, which would give a \$40 tax credit per carcass to meat processors who process deer or elk meat for donation to those in need. The bill is sponsored by Rep. Thomas McKee, D-Cynthiana.

The bill that addresses the problems raised by the Murphy Camera Case passed the House Tuesday, and has been received in the Senate. House Bill 201, sponsored by Harry Moberly, D-Richmond, would clarify the definition of machinery for new and expanded industry tax exemption.

Citing a series of articles that ran in The Courier-Journal, the House passed a bill

Wednesday that would reorganize the state's Mining Board. House Bill 258 was sponsored by Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville. Earlier this year, the Louisville newspaper ran a series of stories detailing the inaccountability of the board.

A bill that would allow schools to post the Ten Commandments as part of a historical display passed out of the House Judiciary Committee Thursday. House Bill 26, sponsored by Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, would also allow schools to use scriptural texts, including the Bible, as part of an elective class in history, civilization, or comparative religion.

Airport

Current leases held by the airport have been active for 20 years or more, with little more than a verbal agreement. The board agreed that they would have to revise more substantial lease agreements before allowing businesses to operate on airport property.

The airport board also considered ways of improving the property for future industrial development. Mayor Fannin suggested contacting the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for help with bringing in fill dirt to raise parts of the property above the floodplain.

Members were worried that businesses may interfere with airport traffic. They were also concerned with their responsibilities regarding federal and state regulations, as well as aeronautical, health and zoning laws.

As discussion continued, how-

ever, board members began to realize the possibilities of increasing revenues by utilizing airport property for industrial development.

"I think it will be good for the airport," said Doug Stratton, vice chairman, "as long as the business can live with the airport, and the airport can live with them."

After examining the aspects of the proposal, the panel carried the motion to grant the lease of the property to Setser. Setser will assume the existing lease agreement previously established with Mayor Fannin until April 2002. He will then have the option of continuing the lease for 10 years or more.

Members present at the meeting were John P. Wells, Doug Stratton, David Neeley, Ron Belhasen and John M. Herald.

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But many lawmakers worried that passing the bill would be imposing much more than a \$3 tax on their constituents.

"We asked the Kentucky voters to send us up here so we can do the work of the people and, lo and behold, the very first year we're here we impose a \$35 million tax on them?" asked John Bowling, D-Danville, calling the bill economic discrimination against a small portion of the business community.

Legislators went back and forth speaking on the bill, but in the end, there weren't enough votes for it to pass and it failed 41 to 56.

"We just wanted to see who's serious about cleaning up the state and who's just giving it lip service," Stumbo said afterwards.

The vote followed an almost two-hour debate about House Bill 237, sponsored by Larry Clark, D-Louisville.

The bill is a modified version of the governor's original mandatory garbage collection plan that he was pushing for this session.

Representatives who supported the bill took turns explaining each section of it on the floor.

The plan has undergone major changes since the governor announced it earlier this year, and it changed again on the floor during debate Friday.

A total of 11 amendments were filled on the bill, but only three were passed, including one that lessened the penalties levied against counties that did not comply.

The bill that passed a House committee could have penalized counties who are not complying with the legislation by loss of up to 10 percent of their rural road funds.

But an amendment passed on the House floor Friday removed that section of the bill. Instead, under the amendment, counties that fail to comply could have up to 10 percent of their rural road funds mandated to be spent on roadside garbage collection.

Opponents of that bill worried that cleaning up all the illegal dumps would be too costly for small counties, and in essence would force them into enacting mandatory garbage collection.

"It's not an option for them financially so to stand here and say we're giving them an option is a smoke screen," said Rep. Jeff Hoover, R-Jamestown. "We're imposing on them mandatory collection."

And that, they said, took too much control out of the hands of the local leadership.

In the final vote, the bill passed 70 to 28.

Clark said he wasn't surprised that the bill passed, but the show of support it received was a shock.

He said getting it passed in the Senate will be difficult, but having 70 votes in the House will give it some leverage.

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For the Record

MARRIAGES

Stephanie Jo Bevins, 20, to Charles Vincent Williams, 24, both of Betsy Lane.
Loretta L. Reynolds, 36, to Damon Newsome, 34, both of Prestonsburg.
Ruth Christine Mitchell, 19, to Billy Joe Howard, 19, both of Eastern.
Angie Reene Hunter, 21, to Nicholas Fayette Adkins, 22, both of Ivel.
Dianna Kaye Akers, 21, of Harold, to Raymond Caner Hunter, 21, of Printer.
Natopha Rachelle Stephens, 16, to Justin Michael Endicott, 19, both of Prestonsburg.

LAWSUITS

Red's Furniture vs. Case, Teresa.
Cunningham, Amy vs. Hall, Bridgett.
Shepherd, James vs. Minix, Jamie D.
Johnson, Francis vs. Hall, Jody.
Joseph, Malinda vs. Cox, Jim/Cox's Pic Pac.
Slone, Lula vs. Little, Kimberly A.
Nelson, Mary L. vs. Stone, William.
Newsome, Brenda vs. Hamilton, Teresa A.
Shepherd, Cheryl vs. Ramey, Radie J.
Action Petroleum Company vs. Ebony Express, Inc. Hall, Dan vs. Commonwealth of Kentucky.
Hurd, Brenda vs. Hurd, John.
Triad Financial Services vs. Oakwood Mobile Homes.
Mortgage Electronic vs. Damron, Chester R.
Action Petroleum Company vs. PCP, Inc.
Tackett, Jeffery vs. Tackett, Crystal.
Mineral Resources, Inc. vs. Burchett, Sanford.
Shepard, Mike vs. Mountain Comprehensive.
Wells, Angie vs. Blevins, Kevin M.
Community Trust Bank, N.A. vs. Martin Engineering and Construction.
McCoy, Gary vs. Papa John's International.

CHARGES FILED

Sherman R. Poston, 42, McDowell, alcohol intoxication.
Wayne Wright, 49, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, resisting arrest.
Edgar Brown Jr., 39, Garret, violation of EPO.
Suzanne L. Frazier, 28, Prestonsburg, theft by unlawful taking, no insurance.
Rick L. Wells, 42, Wayland, fourth-degree assault.
Eunice Allen, 32, Hi Hat, alcohol intoxication, operating a motor vehicle unlawfully with permit.
Sandra Kay Gibson, 47, Prestonsburg, public intoxication.
Kimberly H. Harmon, 41, Minnie, alcohol intoxication.
Dawn W. Chaney, 25, Banner, no insurance, five counts of theft by deception.
Billy Gene Hunt, 22, Dana, criminal trespassing.
Pamela K. Wright, age unlisted, Flat Gap, theft by deception.
Amos Staton Jr., 34, Ulysses, terroristic threatening.
David Sparks, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, harassment.
Lyla Frasure, 23, McDowell, second-degree forgery.
Gary Hall, 36, Grethel, second-degree assault.
Reggie G. Cook, 49, Topmost, operating a motor vehicle under the influence, public intoxication, seven counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, trafficking marijuana, first-degree trafficking a controlled substance (cocaine), second-degree trafficking a controlled substance (codeine).
Robert Wayne Stambaugh, 33, Paintsville, intimidating a witness.
Kimberly Sparks, age unlisted, Martin, criminal trespassing, theft by unlawful taking.

BANKRUPTCIES

Pikeville District

Chapter 7
Under Chapter 7 bankruptcy, a court-appointed trustee sells assets and the debtor is discharged of debts.
Frank Coleman Jr. and Lillian Coleman, of Pikeville.
Glenda Sue Golden and Hedgel Ray Golden, of Thealka.
Jimmy Paul Turner, of Drift.
Brandy Michelle Sexton, of Salyersville.
Robin Howard, of Salyersville.
Michael Shawn Perkins, of Salyersville.
Esther Ward and Jerry D. Ward, Williamsport.
Patricia Lynn Spradlin and Phillip Ray Spradlin, of Martin.
Bill Clinton Justice, of Pikeville.
Karen Lynch and Warren Lynch, of Pikeville.
Mae Oma Ratliff and Will Ratliff, of Regina.
Delphia Riddle, of Shelbiana.
Carolyn Blankenship and Tommy Blankenship, of Freeburn.
Ethel Cleo Adkins and Riley Adkins, of Shelbiana.
Edna C. Spencer, of Thealka.
Scotty Wayne Hall, of Pikeville.
Glady Polly and Lahoma Kaye Polly, of Shelby Gap.
Birchie Howard, of Raven.
Ella L. Sullivan, of Salyersville.
Michael L. Howard and Terrie L. Howard, of Salyersville.
Randy Lee Stumph and Rosemary Stumph, of Tutor Key.
Lisa R. Hampton, of Whitesburg.
Charity Lynn Swafford and Jesse H. Swafford, of Betsy Layne.
Jamie R. Cook, of Eolia.
Paula Rae Neace, of Jackson.
Melissa Tangeria Brown and Steven Ray Brown, of Altro.
Carl Randall Jones and Tammy Lynn Jones, of Stone.
Small Town Convenient Marts Inc., of Hindman.
Diana Lynn Calton and James Dale Calton, of Kimper.
Jerry Kiser, of Pikeville.
Bruce Codell Hall and Magnolia Hall, of Kite.

Chapter 13

Under Chapter 13 bankruptcy, the debtor arranges to repay debt.
Lorry J. Short and Samuel Short, of Jackhorn.
Albert Ray Lawson and Deborah Lynn Lawson, of Hazard.
Tonya Renee Johnson and Walker Van Johnson, of Jackson.
Cynthia D. Walker and Eugene Walker, of Hazard.
Elizabeth Neace and Stanley D. Neace, of Dice.
Betty Marlene Gibson and Lonnie Lee Gibson, of Whitesburg.
Christopher D. Roberts, of Whitesburg.

INSPECTIONS

A.M.J. Grocery, Drift, regular inspection. Violations noted: Inside of small reach-in freezer needs defrosting. Score: 99.
Brenda's Place, McDowell, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all cooling units have conspicuous thermometer, inside of reach-in refrigerator door is cracked, no self-closing doors on restrooms. Score: 96.
South Floyd High School Cafeteria, Hi Hat, regular inspection. Violations noted: Meat slicer blade has small

Rape

following morning.
"We're pleased with the sentence and feel it's appropriate for what he did," Turner said. "I think that in sentencing the way he did, the judge is sending a message that this kind of behavior will not be tolerated."
Howell was sentenced to serve 20 years in prison for one count of first-degree rape, another 20 years for the second count of rape, and five years for the one sex abuse count. The 20-year sentences are to run consecutively, with the five-year sentence to run concurrent with the rape sentences.
With a 40-year sentence

chips in it, outside garbage dumpsters not provided with drain plugs. Score: 96.

Red-Mart, Lackey, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all cooling and heating units have conspicuous thermometers, gasket around door on walk-in cooler in disrepair, no test kits provided to check sanitization levels, floors have soil build-up under three compartment sink area, various ceiling tiles have discoloration and disrepair due to wetness. Score: Food:96, Retail: 95.
Besty Layne High School, Besty Layne, complaint inspection. Violations noted: This inspection was initiated due to a complaint about no doors on the boys' restroom stalls. Inspection revealed no doors present. Recommend that doors be installed as soon as possible. No score given.
Little Y Stop & Shop, Melvin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Tops of some canned products noted to be dusty. Score: 99.
Tackett's Stop & Shop, Melvin, regular inspection. Violations noted: Walls have a few minor chips in sheetrock. Score: 99.
Jerry's Food Mart, Grethel, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all cooling units have conspicuous thermometers, thermometer located in walk-in cooler is not accurate, restroom facility and handwash facilities were dried on this date — waste water and possibly septic water discharged into ditchline, no self-closing door for public restroom, floor tiles in various parts of the building in disrepair, ceiling has holes in it and also is leaking in back right room, lighting not sufficient in back storage area. Score: 89.
Country Time Pizza & Arcade, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all freezer units have conspicuous thermometers, facility needs to acquire chemical test strips, food preparation area does not have a handwash sink — one must be installed. Score: 94.
Boyd's Dairy Bar, Dana, regular inspection. Violations noted: Wiping cloth not restricted and not stored in a sanitary solution, single serve article being used to store food in (Cool Whip container), upright refrigerator has no light. Score: 96.

PROPERTY TRANSFERS

Floyd D. Greene and Sherry Greene to Roger Scottie Burchett and Karen Lynn Burchett, property located in Copperas Lick Estates Sub-division.
Larry Wendell Thomas and Barbara Thomas to Charles Vince Williams, property located at Betsy Layne.
Mary Ann Grimmer and Frankie Gene Stratton and Barbara Stratton to Galaway Henton and Opal Henton, property located in Betsy Layne.
Libby A. Reynolds and Debra Lynn Carr Isaac to Lum Carr Jr., property located on Beaver Creek.
James Stephenson to Pauline Wallen, property located near Big Sandy River.
Cleveland Johnson and Daphne Johnson, Jacqueline Johnson Tackett and Eddie Tackett, Polly Marie Johnson Crisp and Dennis Crisp, Cleveland Jayson Johnson and Angela Lynn Johnson, Jimmy

Dale Johnson, Josie Johnson Newsome and Joe Wheeler Newsome to Cleveland Jason Johnson and Angela Lynn Johnson, property located on Mink Branch of Big Mud Creek at Craynor.

Eugene Johnson to Tony Lawson, property located on Right Beaver Creek.
Tammy Wells King to David L. King and Tammy Wells King, property located on Osborne Branch, Auxier.
Harkins Builders Inc. to Daniels Creek Development Company, property located on Daniels Creek.
Garnett Burchett and Bill Goble to Bill Goble, property located on Buffalo Creek of John's Creek.
Charles Anthony Yates to Rhonda Renee (Yates) Campbell, property located at Beaver.
Alfred Coleman and Patricia Coleman to Alex Parsons and Kathryn Parsons, property location not listed.
Cleo Johnson and Ruby Johnson to Brenda Anderson, property location not listed.
Johnny Hamilton Jr. to Leanora Martin and Hildred Iris Martin, property location not listed.
Dorsie Wright Johnson to David and Sheila Johnson, property located on Golf Hollow Road.
Roy Hall and Linda K. Hall to Linda Machellie Hall, property located on Branham Creek.
Leonard Hall and Bulavene Hall to Steven E. Haywood and Deborah Haywood, property located on Little Mud Creek.
Phyllis Williams and Jessie D. Williams, Doris Ann Adams and Allen Adams to Terry A. Giese and Tim D. Johnson, property located on Johns Creek.
Ray Slone and Rebecca Slone to Jennifer Caudill, property located in Hueysville.
Dennis Sexton and Betty Jo Sexton to Robert Michael Sexton and Connie Sue Sexton, property location not listed.
Timothy K. Steffey and Deborah H. Steffey to Ricky Slone and Judy Slone, property located on Right Beaver Creek.
Eulavene Conn to Keith Williams and Donna Conn Williams, property location at Betsy Layne.
Eulavene Conn to Keith Williams and Donna Conn Williams, property located on KY route 1426.
Curnie Pennington Goble to Arnold Goble and Curnie Pennington Goble, property located on Big Branch, Bull Creek.

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Volunteer Victim Advocate


Somewhere in America a woman is sexually assaulted every two minutes, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. The victim services program of Mountain Comprehensive Care Center is looking for a few good volunteers to assist victims of Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence.

To become a volunteer Victim Advocate, a 40-hour training is required. The first 8-hour class will begin March 31st, and will continue for the next four Saturdays.

With the assistance of a trained advocate, the victim has a much better chance of a complete recovery.

For more information or to receive a registration packet, call the Volunteer Coordinator for Victim Services at 886-8572 (ext. 323) PSA

Western Style Square Dancing



There will be Western Style Square Dance Classes starting at the Paintsville Recreation Center in Paintsville. This is a good way to get plenty of good exercise, lose weight, and meet a lot of nice people. Classes will start Tuesday, March 6th, and this night is free for everyone to come and enjoy!

For more information: Call during the day at 789-2612 or 285-3994; after 5:00 p.m. 285-0814. Classes will be called by Ricky Frasure of Martin, and there will be a low line dance steps as well.

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Viewpoint

Amendment I

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

Guest View

Looking at hemp

Supporters of industrial hemp say that the economic potential is almost unlimited for a crop that can be used to produce everything from paper to three-piece suits.

Opponents of industrial hemp — a first cousin of marijuana — say it is almost impossible to tell hemp from marijuana, and the move to legalize industrial hemp is just a ploy by pro-pot forces to allow the widespread cultivation of marijuana in Kentucky. They contend the market potential of hemp — once a major cash crop in Kentucky — is greatly exaggerated.

Who is right? It's time to find out.

That's exactly what a bill approved by the Kentucky House of Representatives attempts to do. Far from legalizing the crop, the bill — which passed the House by a lopsided 66-32 bipartisan vote — authorizes university research of the economic and agriculture future of industrial hemp. Until — and if — it is determined that the economic potential of hemp is real, the crop should remain illegal.

While law enforcement officers are nearly united in their claim that legalizing hemp would make it easier for marijuana growers to conceal their illegal crops, we think such identity problems could be overcome by requiring farmers to receive permits to grow industrial hemp, with the permit application clearly identifying the size and exact locations of the hemp crops.

Crops in other locations would be destroyed, and if inspections revealed the hemp fields were concealing marijuana, they also would be destroyed.

However, it is premature to discuss the restricted cultivation of hemp. Hemp is not just barred by Kentucky law; it is banned by federal law. It would take an act of Congress to legalize the crop in Kentucky — or any other state.

What Kentucky can do is objectively study the potential of industrial hemp. If it is determined that hemp can be a profitable source of a wide-range of products, then an effort can be made to legalize it.

In the past 15 years, support of legalizing industrial hemp has moved from being limited mostly to those closely linked to the pro-marijuana movement to include such mainstream groups as the Kentucky Farm Bureau and such notable politicians as former Gov. Louie Nunn. It is time to find out if there is any real basis for their confidence in the future of a now banned crop.

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P o i s o n P e n

Not my day

Thursday morning, the alarm began its infernal beeping at 6 a.m. and it was time to start another day. I opened my eyes — or at least tried to. Only one would actually open, the other seemingly glued shut.

This was not new. I had been battling a case of pinkeye all week, but the day before it seemed like it was starting to clear up. Apparently, I suffered a setback overnight Wednesday.

Oh well, if this were the extent of my troubles, I was very fortunate indeed.

Unfortunately, it was not, as this day held a veritable storm of problems, nuisances and plain old bad luck brewing on the horizon.

First things first, a bleary-eyed stumble into the living room to turn on the news and take a look out the window. Snow. Everywhere, there was snow. I didn't even have to turn on the radio, because there was no way there would be school that day.

So I collapsed on the couch to go through an extended version of my morning ritual of half-sleeping, half-watching the news. Usually, this lasts 20 minutes or so, but there was no reason to wake the kids up at their usual time. Might as well let them get a little extra sleep and approach the beginning of the day in a more leisurely fashion.

Eventually, breakfasts would be made and children would be dressed and bundled in preparation for the daily trek to the day care center, this time bypassing the daily trek to the elementary school.

As I pulled into the parking lot of the day care center, I noticed it was dark inside. "Boy, talk about bad luck," I thought. "They must have lost power."

Nope. They were just closed. I looked into my rearview mirror at Ralphie and Paul, my sons, and wondered what on earth I was going to do. My wife had already headed out on the road to West Virginia, where she works, a half hour previous. Even if I waited until she got to her

office, I would still be out of luck, I discovered, because her new phone number, which she gave me two days before and had since resided, I thought, on a slip of paper in my pocket, had since disappeared.

After sitting in the parking lot of the day care center for about 10 minutes, I finally decided to do the only thing I could think to do, which was to drive on to my dad's store.

Minutes later, I walk into the store holding a child's hand in each of mine. "Uh-oh," dad said in greeting. "Uh-oh's right," I replied.

"I don't suppose you know of anyone in the world who could watch Ralphie and Paul, do you?" I asked, not really expecting an answer.

"I maybe could a little while later," dad said, but we both knew later wouldn't be any good. Now was the problem.

The phone rang. It was my mom. Luckily, she knew of a babysitter who could very likely help us in a pinch. A couple of phone calls later, the kids and I were back on the road at 9:30 a.m., heading to Staffordsville in Johnson County, where the babysitter lived.

Pulling off of University Drive onto US 23, I found myself behind one of those behemoth 18-wheel trucks. We had barely begun up Abbott Mountain when a large chunk of ice fell from the truck and onto the road, where it was run over by me. The ice apparently did not appreciate being run over, as it proceeded to carve a silver dollar-sized hole in my rear, passenger-side tire.

I pulled onto the shoulder and inched to a relatively level spot at the top of the hill. (There are no truly level spots on Abbott Mountain; only relative ones.)

I pop the trunk to get the jack and the spare, then, as I open the door to get out, I tell Ralphie to stay in the car. Fifteen seconds later, I'm telling him to get back into the car. By the time I get the jack and the spare, I have to tell him to get into the car again, this time explaining that we are on the side of a very busy, very dangerous highway which is no place for 7-year-old boys, and besides, I'm starting to feel a little dangerous myself.

I position the jack and grab the lug wrench to begin loosening the nuts, won-

dering what else will go wrong on this day of days. Almost as if in reply, the lug wrench slips off of the nut, not budging it a micron. I try again, and again, and, fool that I am, one more time. I look at the wrench. The end has somehow become flayed, spreading so far out that it can no longer grip the lug nuts.

So, standing in the freezing rain, watching the cars zip by and cover me in a dirty, salty mist, holding a useless lug wrench in my hand with a useless, immovable tire at my feet, it was at that time and in that place that I decided to give up. That was it. This day had won and there was nothing left for the kids or I to do except remain on the side of the road and await our deaths.

And then it happened. It started as a slight uneasiness in my stomach, grew into a quiver in my chest, became a slight tickle in my throat and finally escaped as a slight chuckle through my lips. From there, it became a full-fledged laugh, shaking away the heaviness sitting on my shoulders and the gloom resting on my brow. It didn't matter what had happened so far or even what the heaviness sitting on my shoulders and the gloom resting on my brow. It didn't matter what had happened so far or even what the heaviness sitting on my shoulders and the gloom resting on my brow. It didn't matter what had happened so far or even what the heaviness sitting on my shoulders and the gloom resting on my brow.

And it did. A few minutes later, I noticed a patrol car coming my way. It was Sheriff John K. Blackburn coming to my rescue. He asked if I needed anything, and I told him a lug wrench would come in very handy. He didn't have one, but he did give my dad a call, telling him to bring me one. For that, I owe the sheriff a very big "thank you."

And I should also thank another fellow who, while I was waiting for my dad, pulled over and asked if I needed any help. I thanked him but told him I had help coming. I never caught his name, but I owe him my gratitude for stopping to offer help to a stranger.

Soon, the tire was replaced, the kids were at the babysitter's and I was finally getting to work, just in time for my lunch break, I might add.

Is there a lesson in all this? Probably not. I probably just wasted too much newspaper real estate to tell this tale. But despite all the hurdles I had to clear, the kindness of Sheriff Blackburn and the roadside stranger made Thursday a pretty okay day after all.

Letters

Senior citizens thank judge

The Seniors Citizens of Floyd County would like to thank Judge Paul Hunt Thompson and his wife Donna Thompson for being so nice and considerate to them during their

trip to the capitol at Frankfort. The trip was a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves, even the directors. Everyone was so kind and helpful. Greg Stumbo and Johnny Ray Turner are really proud of the senior population of Floyd County. The seniors enjoyed the day talking to Greg and Johnny Ray and they enjoyed the food and the bus ride down and back. The

bus was very nice and comfortable and games were played on the bus and people had snacks and all in all everyone really enjoyed themselves. Donna and Paul Thompson need to be thanked by each of you 50 people that rode the bus to Frankfort. We do appreciate Mr. and Mrs. Thompson for their kindness.

The senior citizens at

McDowell were very appreciative of everything that was done for them on this day. Each one of the McDowell seniors would like to say thank you to Donna and Paul Thompson. They also want to thank Donna for going and staying with us the whole day.

Thanks again, judge-executive.

McDowell Senior Citizens

Letter Guidelines

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PRIDE awards expanded for 2001

Who has fought for a better environment in your community? What school has placed a priority on environmental education and stewardship? Is there a company that typifies all that is good about PRIDE in Kentucky?

The board of directors of PRIDE — Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment — want to know and they're looking for your help to identify worthy recipients of this year's awards during PRIDE's annual meeting in Somerset.

"This is our third annual meeting and we wanted the ceremony to reflect the growth the PRIDE program has experienced over the years," said Karen Engle, executive director of PRIDE. "We want to honor schools and their students, community volunteers, and area businesses that have contributed so much to the success we have been able to attain."

This year, PRIDE will award "Campus of the Year" honors at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. The winners will be selected from a slate of finalists picked by a panel of judges familiar with the PRIDE program and with education and curriculum management.

Entry forms have been distributed to area schools and to local PRIDE coordinators. Anyone not receiving a form who would like to nominate an individual for the "Volunteer of the Year" award can write the PRIDE office at the address which appears at the end of this article.

"Now that we have some history with three years of cleaning up the environment and working with different public and private agencies, we also wanted to start honoring those who have demonstrated exceptional leadership," said Engle. "To that end, we have started the Rogers-Bickford Environmental Leadership Award, which will be given to an individual, group or company that has shown incredible environmental leadership."

The award is named for Kentucky Natural Resources Cabinet Secretary, Gen. James Bickford, and 5th-District Congressman Hal Rogers, who co-founded the PRIDE program in 1998. Nominations for the leadership award are being solicited from PRIDE coordinators, community leaders and the general public.

Another new recognition this year will be the Kentucky PRIDE Award, given to an individual or group which has worked to enhance the quality of life in Kentucky — especially as it relates to environmental responsibility. That award recipient will be selected by the PRIDE board of directors.

This year's awards ceremony will take place in concert with the organization's annual meeting on May 12 at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset. Anyone interested in nominating a school, business, or individual for one of the awards is encouraged to write PRIDE, c/o The Center for Rural Development, US 27 South, Somerset, Ky. 42503, or email Karen Engle at kengle@centertech.com.

In Memory of Daniel Smith

January 5, 1941 - February 27, 2000

HER DADDY

Her hair up in a pony tail, her favorite dress tied with a bow, Today was Daddy's Day at school, and she couldn't wait to go.

But her mommy tried to tell her, that she probably should stay home, Why the kids might not understand, if she went to school alone.

But she was not afraid; she knew just what to say, What to tell her classmates, on this Daddy's Day.

But still her mother worried, for her to face this day alone, And that was why once again, she tried to keep her daughter home.

But the little girl went to school, eager to tell them all, About a dad she never sees, a dad who never calls.

There were daddies along the wall in back, for everyone to meet, Children squirming impatiently, anxious in their seats.

One by one the teacher called, a student from the class, To introduce their daddy, as seconds slowly passed.

At last the teacher called her name, every child turned to stare, Each of them were searching, for a man who wasn't there.

"Where's her daddy at?" she heard a boy call out, "She probably doesn't have one," another student dared to shout.

And from somewhere near the back, she heard a daddy say, "Looks like another deadbeat dad, too busy to waste his day."

The words did not offend her, as she smiled at her friends, And looked back at her teacher, who told her to begin.

And with hands behind her back, slowly she began to speak, And out from the mouth of a child, came words incredibly unique.

"My Daddy couldn't be here, because he lives so far away, But I know he wishes he could be with me on this day.

And though you cannot meet him, I wanted you to know, All about my daddy, and how much he loves me so.

He loved to tell me stories, he taught me to ride my bike, He surprised me with pink roses, and taught me to fly a kite.

We used to share fudge sundaes, and ice cream in a cone, And though you cannot see him, I'm not standing all alone.

'Cause my daddy's always with me, even though we are apart, I know, because he told me, he'll forever be here in my heart."

With that, her little hand reached up, and lay across her chest, Feeling her own heartbeat, beneath her favorite dress.

And from somewhere in the crowd of dads, her mother stood in tears, Proudly watching her daughter, who was wise beyond her years.

For she stood up for the love of a man not in her life, Doing what was best for her, doing what was right.

And when she dropped her hand back down, staring straight into the crowd, She finished with a voice so soft, but its message clear and loud.

"I love my daddy very much, he's my shining star, And if he could, he'd be here, but heaven's just too far.

But sometimes when I close my eyes, it's like he never went away," And then she closed her eyes, and saw him there that day.

And to her mother's amazement, she witnessed with surprise, A room full of daddies and children, all starting to close their eyes.

Who knows what they saw before them, who knows what they felt inside, Perhaps for merely a second, they saw him at her side.

"I know you're with me, Daddy," to the silence she called out, and what happened next made believers, of those once filled with doubt.

Not one in that room could explain it, for each of their eyes had been closed, But there placed on her desktop, was a beautiful fragrant pink rose.

And a child was blessed, if only a moment, by the love of her shining bright star, And given the gift of believing, that heaven is never too far.

Sadly missed by his daughters,
Sandy Westfall, Dawn Sullivan, Cathy Higgins;
and his wife, Ellie Smith.



Grover Edison Montaigne

Grover Edison Montaigne, 42, of Lexington, formerly of Knott County, died Thursday, February 22, 2001, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, following an extended illness.

Born on March 21, 1958, in Kite, he was the son of Emogne Thornsberry Montaigne of Hindman, and the late Boyd Edison Montaigne. He was disabled.

Survivors include two brothers, Arnold Steven Montaigne of Lehigh Acres, Florida, Billy Joe Montaigne of Texas; three half-brothers, Robert Montaigne of North Carolina, E.J. Montaigne of Somerset, Larry Montaigne of North Carolina; one sister, Janet Montaigne of Hindman and half sister, Margie Williams of Pinetop.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, February 26, at 11 a.m., at the Hindman United Baptist Church at Hindman, with ministers of United Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Frank Thornsberry Cemetery, at Kite, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Travis Joel Slone

Travis Joel Slone, 21, of Hindman, died Friday, February 23, 2001, at U.K. Medical Center, Lexington, following a brief illness.

Born on February 2, 1980, in Pikeville, he was the son of Burton Slone of Louisville and Etta Mae Slone Holland and J.C. Holland of Hindman. He was disabled.

Survivors include one brother, Burnis Wayne Holland of Deane; four sisters, Theresa Gibson of Deane, Lea Etta Weimann, Teresa Forrest and Jeannie Gibson, all of Fisty.

Funeral services will be conducted Monday, February 26, at 11 a.m., at the Ivy Point Old Regular Baptist Church at Garner, with Terry Collins, Eugene Thacker, and Hurley Short officiating.

Burial will be in the Slone Cemetery, at Topmost, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Video wins national award

A documentary video produced by the Department of Education's Division of Media Services recently won the first place Gold Screen Award from the National Association of Government Communicators (NAGC).

"Education Reform: A Decade of Difference" tracks the history of public education in Kentucky and the events leading up to the passage of House Bill 940 — the Kentucky Education Reform Act — in 1990. The program is narrated by Kentucky native Bob Edwards, host of National Public Radio's "Morning Edition."

The half-hour program includes interviews with Robert Sexton, executive director of the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence; Ray Corns, the circuit court judge who handed down the ruling that led to KERA; former Senate Majority Leader John "Eck" Rose; schoolteachers; school administrators; parents; students; and citizens.

Each year, NAGC hosts the Blue Pencil/Gold Screen Awards Competition which recognizes excellence in writing, photography, editorial content, layout and design, and the best in film, visual arts, and broadcasting. Local, state, and federal government agencies throughout the United States compete for these awards, which will be presented to the department and other winners on March 8 in Denver.

NAGC is a national nonprofit professional network of federal, state and local government employees who disseminate information within and outside government. Its members are editors, writers, graphic artists, video professionals, broadcasters, photographers, information specialists, and agency spokespersons.

Obituaries

John Hamilton Jr.

John Hamilton Jr., 83, of Teaberry, died Thursday, February 22, 2001, at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born on June 16, 1917, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late John Hamilton and Mindy Newsome Hamilton. He was a retired coal miner, and was a member of the U.M.W.A. at Ligon.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lizzie Hamilton.

Survivors include five sons, Charlie Dotson of Dayton, Ohio, Donald Ray Hamilton, Emmitt Eugene Hamilton, and Bobby Hamilton, all of Teaberry, Ricky Hamilton of Pikeville; four daughters, Norma Perdue of Southgate, Michigan, Ailene Tripodi of Livonia, Michigan, Margie Castillo of Beaver, Christine Combs of Teaberry; two brothers, Keenis Hamilton of Florida, Clifford Hamilton of Teaberry; one sister, Sarah Hamilton of Ohio, 35 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 24, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the John Hamilton Cemetery, at Teaberry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Charles

Wilburn Mullins

Charles Wilburn Mullins, 71, of Myra, died Thursday, February 22, 2001, at Whitesburg Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born at Garrett, on May 19, 1929, he was the son of the late Wilburn and Della Mullins. He was a retired employee of Great Lake Steel and was of the Freewill Baptist Faith.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Mullins.

Other survivors include three daughters, Louise Mullins, Dinah Gayheart, and Charlene Bentley, all of Myra; six sons, Roger Mullins of Myra, Bruce Mullins of Bean Station, Tennessee, Ralph Mullins, Kenny Mullins, Ricky Mullins, and Randy Mullins all of Myra; two sisters, Alka Mullins of Ecorse, Michigan, Virginia Tipton of Old Fort, North Carolina; and one brother, Victor Mullins of Jenkins; 20 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 25, at the Pilgrim Rest Old Regular Baptist Church, at Myra, with Teddy Tackett, Clyde Bentley, Lloyd (Popeye) Brown, Danny Belcher, Carson Wright, and others officiating.

Burial will be in the Mullins Cemetery of Lickfork at Myra, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Walker Tackett

Walker Tackett, 75, of Teaberry, died Thursday, February 22, 2001, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born on October 11, 1925, in Craynor, he was the son of the late Andy Tackett and Martha White Tackett. He was a disabled coal miner, a Kentucky Colonel, and a member of the Mud Creek Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife, Mearl Frasure Tackett.

Other survivors include three sons, Hershel Tackett of Grethel, Glen Tackett, and Paul David Tackett, both of Teaberry; one daughter, Rosella Newsome of Teaberry; one sister, Fanny Martin of Craynor, 12 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, February 25, at 11 a.m., at the Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, at Teaberry, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Tackett Family Cemetery, at Teaberry, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Pallbearers are Toby Newsome, Bryan Tackett, Kevin Tackett, Brent Tackett, Adam Tackett, and Jonathan Tackett.

Honorary pallbearers are Colby Hayes, Chris Tackett, Hunter Bailey, Andrey Bailey, Dustin Hinkle, and Grant Tackett.

Blackburn named Mrs. Kentucky of the Year

Officials with the America's Mrs. of the Year pageant have announced that Melissa Blackburn has been named America's Mrs. Kentucky of the Year and will represent the state during the national America's Mrs. of the Year pageant.

Blackburn, of Paintsville, is married to Bobby G. Blackburn. The couple has three children, Destiny Starr and Bobby Jordan, and Makenzi Blackburn of Cynthia.

According to a statement released by pageant officials, the America's Mrs. of the Year pageant system recognizes the virtues of family, professional and com-

munity involvement among married women.

Throughout her year, Blackburn will not only compete for the national crown, but she will also be available to make appearances, do special presentations and assist with civic and non-profit oriented projects. To schedule an appearance, contact Mrs. Workman at (606) 789-5756 and leave a message, or send an email to mrs_ky2001@hotmail.com.

Blackburn is securing sponsors to help with the expense of preparing for and attending the national pageant in Fort Myers, Fla.



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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Ethics commission to meet February 27

The Floyd County Ethics Commission will meet on Tuesday, February 27, at 5 p.m. at the Floyd County Courthouse in the fiscal court meeting room.

Diabetes Education and Support Group meeting

The Diabetes Education and Support Group meeting will be held Wednesday, February 28, at 2 p.m., at the McDowell ARH Hospital Library.

A variety of diabetes-related topics will be discussed, including foot care, diet, exercise and medication management.

The meeting is free and open to all interested people.

For more information, contact the hospital's Dietetic Services at 377-3425.

4-H Shooting Sports safety meeting February 26

There will be a safety meeting for anyone interested in joining the 4-H Shooting Sports Club, on Monday, February 26, 2001, at the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Service Office, located at 921 South Lake Drive in Prestonsburg. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Anyone in grades 3-12 are invited to attend. You must be accompanied by an adult. Do not bring any firearms or bows to this meeting. We will be going over safety procedures for Shooting Sports Members. For more information, contact Chuck Stamper, 4-H Agent at 886-2668.

Farmers Market annual sign-up

The Floyd County Farmers Market will be holding the Annual Spring Membership Sign-Up and Planning Meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5th, at the Floyd County Extension Office (directly across from the Toyota dealership in Prestonsburg).

This will be an open meeting to provide information to those Floyd county residents who are interested in becoming a member of the Floyd County Farmer's Market. Don't miss a chance to learn about this money making opportunity. Our area has a long history of producing high quality fruits and vegetables. All you need is a way to market what you have left over. One of the items that we will be discussing at this years Spring meeting will be ways to expand the Floyd County Farmer's Market to reach new customers in Floyd County and the surrounding areas. Even if you are not interested in selling fruits and vegetables, come out to talk with other local gardeners who share your similar interest. For more information contact Ray Tackett at the Floyd County

Extension Office, (886-2668).

Lexington Campus sponsors scholarship day

The Lexington Campus of Sullivan University is sponsoring Scholarship Day on Thursday, March 29, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Betsy Layne High School. This event offers interested seniors the opportunity to earn a \$500 scholarship by taking a one-hour general aptitude test. The two top scorers on the test will receive the scholarship to continue their education in their chosen career field at Sullivan University. Any interested students can register in the school's guidance office.

All Night Gospel Sing

There will be an All Night Gospel Sing on Friday, March 2, at 7 p.m. at the Faith Independent Freewill Baptist Church, (Located on Ky. 1428, 1/4 mile south of Worldwide Equipment). It benefits the Children's Hospitals.

Retired Teachers Association

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will meet Thursday, March 1, at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. All Floyd County retired teachers are urged to attend.

Regional Obituaries

Lawrence County

Estill "Bud" Gallion, 77, of Elyria, died Sunday, February 11, at Elms Nursing Home, Wellington. He is survived by his wife, Helen Jean Sexton Gallion. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 14.

Alexander Lee Chaney, infant son of Thomas Chaney and Lisa Newsome of Louisa, died Tuesday, February 13. Graveside services were conducted Thursday, February 15, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Linda Karen Patton, 57, of Louisa, died Monday, February 19, at Three Rivers Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 22, under the direction of Young Funeral Home.

Ida Chaffin Adams, 77, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Irish Creek, died Sunday, February 11, at Mt. Carmel Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Bernard Adams. Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, February 14, under the direction of Cook and Son-Pallay Funeral Home.

Rachel Briggs, 21, of Inez, died Friday, February 16, at Columbia, South Carolina. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 19, under the direction of Phelps and

Son Funeral Home.

Todd Anthony Branham, 28, of Louisa, died Saturday, February 17, at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Connie Roberts Branham. Wilson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Robert G. (Bob) Thompson, 67, of Louisa, died Saturday, February 17, at his residence. He is survived by his wife Darlene Hicks Thompson. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 22, under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.

James W. Kitchen, 84, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Louisa, died Saturday, February 17, at his residence. Graveside services were conducted Saturday, February 24, at Yatesville Memorial Gardens, Louisa.

Thelma L. Newton, 82, of Lexington, died Wednesday, February 14, at Pine Meadows Health Care. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 16, under the direction of W.R. Milward Mortuary.

Pike County

Bertha Justice Bentley, 52, of Grundy, Virginia, died Wednesday, February 21. She is survived by her

husband, Tim Bentley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 24, under the direction of Grundy Funeral Home.

Barbara Sue May, 66, of Huddy, died Thursday, February 22, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Jonah Edward May. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 25, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Joe David Stone, 32, of Island Creek, died Thursday, February 22, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident at Millard. He is survived by his wife, Andrea Coleman Stone. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 25, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Richard McGrath, 70, of Chillicothe, Ohio, died Wednesday, February 21, at Adena Hospital, Chillicothe. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Thelma Kinder Steele, 61, of Dade City, Florida, formerly of Pikeville, died Saturday, February 10, in Dade City. She is survived by her husband, Denny L. Steele. Funeral services were conducted Monday, February 12, under the direction of Coleman & Ferguson Funeral Home.

Dewey Akers, 79, of Jenkins, died Tuesday, February 20, at the Jenkins Community Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Ethel Carter Akers. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, February 22, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Weltha Margaret Stiltner Young, 75, of Maxie, Virginia, died Monday, February 19, at Buchanan General Hospital, Grundy, Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Friday, February 23, under the direction of Shortridge-Ramey Funeral Home.

Deane Hopkins, 83, of Apex, North Carolina, died Wednesday, February 21. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 24, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Dora Lee Hastings, 85, of Williamson, West Virginia, formerly of Stone, died Tuesday, February 20, at Williamson Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, February 24, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Paul Carrell, 78, of Spring, Texas, died Wednesday, February 21. He is survived by his wife, Ella Cole Carrell. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, February 25, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

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I want to take off in this column with a great big thank you to the folks at South Floyd High School for their expression of best wishes to Nancy and I.

Something like that is very touching to an old fellow like me. I really appreciate all the kind words that came from Pikeville fans who said they were sorry to see me leave.

I have always enjoyed going to South Floyd and the great fans they have up there. They are great people and have a great coach. Coach Webb reminded me that I was the first coach he ever had. That will make a good trivia question down the road.

I wish Megan Hyden was able to play in the district tournament. Megan will miss the event because of an injury but it just seems a shame that she will not be able to perform.

When you look at the lineup of the Lady Blackcats of Prestonsburg, it is easily to see that Megan was the heart and soul of this team. She complimented Ramanda Music and Amelia Conley so much.

If she has been able to play the part of the season she missed, the Prestonsburg record would be much different.

I understand that Megan Harris and Molly Burchett have been working out with the Lady Blackcats.

Prestonsburg has a good group of young players coming into the school next year with Harris and Burchett. When these two girls have left the high school as seniors, they could very well be two of the best to have played there.

The South Floyd Lady Raiders picked up a win Thursday night over Letcher County. Here is a team that could be very dangerous next week in tournament play.

Betsy Layne is getting some stellar play from Natasha Stratton who has scored 18 and 22 points in her last two games.

She just needed a confidence booster and this should help at tournament time. I remember when she played in grade school I wondered aloud, "who is this girl?" I knew she was going to be a good one in high school. I like her, not so much for her scoring, which we know she can score, but for her hard work on the court and rebounding. She is not that big in size but seems to rebound with the best of them.

You never really picture South Floyd's John Meade playing point guard, but the way he has played of late has impressed me. While he does not play the point, yet he still gets the assists and has made some unreal passes to his team mates. John has been working hard on the boards as well and is a tremendous defensive player for Coach Webb.

Prestonsburg's Matt Tackett has been playing some super basketball lately. I have always thought of Matt as an outside threat. He is so quiet and not a very aggressive person but he has come on to help his team.

I like watching Justin Allen on the court. Seems wherever he receives the ball that is the spot he shoots from. I have seen him connected on some long bombs.

Betsy Layne's Brock Keathley would be a real find for some small college because the kid can play the game. Seems like he just sails when he goes hard to the basket.

Brock will have to have his game in high gear and his wings on tight as they face South Floyd Wednesday

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Prestonsburg pounds Pike Co. Central

photo by Steve LeMaster

BROOKE COLEMAN (14) worked for a rebound against a Pike County Central player in the fourth quarter Thursday night. Coleman finished with 11 points in Prestonsburg's convincing win.



Lady Cats finish regular season on high note

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Prestonsburg Lady Cats traveled to Pike County Central High School on Thursday night

for their final regular season game of the 2000-01 season. The Lady Hawks of Pike Central entertained visiting Prestonsburg in what proved to be a lopsided contest.

Prestonsburg led 19-14 after one quarter of play. They held a 41-27 advantage at the break and had very little trouble with the host Lady Hawks down the stretch as they rolled to an impressive 82-65 win.

The Pike County

Central game saw the visiting Lady Cats make runs in between up and down play from both teams. However, it was definitely a positive for Prestonsburg to come away with a convincing 15th Region win.

Senior Amelia Conley and junior Ramanda Music shared game-high honors for Prestonsburg with 21 points apiece. Music also had a game-high 13 rebounds. Seniors Stephanie Adams and

Brooke Coleman finished with 15 and 11 points respectively.

"It was a sloppy game," said Prestonsburg Coach Harold Tackett, "it was a real sloppy game."

The first few minutes of the contest saw Pike Central lead Prestonsburg. The home-team lead didn't last long as the bigger, stronger and faster Prestonsburg team pulled

(See POUNDS, page three)

"We are where we want to be!"

Hall's 22 points leads Raiders

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a game of big leads which made for a game of big comebacks. Unfortunately for the visiting Pikeville Panthers they were on the end of having to make the comebacks that eventually resulted in a 70-64 setback to host South Floyd Thursday night.

The game was a make up game that the weather canceled out earlier.

The win improved the Raiders to 16-10 on the season while Pikeville dropped to 13-13. Each team had one game remaining on the regular season.

Michael Hall, a sophomore, hit two three-point baskets and tossed in 22 points to lead the Raider scoring. Rusty Tackett, who had been on fire prior to the game, settled for 15 points with John Meade netting 11 points.

"Coach Webb told me to just take my time and my shots would come to me and for me to just keep working hard on defense," said Tackett. "I believe this team is ready for the district tournament. We are going to come out and give it all we have for our seniors."

Meade, who had just set a new school record for assists with 12 against Pike Central, pulled in 14 rebounds and dished off six assists against Pikeville. Tackett hauled in 10 boards.

Senior Chase Gibson and Dave Cecil topped the Pikeville scoring with 20 points apiece. Gibson pulled

(See RAIDERS, page three)



photo by Ed Taylor

SOUTH FLOYD'S Josh Newman (34) posted up against Pikeville Thursday night. Newman scored eight points as the Raiders defeated the visiting Panthers 70-64.



■ Matt Goeing ■ Emily Meyer ■ Brett Hall

Piarist says good-bye to three seniors

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Coach Gary Kidd, faculty and student body said good-bye to three seniors who have been part of the athletic program since the program began four years ago.

Piarist lost one senior from the girls basketball team in Emily Meyer, daughter of Pam and Robert Meyer of Blue River. Meyer scored 128 points in her four years at the Martin school. She averaging 70 percent from the free throw line and was a four year player.

Brett Hall, the tallest of the Knights, was recognized along with his parents, Jimmie and Genia Hall of Wayland. Hall scored 565 points over the four years and was one of the teams leading rebounders.

Matthew Goeing, son of Mike and Sherry Goeing of Wheelwright, was selected as a Three-Rivers Conference All-Tournament player and named to the All "A" Regional team in 2001.

He holds the school record for most scored in a single game with 36. In four years of varsity play, he scored 604 points with 212 points in a single season in 2000-01.

"All these are kids who started when the basketball program started four years ago," said Coach Kidd. "It has been a pleasure to coach them."

The Knights will gear up for next week's district tournament and will face fourth seed Prestonsburg in the opening round.

Hall passes century mark Sophomore a three-point threat

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

He is just a sophomore and already South Floyd's Michael Hall has surpassed the century mark in scoring having scored his 1,000th point last week as the high school season nears an end.

Hall, who started as an eighth-grader for coach Henry Webb, is certain to leave the school in two years as the schools all-time leading scorer.

The Raider sophomore has been one of the most consistent players for the Raiders this season.

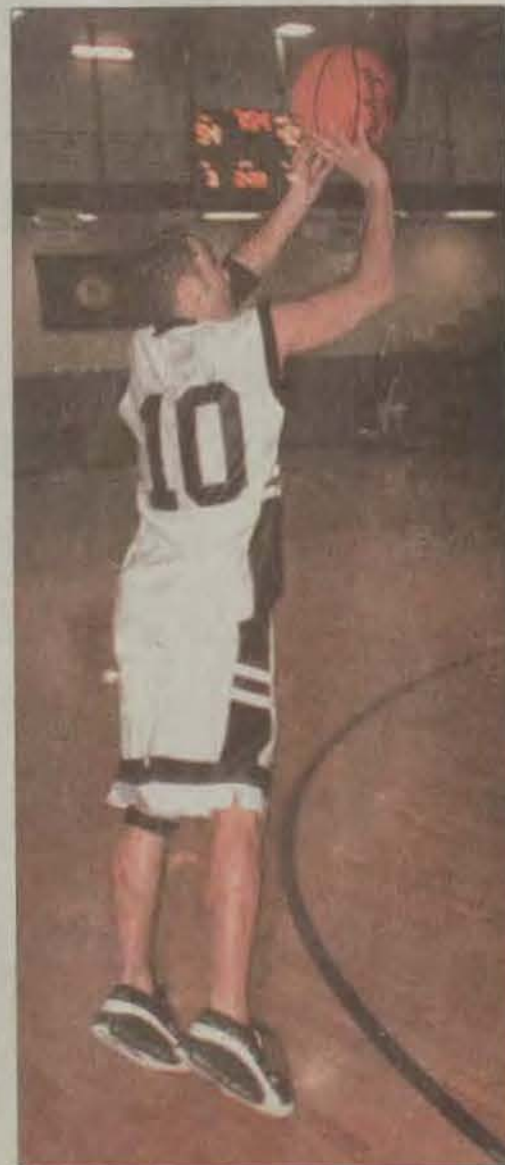
"Michael plays hard all the time," said the South Floyd coach. "He does so many good things with the basketball."

Hall is the designated three-point shooter and is averaging just over 22 points per game. Coach Webb said Hall was an exciting player to watch play and has a good future.

"We are really excited about him and his career," he said. "We are just happy to have him back a couple years."

The opposition will key on Hall each

(See HALL, page three)



➤ Micheal Hall

REDS BASEBALL...

Reds Non-Roster Invitees (18)

No.	Pitchers (9)	B-T	Age
71	Atchley, Justin	L-L	27
74	Fernandez, Jared	R-R	29
62	Gooch, Arnie	R-R	24
61	Grace, Mike	R-R	30
63	Luebbers, Larry	R-R	31
73	Moseley, Dustin	R-R	19
85	Nichting, Chris	R-R	34
80	Rodriguez, Frankie	R-R	28
64	Skrimetta, Matt	S-R	28

No.	Catchers (4)	B-T	Age
68	Davis, Tommy	R-R	27
69	Spehr, Tim	R-R	34
67	Valencia, Victor	R-R	23
37	Walbeck, Matt	S-R	31

No.	Infielders (3)	B-T	Age
36	Cromer, D.T.	L-L	30
54	Selby, Bill	L-R	30
26	Sexton, Chris	R-R	29

No.	Outfielders (2)	B-T	Age
72	Gonzalez, Paul	R-R	27
75	Keams, Austin	R-R	20

Leasing program offers \$\$\$ for landowners

Spring planting time is just around the corner and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) is again offering its Dove Lease Program (DLFP). It is a great way for area farmers to earn extra income while providing valuable wildlife habitat and expanded public hunting opportunities.

Fields planted this spring for dove hunting next fall can generate as much as \$2,500 for a landowner when leased to the KDFWR for public hunting. Last year, the KDFWR paid more than \$80,000 to participating landowners statewide.

All you have to do is plant an idle field (or one you intended to put into silage production) to the crop your KDFWR Private Lands Biologist (PLB) recommends for mourning doves, such as sunflowers or millet. The next step is to sign an agreement with the KDFWR allowing folks to hunt doves on your land during the legal season which generally opens September 1. That's all there is to it. After dove season ends, you'll get a check in the mail for as much as \$2,500.

Payments are based on the number of acres enrolled and crop type, and are specified in the initial agreement. Funds are limited, so interested landowners are urged to contact their PLB right away. Applications should be submitted no later than March 1, 2001.

According to KDFWR migratory bird biologist Rocky Pritchert, the three-year-old leasing program has been a huge success.

"The Dove Lease Program has been extremely successful. It has greatly improved habitat for mourning doves across Kentucky. Plus, it provides hunters access to some prime dove fields, many of which were used heavily used last season," Pritchert said.

Following your initial inquiry and upon your invitation, a KDFWR biologist will schedule an appointment to meet with you, inspect the property and discuss your interest in DLFP (or any other KDFWR programs). You're under no obligation to participate, but following the site visit, your biologist will provide specific recommendations about how your property might best be managed for doves. You'll also be given a firm dollar figure for leasing your property to KDFWR during dove hunting season.

Participation in the DLFP does not affect landowner liability Kentucky's Recreational Use Statutes (KRS 411.90 and KRS 150.645) are intended to encourage landowners to open their lands to the public - without charging a user fee - for hunting, fishing and other outdoor activities.

A list of related dove fields will be available to the public after mid-August. Hunters can receive the list by calling the KDFWR Information Center after August 17, 2001, at the phone number below. The sale of federally-required migratory bird hunting permits generates the funds used to pay landowners for creating more hunting opportunity.

To find out more about enrolling your land in the Dove Field Lease Program, contact your local Private Lands Biologist. If you're not sure how to reach your biologist, call the KDFWR Information Center toll-free at 1-800-858-1549, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Eastern.

Kentucky Horse Council announces Open Stable Day 2001

The Open Stable Day Committee of the Kentucky Horse Council will host a new event May 19, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open Stable Day 2001 is an organized open house event designed to help the general public find access to horses in their communities. The idea is based on similar successful events that are held annually in other states. In exchange for a small fee from participating stables and horse farms, the Kentucky Horse Council will handle all promotion and advertising of the event, field telephone calls, share maps and directions with potential visitors and provide both participants and visitors with useful information. The event is free for the general public; they can get directions from the Kentucky Horse Council and travel in their own cars to visit as many participating stables as they wish on that day.

The Open Stable Day participation forms were mailed out 2/1/01. The response deadline is 3/31/01. The Kentucky Horse Council can be contacted at 1-800-459-4677 or via email: rllholand@msn.com

SportsBoard

XFL Standings

EAST CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Orlando	3	0	1.000	77	55
Birmingham	2	1	.667	52	35
Chicago	0	3	.000	64	86
NY/NJ	0	3	.000	24	56

Last week's scores

Saturday's games
Los Angeles 12, Las Vegas 9
San Francisco 13, Memphis 6

Sunday's games

Birmingham 14, Chicago 3
Orlando 15, New York/New Jersey 12

Last night's games

New York-New Jersey at Chicago
Birmingham at Orlando

Today's games

Las Vegas at San Francisco, 4 p.m.
Memphis at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.

WEST CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	PF	PA
Las Vegas	2	1	.667	53	16
Memphis	2	1	.667	64	56
Los Angeles	2	1	.667	42	45
San Francisco	1	2	.333	31	58

NBA Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Philadelphia	41	14
New York	31	22
Miami	32	23
Orlando	28	24
Boston	24	30
New Jersey	19	37
Washington	13	42

Central Division

Milwaukee	32	20
Charlotte	27	26
Toronto	28	26
Cleveland	23	28
Indiana	23	28
Detroit	21	32
Atlanta	18	36
Chicago	8	44

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Utah	35	16
San Antonio	35	18
Dallas	33	21
Minnesota	32	23
Houston	29	26
Denver	28	28
Vancouver	18	37

Pacific Division

Portland	38	16
Sacramento	35	17
L.A. Lakers	35	18
Phoenix	32	21
Seattle	29	26
L.A. Clippers	18	38
Golden State	15	39

STEVE'S SIDELINE SHOTS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The third season is upon us... If you ask me, I'll be quick to tell you that there are three seasons in just about every sport. There's the preseason, regular season and then the postseason. The postseason is here! The third season is here!

In football or baseball it may be the playoffs, but in Kentucky high school basketball, it's the postseason and postseason tournaments. Here's a few things to ponder while you take in some of the postseason high school basketball action:

■ Adams Middle School standout Megan Harris is doing quite well on the Prestonsburg High School girls team. Harris is seeing plenty of playing time on the junior varsity squad at Prestonsburg. She has also seen some playing time on the varsity squad. She should figure to fit in well on the high school level. Her game-high 15 points led Adams Middle School past South Floyd Middle School and to a Floyd County Grade School Championship a couple of weeks ago. She's a talented player who will only get better as she gets more playing time on the high school level.

Harris is contemplating a trip this Summer as a Sports Ambassador to another country. Look for an article on the possible trip to Australia in next Sunday's Times Sports.

■ I can't help but think that the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats would be a much different team had junior Megan Hyden not gone down to an injury back in December. It's sad to see Megan out of action. She's been through so much. I'd like to take this time to wish Megan a continued speedy recovery and a good spring and summer of rehab and conditioning. I'm almost certain she will be back at full strength next season. Hyden will return for her 2001-02 senior season as one of the top players in the 15th Region along with teammate Ramanda Music.

■ Coach Cindy Halbert has her Allen Central Lady Rebels playing good, sound basketball. The Lady Rebels evened their record to 10-10 before falling to Whitesburg on the road in their final regular season game Thursday night. The first round 58th District matchup between the Allen Central girls and Prestonsburg girls should be a barn-burner.

■ The Magoffin County Hornets looked to be in their usual postseason form Tuesday night at Prestonsburg. The Hornets seem to always turn their play up a couple of notches when postseason tournament time arrives. Hornet coach Danny Adams feels his team is almost to the point where he would like for them to be. Magoffin County opens the 57th District Tournament at Sheldon Clark as a number two seed. The Hornets will take on the number three seeded Johnson Central Golden Eagles. The Golden Eagles are guided by first-year coach Les Trimble.

■ Pikeville senior Chase Gibson recently scored his 2,000 point. He also has over 1,000 career rebounds. Only one other player in the Pikeville High School history books has scored 2,000 points and grabbed 1,000 rebounds.

■ Allen Central is really a different squad with senior Rodney Scott in the lineup. Scott returned to the Allen Central squad after a first semester absence. The Runnin' Rebs had a very good regular season with sweeps of both Paintsville and Pikeville. Scott and the entire Allen Central squad appear ready to make a 15th Region title run.

Now, a rundown of the various 15th Region district tournament sites:

- 57th District- Sheldon Clark High School
- 58th District- Betsy Layne High School
- 59th District- Pike County Central High School
- 60th District- Phelps High School

The month of February is almost over. Ready or not, March Madness has arrived! Get out and take in some of the action.



photo by Steve LeMaster

PRESTONSBURG'S HEATHER WHITE (40) went up for a shot Thursday night against Pike County Central. White, a freshman, hit on three-of-six field goal attempts for six points.

Sports Briefs...

Auto Racing

NASCAR TICKET SALES STEADY

Ticket sales remained steady for today's NASCAR race at North Carolina Speedway following the death of Dale Earnhardt. The legendary Earnhardt died in the Daytona 500 one week ago today.

Baseball

FERNANDEZ LOSES ARBITRATION

The Cincinnati Reds won an arbitration case recently when they beat pitcher Osvaldo Fernandez. Fernandez was awarded the club's \$600,000 offer.

FOUR REDS AGREE TO ONE-YEAR DEALS

The Cincinnati Reds agreed to terms with four players recently. Right-handed pitchers Scott Williamson, Leo Estralla and Keith Glauber, along with infielder Donnie Sadler agreed to one-year contracts.

REDS SIGN FOUR MORE TO ONE-YEAR DEALS

The Cincinnati Reds recently signed right-handed pitcher Brian Reith, infielder Brandon Larson and outfielders Jackson Melian and Brady Clark to one-year deals.

Basketball

SOUTH FLOYD LADY RAIDERS EDGE LETCHER

The South Floyd Lady Raiders downed Letcher High School on Thursday night. Kandice Mitchell paced South Floyd with a game-high 18 points. Megan Ousley finished with 12 points for South Floyd in the 47-44 victory.

LADY EAGLES DOWN PIKEVILLE

The Johnson Central Golden Eagles downed Pikeville 49-30 Thursday night. Emma Burke led Johnson Central with a team-best 10 points. Nine different Lady Eagles scored against Pikeville. Pikeville College signee Jill Kimberlain led Pikeville with a game-high 15 points.

BETSY LAYNE FALLS TO JENKINS

The Betsy Layne Ladycats hit the road Thursday night and fell to the host Jenkins Lady Cavaliers. Jenkins (16-9) downed Betsy Layne 84-74. Betsy Layne (16-10) was led by Natasha Stratton's game-high 22 points. Jenny Parsons added 15 points and Amber Roberts finished with 14. Eighth-grader Kim Clark added 10 points.

PAINTSVILLE SLIPS PAST PHELPS

The Paintsville Lady Tigers, coached by Mark Baldwin, scored a close 61-57 win over the Phelps Lady Hornets on Thursday night. Heather Staniford led the way for Paintsville with 20 points. Seven players scored for both Paintsville and Phelps.

UK WOMEN'S TEAM CELEBRATES SENIOR-LESS NIGHT

The struggling University of Kentucky women's basketball team celebrated Senior Night on Thursday night without any seniors. The Lady Cats fell 75-54 to the visiting Ole Miss Lady Rebels.

Track

SEC CHAMPIONSHIPS CONTINUE TODAY

The SEC Track and Field Championships continue today at UK's Nutter Field House. The championships started yesterday and will conclude today. Tickets for the championships are \$7.

Winston Cup Standings

Michael Waltrip 180, Dale Earnhardt 175, Rusty Wallace 165, Ricky Rudd 160, Bill Elliott 160, Sterling Marlin 151, Mike Wallace 150, Bobby Hamilton 142, Jeremy Mayfield 138, Stacy Compton 134.

Food City remembers Earnhardt



The Food City Racing family was devastated to learn of the death of seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup Champion Dale Earnhardt. Earnhardt was involved in a horrifying last lap crash at the Daytona International Speedway while competing in the NASCAR season opening Daytona 500.

In 1994 the company signed on as an associate sponsor of the Richard Childress owned GM Goodwrench Service Plus racing team and driver Dale Earnhardt. Food City spent four seasons with the seven-time champion and the familiar black number three. Food City also was an associate sponsor of the Dale Earnhardt, Inc. Busch Series effort and drivers Jeff Green, Steve Park and Dale Earnhardt, Jr. during the 1994-98 seasons.

"The news of Dale Earnhardt's death was numbing to the entire NASCAR community," stated Steve Smith, Food City President and Chief Operations Officer. "Our heart-felt condolences are extended to the family, crew, friends and the many loyal fans of Dale Earnhardt," Smith continued.

Food City and Dale Earnhardt had teamed together many times during the sponsorship and worked on several community-oriented projects together. Earnhardt had participated in advertising campaigns for the company along with previous appearances at the highly popular Food City Family Race Night events. Food City Senior Vice President of Marketing Tom Hembree stated "Earnhardt was always the most sought after driver for the Family Race Night events, with many loyal fans waiting in line several hours for a chance to get the seven-time NASCAR Winston Cup Champion to autograph 'Intimidator merchandise'."

The company teamed with Earnhardt in 1998 for his only Daytona 500 victory, and had the pleasure of celebrating the victory with the popular driver in Daytona's Victory Lane. Earnhardt will be missed by the entire Food City Racing Family.

Raiders

down (unofficially) 12 rebounds. Cecil buried four treys from the arc. Cory Russell finished with 10 points.

After taking the tip and then turning the ball over, Pikeville watched as South Floyd raced out to an 8-2 lead then went on a 10-2 spurt that netted them an 18-7 first quarter lead. Hall capped off the run with a three-point basket to make it 18-5 before a basket by Matt Branham to end the quarter.

Hall drilled a three-point basket at the onset of the second quarter that gave the Raiders a 21-7 lead. Following a quick time out by Pikeville coach Dave Thomas, Pikeville roared back to narrow the margin to six points with a 10-2 spurt of their own.

John Meade then took over the game completing a three-point play, making a steal, feeding the

ball to Tackett for an easy lay in, went high for a rebound to hit Josh Newman, who was fouled. Newman sank both free throws and with 2:36 to play, Meade drove the middle for a basket that extended the South Floyd lead back to 13, 32-19. Two three-point baskets by Cecil kept the Panthers close at 36-25 at the half.

South Floyd's biggest lead came in the third period when they built a 43-28 margin on a trey by Tackett and Charles Ray's lay in. But Gibson hit two consecutive baskets to cut the margin back to 11.

Off a nice assist by Hall, Josh Newman went solo and Ray scored on a short jumper for another 15 point margin, 47-32. The Raiders would lead by 12 after three quarters, 54-42.

South Floyd struggled the first

two minutes of the fourth quarter and that allowed Pikeville to make yet another come back. Led by Gibson and Paul Howard, Pikeville cut the lead to five, 56-51, with just 5:01 to play.

But the Panthers would get even closer on a completed three-point play by Cecil for a 60-57 South Floyd lead. But Tackett and Meade would step up their game and scoring the next eight South Floyd points to extend the margin back to six, 68-62 with just 51 seconds left to play. A basket by Gibson with 22 seconds to play and then Hall's run out basket concluded the game at 70-64.

"John is playing some excellent basketball for us right now," said Tackett of his teammates performance. "When you look back at the first year none of us were playing very well. But now we all are playing much better." Tackett said the Raiders are getting quality minutes from their bench, something else that was not happening earlier in the season.

"Josh (Newman) is getting us about six to eight rebounds a game," he said. "Charles is getting about five blocks per game. Josh Johnson is coming in and giving us a 110 percent effort."

Coach Webb, like all coaches, would have like to see his team add to their 15 point leads, but also

realizes that his ballclub was facing a quality team and held their own.

"I felt we pretty much in control of the game," said the South Floyd coach. "Pikeville has an excellent basketball team. I am really pleased with where we are at right now. We are moving the ball real well and getting the ball inside. That is something we have worked hard on all year and finally it is starting to come together a little bit."

"We didn't shoot the ball exceptionally well tonight and missed some easy shots. I think that was the difference in us winning by six or eight or 18 to 20."

Coach Webb said his ballclub was trying to mix somethings up a little more on defense with tournament approaching.

"We have tried some different looks," he said. "We are very pleased with what we are doing right now. The kids are responding well and seems like we have some close unity now. It was just a big win for us."

Newman finished with nine points for the Raiders while Ray tossed in eight points. Tyler Hall had three points on a trey and Josh Johnson scored two.

South Floyd meets Betsy Layne Wednesday night at 8 p.m. in a first round game of next week's 58th District tournament.



photo by Ed Taylor
MICHAEL HALL (10) of South Floyd came out with a loose ball against Pikeville Thursday night. Hall scored 22 points in leading the Raiders to a 70-64 win over the Panthers.

Hall

night out but even under double teams, he manages to find a way to score. His quickness is an asset and something that cannot be taught. His ability to pull up and drain the three has made him the marked target that he is.

But Hall is more than just an offensive threat. His ability to play defense has been a big part of the pressing game for South Floyd.

South Floyd fans will be treated to two more seasons of this young man and they should be fun years.



photo by Ed Taylor
RUSTY TACKETT (20) of South Floyd got an easy basket in a 70-64 win over the Pikeville Panthers Thursday night at South Floyd. Tackett finished with 15 points in the win.

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Pounds

away.

"We played good at times, I thought we played real hard," said Tackett. "Before the game, we talked about playing hard and I thought we did that."

The game was tied 8-8 at the 3:40 mark of the opening period when Prestonsburg's Coleman swiped a Pike Central pass. Adams converted on the Coleman steal and Prestonsburg led 10-8. The host Lady Hawks managed to tie the game one more time in the opening period before Prestonsburg regained the lead. Prestonsburg closed the first quarter out by going on a 9-4 run.

Coach Tackett's Prestonsburg squad made the most of the second quarter. Coleman put Prestonsburg on the scoreboard at the 6:41 mark of the second period with two free throws. The Lady Cats held Pike Central scoreless for the first three minutes of the second quarter. The Lady Cats were in total control as they entered the second half with a comfortable 14-point road advantage.

The Lady Hawks closed to within 12 points of the Prestonsburg lead early in the third period. Pike Central failed to handle a tough, stingy Prestonsburg defense the remainder of the quarter. Prestonsburg's Music put her team up 53-37 on a putback just before the three-minute mark of the third period. Prestonsburg led 65-44 when the third period came to a close.

Conley began the final frame with a field goal for Prestonsburg. Pike Central outscored Prestonsburg 21-17 in the final period, but it was too little too late.

Angela Howell and Heather White finished with six points apiece for Prestonsburg while Amanda Webb added two.

Ashley Russell led Pike County Central with a team-best 20 points. Mishay Weddington added 18 points.

The win over Pike County Central gave Prestonsburg a final regular season record of 16-12.

Next up for the Prestonsburg Lady Cats is Allen Central. The Lady Cats came up with a win in both of their regular season meetings with Allen Central. Both games were close contests.

"We've just gotta play when we go in against Allen Central in the district tournament," said Tackett. "We're a team capable of doing some really good things and it all starts Wednesday."

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PC Bowlers roll to National Sectionals

The Pikeville College bowling team finished third in the recent 15-team Association of College Bowling International Region 5 Tournament.

Pikeville will now advance to the National Sectional Tournament. Four teams from each of the four sections will advance to the national tournament, to be held in Grand Rapids, Mich.

"For this to be our first season, things have gone exceptionally well for our team," said Ron Damron, who coaches the team in addition to his duties as athletics director and vice-president of student services. "We're getting some attention nationally from other states and competing for some of the best bowlers in the country right now."

Pikeville finished third behind champion Morehead State and third-place North Carolina State. Pikeville rolled 8968 in nine games, for an average of 996.4 for the tournament.

Phillip Whitaker, a freshman from Red Fox, Ky., finished fifth overall in the tournament. His nine-game average was 212.

Philip had a very good season, and he was exceptional this weekend," said Damron. "He bowled really well and led our team into the next round."

Following Whitaker on the Pikeville team was Joe Smith, who averaged 205; Justin Adkins, who averaged 200; Brian Pugh with an average of 191 and Craig Goldschuh, with an average of 187.

Pikeville was followed by Lindsey Wilson, which finished fourth, and East Carolina, which was fifth. Also finishing in the top eight were North Carolina A&T, Virginia Tech and Clemson.

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KENTUCKYSPORTSLINE

by Tom Leach



To say Guy Morriss faces a difficult task in his first role as a head coach is a major understatement. He has only a one-year contract, his team won only two games last season and he still doesn't know what penalties will result from an investigation that has already uncovered major NCAA violations.

But things may not be quite as bleak as they appear.

First, UK officials believe their internal probe is about complete. As for penalties, most of the speculation focuses on recruiting sanctions (fewer scholarships and restrictions on going off-campus for evaluations) rather than elimination of postseason or TV opportunities. Limiting a school's ability to bring in players actually takes more of a toll on a program than lost bowl or TV revenue, but in terms of the spirits of the current players, not losing out on the hope of a postseason reward

would be welcome news. Secondly, Morriss is the man the players wanted if Mumme had to go. He has their complete respect and they know that it's up to them to produce enough wins to convince school officials to extend Morriss' contract.

But most importantly, I think Morriss is inheriting a team with considerably more talent than the 2-9 record of last season would suggest.

Other than wide receiver Quentin McCord and lineman Omar Smith, every other key contributor on offense is back. And Morriss will surely find a good leader in the quarterback battle between Jared Lorenzen and Shane Boyd. Kentucky had little trouble moving the ball in most games last year, but getting into the endzone was another story. Perhaps a tougher off-season conditioning program and a greater emphasis on the running game may pay dividends in that

department. Defensively, Kentucky was awful, but new coordinator John Goodner comes with a reputation for success as schools not blessed with an abundance of blue-chip recruits. If he improves the defense, if special teams improve and if Kentucky does a better job inside the opponents' 20-yard line, it's not that hard to see Kentucky becoming a team that could contend for a winning record.

Morriss must win over a segment of the Big Blue public that would prefer a "name" coach, but I think he said all the right things at a news conference last week—ordering Lorenzen to lose weight, pledging to toughen a team he thought was "soft" and saying Kentucky practices once again will feature contact work.

As for the media, Morriss has a wonderful perspective. He says his NFL days with the Philadelphia Eagles exposed him to the worst the media can offer, so he's not too worried about life as head coach of the Wildcats and that's a good attitude to have. Morriss isn't glib, but he comes across as sincere, honest and courteous.

Because Morriss lacks showmanship and seems to be the antithesis of a political animal, I can see where "fast talkers" could have out-dazzled him in situations where schools are interviewing head coaching candidates. It took an unusual set of circumstances for him to finally get a chance to be the head coach, but Kentucky may have just stumbled upon a diamond-in-the-rough.

Athletics director Larry Ivy has taken more than his share of PR hits in the past two-plus months, but things are shaking out pretty well. He has overseen a thorough investigation and worked through a seemingly inevitable coaching change without a mass exodus of players and without losing any more recruits than the scandal has already claimed.

group when it comes to media people who have good things to say about Hal Mumme. But in four years as the Wildcats' play-by-play announcer, I cannot recall any major problems in our working relationship, so I didn't enjoy seeing his fall from grace. I'm grateful for his cooperation and making my transition to this job so easy because of the enthusiasm he sparked in Kentucky football fans.

It's unfair to undersell his accomplishments at Kentucky. Who knows if another coach's system would have so wonderfully utilized the talents of Tim Couch and Craig Yeast? And the excitement Mumme's offense generated plenty of national attention for UK and got the ball rolling for a much-needed expansion of Commonwealth Stadium. Granted, he failed to close any ground on Florida and Tennessee, but Kentucky was competitive with the rest.

Mumme and Rick Pitino share some traits. Both are good-looking, cocky and passionate about their "systems." But where I think Mumme failed was managing the areas of his program that didn't fall under the heading of his expertise. Pitino coached everything down to the pregame environment at Rupp Arena and he relished the spotlight. Mumme, on the other hand, delegated too much authority and abhorred all of the attention that came with such a high-profile job. Some of that oft-discussed arrogance just may have been a defense mechanism for deflecting things he didn't like, such as media relations.

I think Oklahoma's success with Mumme's system is a testament to how good that attack can be. At Iowa Wesleyan and Valdosta State, Mumme was perhaps so far ahead of the competition with his system that the defense and special teams didn't matter as much as they do at this level, where Kentucky faced a disparity in talent with several of its foes and where the caliber of coaching is as good as it gets.

BOGANS MATURING

Keith Bogans had a dreadful shooting night in Kentucky's win over Florida and followed it up by scoring only eight points in the victory over Mississippi State, but I thought his play offered great promise for the rest of this season. The reason is that Bogans has finally stopped playing like a guy worried most about getting his own points and instead hustled in the manner of a player whose foremost concern was getting a win for his team.

I must admit I thought Bogans getting double figures was the safest bet in basketball, but I was wrong. Bogans scored only 15 in those two games, but we didn't see

the mistakes that got him in trouble earlier this season. We didn't see him continually forcing bad shots down the stretch of a close game against Florida and in the second half of the MSU game, Bogans found himself leading the break but instead of taking it to the basket, he dished off to a teammate trailing him.

Bogans and Tayshaun Prince are undoubtedly the keys to Kentucky's success in March but their success must come within the framework of the team. And it looks like they have embraced that notion. It doesn't mean Kentucky will win all of its remaining games, especially with four brutal road tests still on the schedule, but it seems to me that the Wildcats are a team starting to play their best basketball at the right time.

AC Lady Rebels fall to Whitesburg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Central Lady Rebels traveled to Letcher County Thursday night to take on the Whitesburg Lady Jackets. Coach Cindy Halbert's Lady Rebels were on a four-game winning streak heading into the Whitesburg game.

Allen Central's four-game win streak ended at Whitesburg as the Lady Rebels fell 87-55 to the host Lady Jackets.

Shannon Sizemore led the way for visiting Allen Central. Sizemore, a senior, netted a team-best 16 points. Nine different Lady Rebels scored in the Whitesburg setback.

Allen Central got off to a slow start and trailed by 16 points, 22-6 at the end of the first quarter. Things got just a little bit better for the Lady Rebels in the second quarter. Allen Central played inspired basketball after a disastrous first quarter. Whitesburg outscored Allen Central by just five points, 26-21, in the second period. The visiting Lady Rebs found themselves down 48-27 at the break.

Host Whitesburg was 10 points better than Allen Central in the third period as they outscored the Lady Rebels 25-15. The 10-point third quarter difference gave the Lady Jackets a commanding 31-point lead heading into the fourth and final quarter.

Allen Central played Whitesburg near-even in the final eight-minute period. Allen Central was eventually outscored 14-13 in the final period as they fell by a 32-point margin.

Next up for the Allen Central Lady Rebels is Prestonsburg and the 58th District Tournament at Betsy Layne.

"I feel real good going into the district tournament," said Allen Central Coach Cindy Halbert. "I'm very optimistic going into the tournament. A lot of people didn't think we'd win five games this season and we won 10."

The Prestonsburg-Allen Central game will tip-off Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

Prestonsburg High School Tennis Schedule 2001

March 27	Paintsville	home	4:30
March 29	Lawrence Co.	away	5:00
March 31	East Carter	away	12:00
April 5	Lee Co.	away	5:30
April 16	Greenup Co.	home	5:30
April 17	Boyd Co.	away	5:30
April 18	June Buchanan	home	4:30
April 19	Paintsville	away	4:15
April 20	Morgan Co.	home	4:30

April 23	Magoffin Co.	home	4:30
April 24	Lee Co.	home	5:30
April 26	Boyd Co.	home	5:30
April 28	P.I.T.	home	9:30-TBA
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	June Buchanan		
April 30	June Buchanan	away	5:00
May 1	Russell	away	5:30
May 3	Morgan Co.	away	5:30
May 7	Magoffin Co.	away	4:30
May 14-19	Regionals	Ashland	TBA

WHAT HAPPENED TO HAL?

I realize that I'm in a small



Students of the Black Dragon Kenpo Karate class taught by local instructor Troy Burchett will travel to Ohio this week to compete in the Arnold Battle of Columbus, featuring Arnold Schwarzenegger. The students will be competing for \$15,000 in cash prizes and over 2,000 awards during the weekend of March 2-4. Black Dragon Kenpo Karate will be offering free classes at Prestonsburg Community College, sponsored by Skeans Marathon of Prestonsburg, Topcat Billiards of West Van Lear and Pappy's Mart of Teaberry. Information on the class is available by calling 434-6471.

Sports

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Sherman is one of the top officials in the state. I suppose the one thing he will remember is the broken arm several seasons back some fan gave him. The 15th Region officials extended to me an invitation to join them for dinner Sunday at the Landmark in Pikeville Sunday (today) and I plan to be there.

A week left at the paper and I will close out my stint next Friday. Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports. See you in church Sunday.

Sherman Combs, veteran official, told me Thursday night at South Floyd that this is his last season of officiating. "We're both leaving the game," he said.

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THE DALE EARNHARDT SPECIAL SECTION WILL APPEAR IN THE WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 28 EDITION OF THE TIMES.

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



I realize that I have been rather quiet in regard as to how it has felt to me since I assumed the position of "Features Editor" here at the Times. There is probably good reason for that, mainly because I have barely had time to look up, yet alone make a well-constructed or sensible comment on the matter.

In short, I will say only this: Yes, reporting is a busy and hectic world, but...attempting to handle all the business, social and school news of this county is like living in the midst of a powerful and very aggressive whirlwind. There is a lot going on out there and we are limited in our available space, so, people, rest assured that I am working diligently to get your articles, pictures, and what have you in print. You be patient, and I'll hang tough, and, in time, we will get it done.

Speaking of school news, you may have noticed that I have been attempting to fill Pam Shingler's shoes in the Board of Education arena. No easy feat. Why I was listening so intently and trying so hard to understand the discussions at hand last Wednesday evening, that I forgot to take a picture for the paper's front. My editor, thankfully, was very understanding.

Some of you who know me and my family are most likely aware that my father, Herbert Prater, served as Director of Pupil Personnel for the Floyd County school system throughout the years that I was growing up. So, attending board meetings and having several conversations with teachers, academic coaches and what have you, of late, have brought to the forefront of my mind, many, many memories connected with my father, his work, and the old Board of Education building that was torn down in the past year.

The first time I drove by the old site and saw only an empty, graveled lot, it literally took my breath away. I lost my father nearly four years ago, and the destruction of that building, in which I had stored such a vast expanse of memories, felt very close to losing him all over again.

I related my feelings connected with this matter to my sister, who was visiting around this same time, and, in response, she took a walk over to the site and brought me back a piece of red brick that now sits in my kitchen window. It's not a piece of the Berlin Wall, mind you, but it nonetheless means a lot to me.

My father was very dedicated to and proud of his association with the educational system and spent many hours in that building long before others were due to arrive and, oftentimes, long after others had left.

Some of my most special memories revolve around Sunday mornings, when my father would deposit me and my older brother at the front of the old Irene Cole Memorial Baptist church with instructions to "come by the office" when services were over.

After services, we would walk down Front Avenue in the direction of the Health Department and then skirt around the back of this building and over to the side back door of the education building. This door was to the far right, with about five or six steps that led up to it, and as I remember, it was painted a dull blue.

Upon entering through this door, a staircase of

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This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1961.

This Town—That World
As I sit here pondering an opening paragraph for this column, the writing of which I have, as usual, postponed till it will not wait any longer, I am reminded of the difference between a depressed area and a distressed area. A depressed area, my informant says, is one where you're depressed on payday. In the other you're distressed the rest of the week.

LET 'EM RUN, SEZ I

A friend sought to cheer me up this week by remarking that the walleye are ready to make their run at Cumberland. But no soap, I reply: "Let 'em run till their tongues hang out—I ain't goin'."

I may have recounted an experience of a few years back on one of these so-called walleye runs. If I didn't, I'll spare you now. Anyway, it was the most wretched, miserable flop yours truly has ever had anything to do with, and yrs. tr'ly has had his part of them. That's the main reason I shall not give the elements, Dame Luck and a couple of other unknowns, another whack at me.

Which brings us to the question of the hour: Do we grow older and wiser, or do we grow older and more chicken?

THE CURE

A health column, which I occasionally glance at to see how well I'm doing, notes that nail-biting is a sign of tension, an inward fretting. A sufferer asks the eminent pill dispenser what to do? I can answer that one. I was an industrious nail-biter until a few years ago, and even my wife could not persuade me to renounce this accomplishment. But I no longer bite my nails. I got a loose upper plate.

CARTOGRAPHY

A new preacher—may his tribe increase!—came to town recently, and he has been working diligently, seeking out the members of his flock. The lack of house numbers plagued him, and finally a map of the town was produced by some of the fellows who wanted to be helpful.

The map required considerable explaining, and some of it ran like this: "That's Over in the Bottom," it was explained as the pencil pointed to West Prestonsburg. "And here," pointing to the Porter Addition, "is Down in the Bottom." Then up to Lancer—"And that is Up in the Bottom."

The preacher may by this time be in the market for a compass.

LEAVES "WEAKLY" FIELD

Every daily newspaperman thinks he wants a weekly newspaper—if he hasn't had one. We read now about one Roy Steinfort, a former reporter for The Courier-Journal, who entertained dreams of being his own boss, writing as he pleased, working when he pleased, fishing when his wife would let him. So he bought himself a 95-year-old weekly out in La Grange, Illinois. That was in October, 1953.

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by BILL FRANCIS

I began giving in to my wife's desire for a computer the month before Christmas. With great delight and excitement we began searching for a good buy on computers right after the holidays. We just knew there would naturally be a big sale with all the remaining computers setting on the store shelves. After all I had heard said about computers, I was about to give into purchasing one. In an article sometime back I had compared not knowing how to use a computer to those that are now housebound due to never learning to drive an automobile. These individuals have to depend on someone else to take their places. There are not many grocery stores within walking distance nowadays. I had said that for those of us now past 50 (I fudged) if we didn't soon learn how to use a computer we wouldn't be able to purchase groceries or do banking, and those precious credit cards would be useless to us in a few short years time.

I think



you can see how I was blindsided and now had to agree to purchase a computer. My wife had talked about all the important things we could do with a computer. It would completely change our lives. She could e-mail all her friends and relatives. I could surf the Internet and make all kinds of purchases at the auctions that are on the web sites. Oh, the wisdom and knowledge I would have by clicking on a search engine. I could click on a search engine and go around the world.

We are now in divorce counseling, and the last time

we talked with our attorney (the divorce papers will be ready within 45 days. I was told if we had gotten an attorney on the Internet at Divorce.Com it would have been much faster and cheaper.

Okay, but I was not about to tell the Divorce judge that I had any interest in purchasing the computer. I had gone this long in my life without one, and I could make it without a computer the remaining part of my life. After all, I did learn how to drive an automobile.

Although I have noticed a slight slow down in my reflexes, but this is compensated by all the new gadgets the autos now have on them. The headlights stay on for a minute after you get out of your car.

They have a small computer that locks and unlocks your doors without using a key.

Automobiles now have computers in them with city maps that will guide you right to "Aunt Sallies and Uncle Johns."

My wife and I began shopping around at

computer stores, relying on the salesperson to tell us about all the gobbledegook about bytes, CD ROMs, and gigabytes, modems and what the mouse pointer meant. We visited local stores and made a visit to Lexington, and went

to all the big chain stores that sold computers. One salesperson recommended the ideal computer for us. She checked and said that particular one was on sale, but the display one was all they had in stock. She called other stores in their chain. Finally she located the computer in Ohio. I said that is just as close as driving back to Lexington. Heck, we would save a couple hundred dollars. The lady called the store and told them to hold one

for us and we would pick it up the next day.

So off we went to visit relatives on the way to the store. We were there when the store opened at 9 a.m. A deal like this was something you couldn't take a chance on being late, if they could sell our dreams, we thought! We looked and had a deep sigh of relief when we saw the computer and its boxes of accessories—marked hold! There were five washer & dryer size boxes to place into my car. We needed a U-haul, I exclaimed. We had to lay the seats down, and they told us

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Things to Ponder...

by MABLE ROWE
LINEBERGER, PH.D.

Will the person with a mood disorder please stand up!

The following announcement is made in public: "Please stand up if you have a mood disorder!" Now, be serious. What might happen if that were said at the homecoming game's half-time show or just before Sunday morning church? Furthermore, wouldn't it be shocking if one were the minister's wife, a college professor, and/or a coach? Then, what do you think about friends and acquaintances, which are showing obvious signs of emotional problems, and don't seek proper treatment, because a family member thinks they would "look crazy"? Sometimes the objecting person attempts to dismiss the situation by encouraging the upset person to just forget the "whole thing. It's just in

your head." Then there is another family member who is judgmental and discounts your emotional misery with "you just act that way on purpose. You are just doing that to get attention—to get your way." At other times the "support person" declares to the distressed person, in an angry and condemning manner, "You're nothing but a nutcase." In addition, professionals who provide mental health services are labeled in a negative way, such as "shrinks."

So the question becomes, "Why is there so much stigma and derogatory comments made about people with psychiatric disorders?" A sense is that in our culture there may be several reasons why emotional distress is to be avoided, denied, or just generally unacceptable. Some folks seem to view mental health problems as a disgrace that bring shame to the family. It also seems the impact of the mood disorder upon the individual having the distress is forgotten and lost. However, many people accept alcoholism and taking "nerve pills," without solving the basic problems, as "OK."

Writers think that the stigma surrounding mental health treatment comes from several origins. The first is the discomfort that so many people feel with the whole scope of emotions. Many times individuals will explain, "I have such a hard time talking about how I feel. He just won't talk to me about what he thinks about situations." It is not unusual for people who have problems expressing feelings to perceive the world of emotions as "soft, touchy-feely, embarrassing, stupid, or worthless."

A second possible source for the stigma associated with emotional problems is fear. So frequently it seems that individuals are extremely afraid of expressing their feelings due to fear and anxiety related to the experience, "it's so different," and to the chance that they will release their "inner emotional self" and not be able to get control back. They are also likely to be frightened by the idea that people have feelings, and that it is appropriate and even useful to respect the feeling side of a person's experience. It is not unusual, during marital therapy, for one mate

"Why is there so much stigma and derogatory comments made about people with psychiatric disorders?" A sense is that in our culture there may be several reasons why emotional distress is to be avoided, denied, or just generally unacceptable

to say to the other one, "You can't feel that way!" In addition, many people are frightened by the unpredictable, emotional, confusing, and "irrational" behavior they see when someone has a psychiatric illness, and so they condemn it. It seems so weird that we humans seem to want to

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center
 ■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment. 886-9812.

Allen Central Middle School
 Allen Central Middle School is observing "Be Kind to a Pet" month throughout February. Mrs. Walls is sponsoring a pet food drive. All food and supplies donated will go to local area animal shelters.

Allen Central High School
 ■ ACHS Band is collecting Pepsi Musical Points, which enable the purchase of instruments. Points are on 12-pack cubes, 20 oz. and liter bottles of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Diet Mountain Dew. Give to any ACHS band member or mail to Eastern Band Boosters, PO Box 156, Eastern, KY 41622.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center
 ■ Service Center Hours: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 After School Child Care available 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 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 FRC
 ■ After school child care, 3-

5:30 p.m., school days, openings available.

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

McDowell FRC
 377-2678

■ After School Child Care, for parents who work or attend school, from school dismissal to 5 p.m.

■ Call the FRC to schedule fifth grade student physicals and immunizations update, required by law. Floyd County Health Department nurse is at the Center one day a week to administer these and other services.

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

Osborne FRC

■ 2-27: Essay on Pride; Recycling Program for Primary.

■ 2-28: Essay on Pride. Lending Library is available to school and community.

Prestonsburg FRC

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

■ Counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care at center one day a week to see students in need of counseling. Call 886-7088 or stop by.

South Floyd YSC

■ 2-26: Drug Awareness presentations.

Walking track open to public, except during special event. Adult education available. Contact Mable Hall, Keith Smallwood or Misty Dawson, 452-9600 or 9607, ext. 243 or 242.

Religious Poetry Contest

The Bards of Burbank is sponsoring Poetry Competition 2001, with a \$1,000 grand prize going to the writer of the winning selection. Entered poetry should have a religious theme.

"We think religious poems can invite achievement," says Dr. John Scribner, the organization's Contest Director. "We're especially keen on inspiring amateur poets and we think this competition will achieve that. Kentucky has made many wonderful poets over the years and I'd like to discover new ones from among the Prestonsburg area grassroots poets."

To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to: Free Poetry Contest, PMB250, 2219 W. Olive Ave., Burbank, CA, 91506, or enter online at www.friendly-poets.com.

The deadline for entry is March 17, 2001.

Happy Birthday



Kent Dye and Brandy Everage would like to introduce their son, Austin Zachary Kent Dye. Austin was born on September 20, 2000, and weighed in at 8 lb., 7 and one half ounces. He is the grandson of Kent and Rita Dye, of Spewing Camp, and Bo and Debra Martin, of Eastern, and Samuel Everage, of Hindman.



Twins Celebrate Birthdays

Shane Donovan and Shawn Kurtis Kidd celebrated their 1st birthdays on Thursday, February 22. They are the children of Ricky and Cathy Kidd, of Drift. Grandparents of the two are, Don and Georgia Kidd, of Drift, and Curt Conn, of Louisville. Eddie Shelton, of Drift, is the great-grandfather of the pair. Shane and Shawn also have an older brother, Devin.

Town

Last week the disillusioned Mr. Steinfort sold the aforesaid 95-year-old "weakly" to an innocent named W. Emerson Jones.

Where is Mr. Steinfort going? Back to daily newspaper work for the Associated Press, of course.

KOREA—"END OF THE LINE," AN APPEAL FOR HELP

We have a letter from Lowell Osborne, a former Floyd County Times newsboy who now is with the Air Force in Korea. He offers to pay for the space but we are glad to give it to him as we publish his appeal, in part:

"...Being from a depressed part of Kentucky and having experienced how bad things are back there, I would say that people back there can be thankful that they have so much...What I want to do is try and get a few of the organizations in and around Floyd County to have some kind of fund drive or campaign to raise clothes for the needy in the vicinity of Kusan City, Korea. I remember, years back, the VFW, Kiwanis, Boy and Girl Scouts, and Eastern Star used to collect old clothing for the needy around Floyd County but since I am not trying to solicit their services to take clothes off the folks' backs around home I would still appreciate all the assistance some of these organizations would give these few orphanages that are around Kusan City. These orphanages are supported mainly from G.I.'s stationed here in Korea, and all denominations of the churches back home.

"I was formerly of Wheelwright, prior to being re-assigned overseas in April, 1957, and have seen how low the living standards are in different parts of Asia, but when I got to Korea, that was the end of the line, I couldn't possibly find any other place that needs assistance so bad as this. This will no doubt look like some Korean is trying to make a fast buck, but just be sure that they don't, the orphanages are administered by the Presbyterian Church and the Catholic Mission to Korea. "The address to send the clothing to is: Commander, Detachment No. 1, 3rd Bombardment Wing, APO 64, San Francisco, California."

He adds that clothing for children, ages 2 through 14, is needed.

Fiddle Contest

The Lexington Public Library is sponsoring a fiddle contest that will take place Thursday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Grand Opening Festival of their new Tates Creek Branch.

Ann Lair Henderson, daughter of Renfro Valley founder John Lair, will host the contest.

The event will kick off at 7 p.m. with a performance of Appalachian music by University of Kentucky music professor Ron Pen and other musicians.

The fiddle contest will follow, with \$250 going to the winner among contestants over 18 and \$150 going to the winner among contestants 18 and younger.

No registration is necessary to participate.

The Tates Creek Branch Library is located at 3628 Walden Drive, just off Tates Creek Road between Man o' War Boulevard and New-Circle Road.

News USA Direct

Study Shows Oatmeal Improves Blood Flow

(NUI) - Here's some good news to warm up your heart. In addition to oatmeal's cholesterol-lowering benefits, Yale researchers recently found that eating a bowl of oatmeal regularly can prevent the harmful narrowing of the arteries and decrease in blood flow (endothelial function) that often occurs after eating a high-fat meal. Dr. David Katz, lead investigator, presented the findings at the annual meeting of the American College of Nutrition.

The new research shows eating oatmeal regularly may help improve blood flow through the arteries, thereby helping to maintain a healthy heart. The study also reveals that eating oatmeal can prevent the dangerous narrowing of blood vessels often seen after eating a high-fat meal.

The link between endothelial function and heart attack and stroke is strong. The narrowing of blood vessels and decreased blood flow can impair the delivery of blood and oxygen to the heart.

Endothelial dysfunction is an abnormal blood vessel behavior that commonly occurs in people with heart disease or who have risk factors for heart disease. This abnormal response has also been seen in healthy people after eating a high-fat meal.

"Our results confirm not only that a high-fat meal decreases blood flow in healthy adults, but also that eating oatmeal can alleviate this harmful response," explained Katz. "In practical terms, our findings suggest that your meal choices and how you eat throughout the day may have significant implications for the health of your heart and cardiovascular system."

This new research further bolsters the case for making oatmeal a part of a heart-healthy diet. For over 40 years, with more than 40 scientific studies as proof and support by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, it has been shown that the soluble fiber in oatmeal can lower blood cholesterol and lower your risk for heart disease.

The soluble fiber in oatmeal acts like tiny sponges to soak up the cholesterol in the digestive tract and actually removes it before it can be reabsorbed into the bloodstream. A simple step such as eating a good-sized bowl of oatmeal every day provides you with the three grams of soluble fiber you need to decrease blood cholesterol levels and get those blustery winter mornings off to a warm, heart-healthy start.

Tips for a Successful St. Patrick's Day Party

(NUI) - When it comes to St. Patrick's Day, everyone is Irish. If you are celebrating St. Patty's

day by throwing a party, it would help you to know how the holiday came to be. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, his religious feast day and the anniversary of St. Patrick's death in the fifth century. He is credited with founding hundreds of churches and converting thousands of people to his faith during his extensive travels of Ireland.

On the holiday, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against eating meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

The wearing of green originated when Irish immigrants - who poured into the United States during the Great Potato Famine of 1845 - banded together to gain some political power with their voting block, known as the "green machine." While traditionally a religious holiday in Ireland, today it is celebrated globally by people of all backgrounds.

Keeping this in mind, here are some ideas for your St. Patrick's Day celebration:

► A brunch is a great way to commemorate the holiday. Invite friends over for eggs, bacon, cabbage, potatoes, corned beef, traditional Irish Soda Bread and beer.

► Don't forget dessert! St. Patrick's Day cookies with mint and chocolate-chip ice cream are definite hits. Try a St. Patrick's Day Plate With Cut-Out Cookies, St. Patrick's Day Cookie Box, St. Patrick's Day Gift Bag or a Leprechaun Hat With Shamrock Cut-Out Cookies from Cheryl & Co. Gourmet Foods & Gifts. Log on to www.cherylco.com or call 1-800-443-8124 for great ideas.

► Go green. Decorate your home with green tablecloths, napkins, paper plates, balloons and shamrocks.

► Make a pot of gold for your centerpiece. Take a clay pot and fill it with foil, chocolate-wrapped coin candy.

► Ask your guests to bring a limerick. A limerick is composed of five lines. Lines one, two and five rhyme with each other, while lines three and four also rhyme.

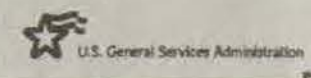
► Play Irish music. Try the Chieftains, The Wolfe Tones or choose a Celtic collection from your local music store.

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Teaching Children The Value Of Money

(NAPS)-Parents are their children's first teachers. So how can you teach your children to manage money wisely?

Start early

Even young children can understand some basics. For example, encourage children to save for a toy they want, and give them a see-through bank to watch their money "grow." Use multiple banks-one for spending, one for saving and one for donating to charity.

As your children grow, adjust your lessons. Young children may not have the patience to save for very long, but older children may be able to save for weeks or even months for something they really want, or for long-range goals such as college or a car.

Remember that some financial lessons are hard ones. For example, if children save to buy a toy that breaks right away, they learn an important lesson. Sometimes children start out saving for a special toy and then change their minds before they have saved enough, and that is a good lesson, too. Children need to learn that money requires making choices-and living with those choices.

Make allowances

An allowance can be an excellent way to teach your child about managing money. According to the financial experts at Diversified Investment Advisors, children of almost any age can receive an allowance, as long as you choose an amount that is appropriate for their age and your financial situation.

Be clear about what you expect the allowance to cover, and make sure there is money left over so that they will have to make choices. Help them develop a budget so they understand where their money

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POSTSCRIPT

A smile is just a ...

by PAM SHINGLER
 COLUMNIST

Among the many things that puzzle me is why models most often look unhappy, particularly magazine fashion models.

In ad after ad, you see the five mannequins vamping in clothes that cost more per piece than most of us make in a month. (Maybe more — I'm kind of out of touch.) They're beautiful, and, to be on these pages, they're pumped up by fawning people who tell them all day that they're beautiful. They're wearing expensive, cutting edge duds. They're paid like athletes.

So, why do they look so glum, as if someone just told them off or took their parking space or slammed their crazy bone or gave them bad investment advice?

Nor do I understand the designers. If I were Liz Claiborne or Donna Karan or Donatello Versace or whoever, I think I'd like to see people look happy to be wearing my clothes. I'd like to see the models smiling and having a good time.



But, apparently, the sad face works. It's used enough, and the designers and models and makeup people and photographers get richer and richer, while I sit here opining.

I came to be thinking about this as I was leafing through a magazine called "Tear Sheet" the other day. It's for models and people in the modeling industry. I was intrigued by the publication name, since "tear sheet" is also the term used when newspapers send a copy of an ad with a bill for payment.

A featured story in the magazine was about a 19-year-old woman from Brazil who's the latest runway and fashion magazine darling. Of course, she's drop dead gorgeous, reed thin and tall as a basketball star.

In the interview article, she comes across as an energetic, enthusiastic, happy young woman, thrilled with her exciting and rewarding life. Yet, the cover photo and those accompanying the article show her pouting, almost sneering, and appearing as if she's being forced to pose against her will.

Go figure.

While we're on the subject of models, colleague Janice Shepherd shared an e-mail from her daughter Jennifer, who passed on notes from an Internet source about the meaning of beauty.

Among the pointers:

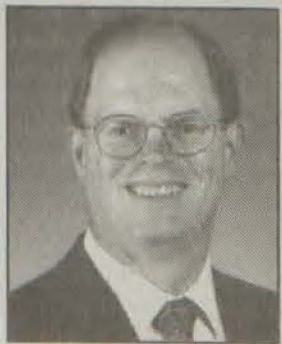
- The average woman weighs 144 pounds and wears a size 12 or 14.
- Models 20 years ago weighed eight percent less than the average woman. Today, they weigh 23 percent less.
- A psychological study in 1995 found that three minutes spent looking at a fashion magazine caused 70 percent of women to feel depressed, guilty and shameful.
- One out of every four college-aged women has an eating disorder.

In a similar vein, proving she is, indeed, "every woman," Oprah Winfrey assures in the March edition of her own magazine, "O," that we need to understand what it takes for magazine models to look the way they do.

Oprah even lets the reader see her prior to a photo shoot. There she is in a picture without makeup, her hair stringy and untamed. In a succession of pictures, she lets us in on the transformation created by makeup artist and hair stylist.

She allows us to see how dramatic is the difference between the natural look and the glamour that ends up on the page and by which we women measure ourselves.

Following this theme, "O" runs a poem by Galway Kennell, called "Saint Francis and the Sow." Among the appropriate lines: "...sometimes it is necessary / to reteach a thing its loveliness..."



Family Medicine

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



baking soda and vinegar into a bottle and quickly put a cork in the top only to have it forcefully blown out by the resulting gas pressure? If not, you may have made a model volcano that you caused to erupt by this same mechanism. Regardless of your childhood chemistry experiments, a similar reaction within the stomach produces gas that distends the stomach. Burping relieves the resulting pressure.

Another common cause of burping is the consumption of carbonated drinks. The "fizz" that makes these beverages more interesting than ones that have been open so long that they have become "flat" is caused by dissolved carbon dioxide gas. When the beverage is removed from its bottle, can or keg, the extra carbon dioxide begins to escape, thereby causing the "fizz." When you drink one of these "fizzing" beverages, some of this dissolved gas remains in the drink long enough to reach the stomach. There it is released. This volume of CO₂ can be large enough to cause burping. Have you been drinking carbonated drinks along with the water you reported?

Some of the gas that is within the stomach is normally passed on down the digestive tract. Problems that prevent or delay this from hap-

pening often cause burping. This could include certain stomach problems and blockage in the duodenum—the first part of the intestines just below the stomach.

The most common cause of burping, however, is due to swallowing air while eating or drinking. We all take in a small amount of air with each bit of food, drink or saliva we swallow. Anxiety, poorly fitting dentures, and eating rapidly can increase the amount of air consumed with each swallow. This larger volume of air creates a hefty bubble within the stomach. The resulting pressure can be

sufficient to become uncomfortable. The only way to have quick relief is to burp. Perhaps this is what is causing your burping.

The treatment for frequent burping starts with a careful evaluation of the things you consume. Are you drinking carbonated beverages or consuming foods with excessive baking soda in them? If so, eliminating these may stop your burping problem. More likely, however, is that your "drinking water like it is going out of style" is the underlying cause. You are swallowing enough air with each swallow of water to

recreate the stomach bubble you just relieved with your last burp. Try to drink your water more slowly instead of "gulping it down." This way you should be swallowing less air.

Try these simple things. You should see your doctor if your burping persists.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fhradio.org/fm.

Less "gulping" of air might lessen reader's belching problem

Question: Please tell me what I can do to stop burping. I'm drinking water like it is going out of style, but it only gives very temporary relief. I burp so much that it disturbs my sleep. Help!

Answer: Everyone burps occasionally, but what you describe is certainly more than normal. Burps are the result of gas building up in the stomach and upper digestive tract, because these are the areas from which it can be expelled through the mouth instead of passing it as flatulence.

Before I continue, let's pause for a short vocabulary lesson. In common usage,

burps are the expulsion of a small amount of gas from the mouth—like burping a baby. Belching is a louder sound produced by the forceful expulsion of a larger amount of gas. As an example, pre-adolescent boys purportedly do this because they have recently discovered how to and also because it annoys their parents. Eructation is the medical term that describes either. In reality, these three terms can be used interchangeably.

Eructation (I'm a doctor, remember) can be produced from chemical reactions that occur in the stomach—principally a reaction of bicarbonate with stomach acid. When you were a kid, didn't you put

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Money

goes. And remember that you are still the parent, so you can refuse to let them buy something you consider dangerous or inappropriate, even if they have the money.

Stress saving

You want to teach your children to save for long-term goals as well as for a toy or CD. Set up a bank account or money market fund for your children, and consider matching all or part of the money they put into the account. This encourages them to save and shows them that you value saving.

If your children have earned income, consider opening Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) for them. Even small contributions can grow over time, starting a retirement nest egg and helping to develop lifelong saving habits.

Older children may want to invest in stocks.

Explain the basics of investing—including the risk involved—and then help them choose stocks or mutual funds. Some high schools and communities offer "investment clubs," in which children can invest regularly in stocks or stock funds.

Set an example

Your children watch what you do, so be a good example. Don't misuse credit cards, and make clear that you save to pay for things you buy on credit. Show them you have a savings plan and that you donate to charity. Include them in financial discussions. For example, if you are buying a car, explain how some cars fit into your budget, while others don't.

The best way to teach children how to manage money wisely is to manage money wisely yourself. Children can start learning about money at an early age.

Youth News

Osborne Elementary's Honor Roll

Dr. W.D. Osborne Elementary announces the second nine weeks honor roll.

Robin Hall's Fourth Grade: A—Emily Huff, Jacob Johnson, Sandra Johnson, Dakota Moore, and Kara Tackett; B—Jonathan Cochran, Rebecca Dutton, Heather Hall, Latasha Moore, Whitney Mosley, and Jennifer Thompson.

Colleen Johnson's Fourth Grade: A—Deven Adams, Savannah Bartley, Allison Daniels, Brandi Frasure, Rachel Johnson, Alanna Meade, Ronsheena Ray, Marissa Spears, Veronica Smith, and Brandon Tackett; B—Emilee Carr, B.J. Duty, Misty Hill, Chelsie Hunt, Justin Johnson, T.J. Johnson, Rebecca Jones, Beth Mullins,

Morgan Puckett, Kayla Slone, Brittany Tackett, and Jessica Tackett.

Sherry Caudill's Fifth Grade: B—Elena Fouts, T'Kiah Jackson, Jeri Ann Jones, and Vanessa Skeens.

Dale Pack's Fifth Grade: A—Wesley Akers, Maria Curry, Ryan Johnson, and Ethan Mullins; B: Danielle Bates, Ivy Bryant, Katie Crum, Ashley Hall, Brandi Hall, Jordan Hall, Tonya Johnson, Faith Little, Kyle Ray, Tia Salisbury, Stephanie Slone, Terri Slone, Amber Tackett, Whitney Tackett, and Brittany Thornsburg.

Jeff Castle's Sixth Grade: A—Bianca Bailey, Chris Hamilton, and Tara Little; B: Jacob Couch, Erica Hall, Ethan Johnson, Lyle Johnson, Morgan Johnson, Paige Johnson, Alena Little, Marquita Little, and Brian Williams.

Susie Tackett's Sixth Grade: B—Shawn Compton, Zach Crum, Leeann Day, Kim Elkins, Kortney

Hall, Tiffany Hall, Sarah Harris, Amanda Lindemuth, Bessie Maynor, and Samantha Tackett.

Piarist School first semester honor roll

Five Piarist School students received perfect 4.0 grade point averages during the first quarter. Six other students received First Honors for having GPA's above 3.70, and eight students received Second Honors for having GPA's between 3.25 and 3.70.

The five students with perfect GPA's are: senior Nora Traum of Prestonsburg; juniors William Jones of Langley and Morgan Caldwell of Prestonsburg; sophomore David Hicks of Martin; and freshman Matthew Francis of Prestonsburg.

Students receiving First Honors

are: seniors Thomas Greene of Prestonsburg and Matthew Goeing of Melvin; junior Heidi Caudill of Prestonsburg; sophomores Balin Loftus of East Point and Sarah Hill of Prestonsburg; and freshman Amanda Keeton of Salyersville.

Students receiving Second Honors are: seniors Joel Castle of East Point and John Layne of Martin; junior Bonnie Cleary of Prestonsburg; sophomore Molli Hall of Paintsville; and freshmen Mary Bentley of McDowell, Tommi Tussey of David, and David Stukenburg and Hannah Goble of Auxier.

The Piarist School is a private, tuition-free college preparatory high school located on Route 80 in Martin. An entrance examination for students interested in entering their freshmen or sophomore year in the fall will be given at the school on Saturday, March 10, at 9 a.m. For more information, call the school at 285-3950.

MATHCOUNTS—Students eager for testing

On Saturday morning, February 10, over 800 middle school students across the Commonwealth woke up early, excited about taking a series of math tests that will last all morning long.

The students participated in the 2001 "Mathcounts" Chapter Competitions that took place in 13 different locations. The testing represented the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers' year-long effort to encourage 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to strengthen their skills in math, science, leadership, and team work—all skills the engineers hope to impress upon the students as being essential to their future academic and work careers.

"Mathcounts" was founded in 1983 by the National Society of Professional Engineers and CNA Insurance Company. Until this year, participation in the event was held to 7th and 8th grade students with a team of four students per school. But this year, citing the desire to increase student involvement and to build upon math skills, the program opened up to 6th grade students, expanding the number of participants per school to a maximum of eight.

As a result of these rule changes, Kentucky's State "Mathcounts" Chairman, Randal S. Williamson, P.E., a mechanical design engineer with Lexmark International, Inc. in Lexington, says Kentucky's program "grew by leaps and bounds to achieve a 54.8% increase in students over last year."

The 811 students that competed in the first phase of the competition represented 137 schools. Locally, the Mountain Christian Academy, John M. Stumbo Elementary, Allen Elementary, and Allen Central Middle School, along with three Pike county and two Johnson county schools, represented the Big Sandy Chapter.

Students have said that the competitions are fun and challenging and that

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McDOWELL ELEM. CONTEST

The 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students in Kevin Slone's art class at McDowell Elementary competed in a school wide compact disk cover contest. The students designed their own CD covers, and the entire student body voted for their favorites.

Shown, with Mr. Slone, are the contest winners, Megan Robinson, third place, Stephanie Fraley, second place, and Tyler Greer, first place.

Piarist school to hold entrance examination

The Piarist School, a private, tuition-free, college preparatory high school, will hold an entrance examination for students entering their freshmen or sophomore years of high school in the fall. The exam will be given on Saturday, March 10, at 9 a.m., at the school, which is located at the second traffic light on Route 80 in Martin.

Now in its eleventh year, the school has small class sizes and offers a solid academic program taught within a Christian atmosphere. Free transportation is available from selected locations in Prestonsburg, Harold, McDowell, Paintsville, Salyersville, and Pikeville. The school also has a unique week-long field studies program for all

four years. All of its graduates are accepted to four-year colleges, and many receive substantial scholarships. The school offers a wide range of extracurricular activities including academic team, science olympiad, drama, Y-club, and forensics. This year, the school won the most outstanding delegation award to the Kentucky Youth Assembly. The athletic program consists of basketball, golf, cross country, and track and field. In addition, the school offers its students individual attention as well as many Advanced Placement and lab science courses.

To register or to request more information, call 285-3950, e-mail at: piarist@kih.net, or visit the web site: www.geocities.com/piarist



COMPTON EXCELS

Leslie Compton, daughter of Joetta and Eddie Case, is a senior at South Floyd High School. She enjoys reading, writing poetry, and listening to music. She plans to attend Morehead State University and major in Music Theory and Composition.

Leslie has maintained a 3.97 GPA and is in the top ten of her graduating class.

She is Co-Captain of the Speech and Drama team, and has received multiple awards for her participation on district, regional and state levels.

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Organizations



Dr. Douglas Herman presented a seminar entitled "Don't You be Cookin' My Head: A Northern White in a Black Southern College," in the Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery on February 15. Dr. Herman drew upon his personal experiences as a college professor at the predominantly black University of Arkansas, Pine Bluff during the 1980's. The title's expression is derived from a conversation among two black students that Dr. Herman once overheard during his days at U. A. The expression is meant to convey the message, "Don't try to change my mind, or persuade me to adopt a different opinion."

The seminar was the second in a series sponsored by the PCC Library. Other seminars to follow are: "Domestic Violence as a Health, Social and Cultural Problem," presenter, Dr. Tamara Knox, March 7, 12:30 p.m., and "The Great American Read Aloud," a day long celebration of reading that will be held in the PCC Library on April 4, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

LOCAL PHOTOGRAPHER ELECTED TO PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION



Steven G. Porter, PPA Certified Master Photographer, attended the Kentucky Professional Photographers Association 57th Annual Convention held January 24-29 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Lexington.

The Association elected and installed new officers and directors for the upcoming year at this time.

After serving two years of a four year term as an eastern area director, Porter was nominated and elected by his peers on the executive board of directors to fulfill KPPA's position of Secretary of State.

This position is the first step toward becoming President of the prestigious association.

Porter served as state Treasurer in 2000, and was also nominated and elected to the position of Vice President.

The Kentucky Professional Photographers Association was founded in 1943, and is the premier provider of educational opportunities and fellowship among professional photographers in Kentucky. The mission of the KPPA is to educate its members through the provision of lectures, demonstrations, hands-on experiences, and print competitions that provide means of enhancement of photographic skills and abilities.

These opportunities exist in an atmosphere of friendliness and warmth to all participating.

Porter will automatically become the 57th President of KPPA in the year 2002.

The Kentucky Professional Photographers Association is an affiliate of the Professional Photographers of America, and as President, Porter will be representing the state of Kentucky at all regional, national, and international meetings, as they occur.

Porter and his wife, Angela, own and operate Porter Studio and Associates, in Prestonsburg.

Youth News

Excels

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Leslie serves as a volunteer at the Wheelwright Senior Citizens Center and has participated in many church related musicals and volunteer groups throughout her life. She was a performer in the 2000 Safe Schools Concert.

Leslie has been a member of the Allen Central Chorus for six years, the Allen Central Concert Band for three years, the Allen Central Pep Band for three years, the Allen Central Marching Band for two years, the Allen Central Jazz Band for two years, and Independent Music for one year.

She has also participated in the All-County Chorus for five years, the All-District Chorus for three years, the All-County Band for three years, the All-District Band for two years, the Morehead State Band Clinic for one year, and the Governor's Parade for one year.

Leslie has received Proficient and Distinguished ratings in Vocal and Instrumental Solos and Ensembles.

She plays the clarinet, as well as the trumpet, and is presently learning to play the saxophone.

Her love of music has been, and will continue to be, a driving passion in her life.

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they find motivation in the opportunity to advance to upper levels of competition where college scholarships and other awards can be had as the result of doing well.

Students that competed this past week are hoping to advance to the Kentucky state competition that will be held on March 24 in Lexington, where 4-year, full-tuition scholarships to either the University of Kentucky or the University of Louisville will be awarded.

State winners will also look forward to an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. in May, where they will compete on a national level in hopes of attaining further scholarships, gold medals, a trip to U.S. Space Camp, and more.

The Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers, headquartered in Frankfort, sponsors the "Mathcounts" program through its non-profit, education-based corporation, the Kentucky Engineering Foundation, Inc.

This program is operated and administered by volunteers from the engineering community with financial support offered by many companies, individuals, and organizations.

Among the program's supporters are the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, which provide the scholarships.

Other financial supporters include: KFC Corporation, Kentucky Consulting Engineers Council, ALCOA Foundation, Kentucky Association of Transportation Engineers, Lexmark International, Inc., LG&E Foundation/Kentucky Utilities Company, and Ashland, Inc., to name just a few.

For further information concerning the MATHCOUNTS program, contact Connie Davis, State MATHCOUNTS Coordinator at the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers, 160 Democrat Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601. Telephone: (502) 695-5680 or 1-800-455-5573, or e-mail: connie@kyengcenter.org.

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Ponder

"destroy it", if we don't understand "it" or how to fit "it" into our world.

Of course it is not surprising that the third possible source for the stigma is plain ole' simple ignorance. So many people are just now beginning to understand that our brains and our behavior are connected, and that many of the disturbed, maladaptive, and confusing behaviors we can observe in people with psychiatric illnesses are the result of disturbances in brain function. Would you believe that many individuals—family and physicians—think of these behaviors as being done "on purpose" and that the person "could control herself if

she really wanted to."

It is not a sure thing, but there are ways that people can either optimize their health and wellness, or choose behaviors that are bad for their well being. It's easy to say that such individuals need to make better choices about their behaviors by using "will power" or "self control" or "motivation", but often it's not that simple. Making appropriate choices and decisions is a brain function like any other, and is the result of prior learning, past experience, and current appropriate information processing. Being motivated is a brain state also. As anyone with depression or schizophrenia could tell you, sometimes it's hard-

KCTCS offers scholarships to high school seniors, GED recipients

Kentucky high school seniors and GED recipients are eligible to apply for the Governor's Kentucky Technical College Scholarship.

The scholarships, which carry an estimated value of \$4,000 each, are awarded based on academic achievement, character excellence and career potential. The full scholarships apply to diploma or degree programs. They cover tuition and fees, equipment such as tools, books,

supplies, personal safety equipment and uniforms.

"Success on the job requires thinking, learning and analytical skills," said Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, which includes the state's 15 technical colleges. "Success on the job also requires specific, technical skills.

"Students who are looking for a way to change their lives can

get the critical-thinking and technical skills they need through the colleges of KCTCS. The programs that we offer in more than 80 general areas - such as health care, computers, construction technology or business - can open up world of opportunities."

In the Governor's Kentucky Technical College Scholarship program, each technical college and each branch campus may offer as many as two scholarships to current high school

seniors who will enter college in the 2001-02 academic year. Each main and branch campus also may offer one scholarship to a GED recipient. The scholarships run for the duration of the academic program.

Applications for the scholarships are available from high school guidance counselors or from Kentucky's technical colleges.

The application deadline is March 15.



Students in Mrs. Allison's kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary visited the residents at Prestonsburg Health Care Center in December to share Christmas songs and books with them. The students are, front, left to right, Cheyenne Clifton, Morgan Nunnery, Bradley Jackson, Tommy Osborne, Colton Boleyn, Amber Hayden, Nikki Ellis, and Johnny Shepherd. Back, left to right, are Aaron Meek, Samantha Lafferty, Mikka Lowe, Hannah Hitchcock, Clarissa Bryant, Rachel Dingus, Kaleb Rodebaugh, Grant Gearheart, McKinley Minix, and Clay Lemaster.

"Education Pays" offers \$500 Scholarships

The Cabinet for Workforce Development Secretary, Allen D. Rose, has announced that the cabinet's third annual "Education Pays" scholarship program is accepting applications. The scholarship is for clients of the cabinet's wide range of employment and training programs and services.

These scholarships have helped Kentuckians continue their education, while promoting the "Education Pays" concept.

To be eligible, applicants must be a client of at least one of the cabinet's services, which include adult education, vocational rehabilitation programs, unemployment insurance, job search, Workforce Investment Act training, and secondary technical education, among others. Applicants must also be Kentucky residents and enroll in a Kentucky post-secondary educational institution for the fall 2001 semester.

Applications and complete eligibility guidelines are available through adult learning centers; local offices of the Department for the Blind; Department for Employment Services and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation; Kentucky Tech area technology centers; and adult education and Workforce Investment Act service providers. The completed scholarship application packet must be postmarked by April 20, 2001.

Applications and guidelines may also be accessed at the cabinet's Web page at www.state.ky.us/agencies/wforce. The \$500 scholarships may be used for tuition, books, lab, and technology fees.

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Computer Divorce

told us all the additional things we needed. One was the dummie book. A book for dummies, like



Rosalee Martin, of Drift, has earned her high school diploma, almost 43 years after completing the eighth grade. She enrolled in a study-at-home program offered by Harcourt Learning Center, of Scranton, Pennsylvania. Coming from a family of 15, only she, a younger brother, and a younger sister, have received high school diplomas. She said the accomplishment is "the completion of a dream come true." Her guiding verse, she said, is Philippians 4:13: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." She is the wife of Raymond Martin.

me. The reams of paper and ink that we would need, the mouse pad, etc. It was a large haul.

I thought to myself, anyone that had learned to put together every kind of electronic toy, as well as bicycles, for three boys over the past 40 years, could certainly put an already assembled computer together." Soon we began to open boxes with a hundred miles of wires and connections. Each box said to save it for future use. We have five washer & dryer size boxes stored in a large room upstairs.

I jumped into putting that computer together like a dog after a tomcat. I stopped after about eight hours and was ready to surrender and to ask for help. I asked my wife what she thought we should do. She was holding a large book in her hand the size of a Sears catalogue and said, "why don't we start with the manual, so we won't have left over parts?" This really got to me—because every time I put something together there are always too many parts. I have tried to tell her those are extra parts and spare screws that they don't need. She went on to say what about trying this one. "How to assemble your computer." I said where did that book come from? She said out of the box. I told her I sure didn't see that book or I would have

given it at least a once-over. I looked in the index and it listed how to begin, on pages 8-127. I found lying in the floor, a large wall paper size chart with pictures of the color coded plug ends and sockets. It showed exactly where to place each hundred miles of wire. I asked, "where did you have this covered up?" She said, that when I tore into the box like a mad dog after a tom cat, I had thrown it aside and she picked it up for safe keeping.

Late afternoon and just before bedtime, I had five boxes stored away and a hundred miles of electrical wire connected and we were ready to turn it on. I felt like Chevy Chase in the movie "Christmas Lampoons," you know the one where he is about to light up all the outdoor Christmas lights. I was in the same predicament, when I pushed the "on" switch to the blank screen, "the t.v. monitor lit up but nothing happened. My wife asked what was wrong. I said we must have gotten a lemon of a computer. She asked if I had pushed the right button and that question was the wrong button for me. I answered that all the right buttons were pushed and it should be operating. She asked if I had all the plugs in their proper place. That was when the plug inside of me blew a fuse. Then she had the

high level of fear and anxiety to being around others. A guess is that he was having significant distress since the mother was concerned enough to take him to the physician. Most often, the condition is so easy to treat, if only the parents will follow through as a team. Instead, the mother called today and cancelled his appointment; "He doesn't need it right now." One sure wonders about the impact this decision might have on the child's life.

Dr. Lineberger is a Licensed Psychologist with a private practice in Prestonsburg, she provided professional mental health services, therapy and testing, for all ages.

Bill Francis, grew up in Garrett, but now lives at Mousie. To write to him, the address is: Box 453, Hindman, Ky. 41822.

Eyes

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about 50 steps (or so it seemed). I can remember counting them, although I don't remember the exact number) traveled straight and steep up to the second floor. My father's office was to the right upon exiting the top of the staircase.

I grew to love this building. It was full of typewriters, office supplies, books and huge portraits of past administrators. I can still recall exactly how this building smelled, and the exact spots that I could step upon to hear the floorboards creak.

Spending time there on Sunday afternoons afforded me ample opportunity to explore the nooks and crannies of the building and to creep along the hallways undetected by any who would perhaps scoot me back to my father's office during any another day of the week.

I remember also that the county library was housed in this building when I was very young. It was here that I received my first experience in the "borrowing" of books. I recall being in this library (which was on the first floor, housed in an area to the right upon entering through the front door) once after dark. I believe I had some books to return and my father took me inside to leave the books on the librarian's desk. I can remember that it felt very scary to me, the room seemed extremely large and my father had only flipped on the lights that were closest to the front of the room, leaving tall bookcases looming upwards into dark shadows. I began to vividly imagine the monsters and horrific beings that I was most sure existed beyond those shadows and behind those bookcases. I remember telling my father that I didn't "like it in here right now" and urging him to take us away from this sinister room.

In working on the "Before we forget..." photographic histories of area buildings that Pam began before she left, as well as in dealing with the previously mentioned close contact with our educational system that I have stumbled upon as late, this old building has come to my mind.

It's gone now, but my memories associated with it are firmly in place.

I think I'll keep 'em.

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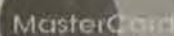
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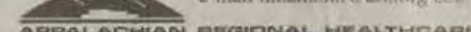
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