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briefs

Appeals court meeting in Prestonsburg

The state Court of Appeals will convene in a special "on the road" session in Floyd County next week.

The court will hear oral arguments Tuesday in the Floyd County Justice Center, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The hearings are open to the public and high school students are being encouraged to attend the session.

"The oral arguments will be an exciting educational experience and an excellent opportunity for students interested in pursuing legal careers to observe the court and to address questions to the judges," said Appeals Court Judge David Barber of Prestonsburg.

Along with Barber, Judges Daniel Guidugli and Joseph Huddleston and Special Judge Mart Corey will sit on three-judge panels to hear the cases.

The court will hear arguments from five cases, including two malpractice cases, a property case, a dispute over a coal washing contract and a disagreement between the city of Barbourville and Knox County over occupational tax credits.

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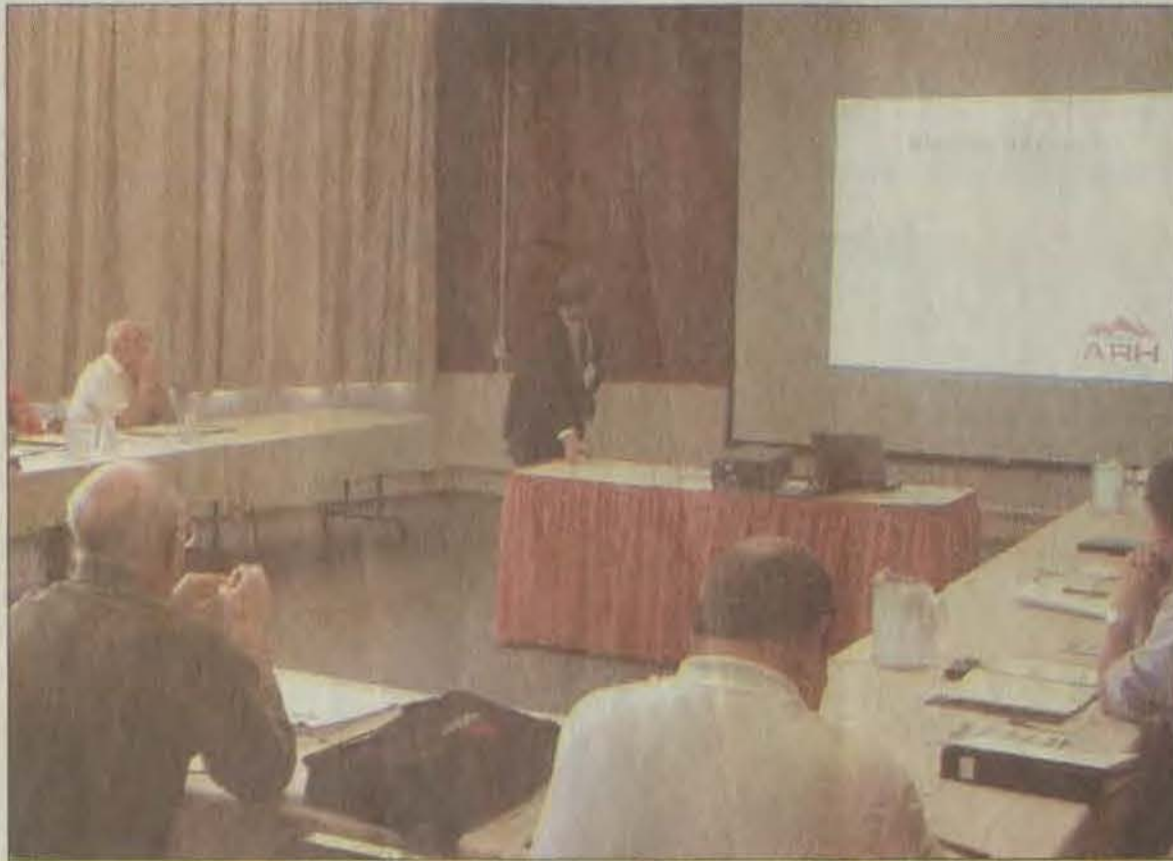
Tomorrow



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warm**

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Appalachian Regional Healthcare President and CEO Stephen C. Hanson began Thursday's retreat by addressing the ARH Board of Trustees and System Leadership Council about the state of ARH just after 2 p.m. at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park's May Lodge.

photo by Sheldon Compton

ARH leaders gather in P'burg to discuss future of health care

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

For years, citizens in communities such as McDowell and Hazard where Appalachian Regional Healthcare has locations have held fast to the notion that to get adequate health care, they must travel to Lexington and Louisville hospitals.

There are many theories as to why this frame of mind exists.

Some say it is a belief passed down from generation to generation from a time when health care, in fact, was arguably inadequate in Eastern Kentucky. But others would complain the financial assistance simply is not present.

Perhaps both are right, and more so, perhaps this issues begs for attention.

That is the very idea the ARH Board of Trustees, physicians and community leaders had in mind as

they met for a scheduled, and rare, retreat to discuss these and other concerns at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Thursday afternoon.

The retreat, which will extend beyond an average meeting as it will continue through until tomorrow, is the first time in recent history a gathering of this size has met to address a single issue —

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Revocation hearing called off

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A revocation hearing that had been rescheduled for Monday in regard to local attorney Sheridan Martin's probation will not be heard as originally planned.

The hearing had been rescheduled after a motion was filed in Floyd Circuit Court to revoke Martin's probation in response to new allegations which were

attached to the motion and provided written accounts that Martin had allegedly sexually harassed a nurse at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

According to Assistant Attorney General Luke Morgan, who was assigned as special prosecutor in the case, there will be no hearing on Monday.

The hearing, which would have taken place in Catlettsburg and heard by special judge C.

David Hagerman, was cancelled after an order was signed and placed in the mail by Judge Hagerman earlier in the week, according to Morgan.

Attempts to determine the nature of Hagerman's motion were unsuccessful. However, Morgan stated that the order "would explain everything."

It is not known, at this time, if the hearing has been cancelled or rescheduled.

Students to mark DARE day at spillway

by SHELTON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department will be holding its 11th annual Drug Abuse Resistance Education Day at Dewey Dam on Monday.

The festivities will begin at 9 a.m. with a DARE Olympics that will last until approximately 11 a.m. The sheriff's office encourages every student to enter at least one event, and, according to the sheriff's office, there should be something for everyone, as the agenda includes a long list of interesting events.

"We would like for all the children to enter either an academic event or an athletic event," Lt. Ricky Thornberry said on Thursday.

Included in the list of events is an academic event called "Who Wants To Be a Drug-Free Millionaire", a variation on the popular game show that adds the DARE program's own unique touch.

Another event that will challenge students to use their minds will be checkers. The academic events will be supplemented by various athletic events as well.

Athletic events such as horse-shoes, basketball and a football toss will add excitement to the day as well as volleyball, sack races and three-legged races. Many of these athletic events will come together to provide students with an overall obstacle course on which to test their skill and remind them of the importance of being

(See DARE, page two)

StoneCrest to hold grand opening Monday

Times Staff Report

Three weeks to the day it first opened, StoneCrest Golf Course will celebrate its birth by holding grand opening ceremonies.

The celebration will take place on Monday, May 21.

Ceremonies will begin at 11 a.m. with a welcome from Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin and Course Committee Chairman Paul Hughes.

Keynote speakers are State Majority Floor Leader Greg Stumbo and Congressman Hal Rogers.

Following a ribbon-cutting and refreshments, guests will

be invited to watch golf pros Russ Cochran and Robert Damron exhibit their golfing skills at the new driving range.

The afternoon will conclude with golfers playing on the new golf course.

The shotgun starting field will be selected first-come, first-serve. To register, call Larry Ward at (606) 886-1006 and reserve a tee placement by Friday.

The course lies atop Maggie Mountain, sandwiched between the city of Prestonsburg and Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Access is obtained one mile north of Prestonsburg on Route 321.

State files suit to condemn property for Town Branch bridge

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

With the construction of the new Town Branch bridge to begin soon, the state has filed condemnation proceedings against one nearby landowner.

The home belongs to Clayton and Carol B. Holland who purchased property in August 1993 located near the entrance of the Town Branch Bridge in Prestonsburg.

The Transportation Cabinet and the Kentucky Department of Highways filed a complaint against the Holland family in Floyd Circuit Court on Friday seeking to condemn the property, which now stands in the way of construction of the new bridge.

The property location includes over an acre of land and the home, which is currently being rented from the Hollands by Raymond Gibson.

"Right now, it's just a matter

of compensation," said Pam Clay, Transportation Cabinet Attorney who filed the lawsuit with the Floyd County Courts.

According to Clay, the Hollands have failed to recommend a satisfactory compensatory amount for the property.

Clay, who said she would prefer that the matter be settled out of court, has petitioned the court to appoint three impartial "housekeepers," or impartial landowners of Floyd County who have no interest in the property, to act as court commissioners who will give a fair appraisal of the property.

Carol Holland, who has not yet sought legal counsel in the matter, said she's been through lawsuits such as this before.

"No one wants to lose a home, but it's a process of life," said Carol Holland. "They decide where to build the roads, whether it's good, or whether it's bad. That's just the way it goes."



photo by Sheldon Compton

An ambulance interrupted Archer Park's league softball game on Tuesday, but for good reason. The ambulance left with a 6-year-old boy who, according to witnesses, had jumped a nearby fence and ran into the path of an oncoming truck. The accident left the boy with an injured left ankle and he was taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center for treatment.

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ARH

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today's health care challenges.

This single issue is anything but simple, however. Among those who attended the retreat was ARH President and Chief Executive Officer Stephen C. Hanson, who, accompanied by Board of Trustees Chairman William Engle, offered a conference meeting to discuss and informally address questions about the nature of this unusual gathering and their hopes for the future of quality regional health care.

"We exist to provide care when people would not get that

care otherwise," Hanson said Thursday. "That's the mission we've had from the beginning and we want to continue. We think that getting all of this together will help solve some of those problems."

The problem, according to Hanson, is that people are leaving the area for services that are not available to them locally. This phenomenon is commonly referred to as "out migration" and has been a concern of ARH for many years.

Hanson said that now many of these services will be avail-

able locally for those who need them. He made clear that many procedures and advancements such as open-heart surgery, which will be coming soon to the Hazard ARH location, fall well within ARH's mission statement.

"Research-based work should be restricted to university hospitals, such as cancer research work," said Hanson. "But these things, like the plans for implementing an open-heart surgery operation for Hazard, do fall within our mission."

Hanson further explained

that, in many cases, trips to ARH emergency rooms become doctor visits for people who cannot afford much else. These departments should be made better and improved upon, said Hanson.

According to Hanson, funding will go to individual community hospitals based on guidelines which included population and the needs of the community as a whole. That funding must first be made available.

Plans to produce opportunities for increased funding, a plan that will hopefully offer some relief from federal cutbacks

which occurred in 1998, is one of the many issues to be discussed during the retreat.

Some funding has been made available and is evident when considering the renovations and technical advancements which have been set in motion at various locations, such as McDowell ARH.

McDowell ARH has recently received a mobile MRI unit and hopes to acquire in the future an advanced CAT scanning device known as a spiral CT scanner, a device which would increase the efficiency and effectiveness of

trauma patient care.

Engle, an energetic advocate and lifelong supporter of local health care, admitted during an interview session prior to the first in a series of informative presentations, that "outmigration" is a phenomenon that must be acknowledged.

"There is no one sitting here who has not had family do this," said Engle. "We need to concentrate on convincing people they can get this care here. I don't blame anybody but us for not spreading the word better."

ARH is a "mission driven" organization, Engle said, and offered that ARH should look to the people in the area and ask what they think should be done to improve the quality of health care.

"We should be asking the people in these communities what we need to do to better serve them," said Hanson, "rather than approaching such issues as a bureaucracy."

DARE

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healthy.

As the festivities come to a close just before lunch, world champion karate instructor Troy Burchett will, along with his Black Dragon Kenpo team, hold a martial arts demonstration until 11:30 a.m. Students will be afforded an opportunity to see how a healthy body and mind can lead to discipline and self-awareness, while at the same time being entertained by Burchett and his highly competitive list of students and fellow martial artists.

After a one hour break for lunch ending at noon, the rest of the day until departure will be given to free time.

During this free time, students will have several attractions to choose from to quench whatever curiosities they might have. On hand for Monday's festivities will be various agencies that assist the sheriff's office on a daily basis, such as ambulances and fire trucks.

Students will have the chance to choose what they wish to take part in as music and other activities are encouraged during these relaxed final hours of DARE Day.

Anyone interested in taking part in Monday's activities can call the Floyd County Sheriff's Department at (606) 886-6171, or e-mail them at fcsd@bellsouth.net.

Frito-Lay driver hurt in wreck

Times Staff Report

A Stanville man is in serious condition in a West Virginia hospital following a wreck Thursday in Pike County.

Brent S. Scalf, 24, was operating a Frito-Lay delivery van along US 23 near the Wal-Mart intersection when the accident occurred.

According to a report from Pikeville Police Department, Scalf was driving north around 8 a.m. when he collided with another vehicle driven by Johnny E. Varney, 25, of Kimper.

Scalf was ejected from the van and was seriously injured. He was transported to Pikeville Methodist Hospital before being flown to Cabell-Huntington Hospital in Huntington, W.Va.

Varney was treated at the scene for an arm injury.

Pikeville Patrolman John F. Hunt continues to investigate the accident.

Did You Know?

(NAPSA)-A study has shown that more than 50 percent of adults in the U.S. will experience at least one major trauma in their lives. Another study has shown that 20 percent of those who experienced an extreme trauma went on to develop posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD). To learn about PTSD and its treatments, call the toll-free information line for the Pfizer/YWCA Moving Past Trauma™ PTSD Community Outreach Program at 1-800-455-8300.

There are numerous organizations that are willing to help pay for education through scholarship funds. For example, Burger King Corporation expects to award 1,000 scholarships this year in the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico through the Burger King Scholars Program. For more information, visit www.nfabk.org and click on "Burger King/McLamore Foundation."

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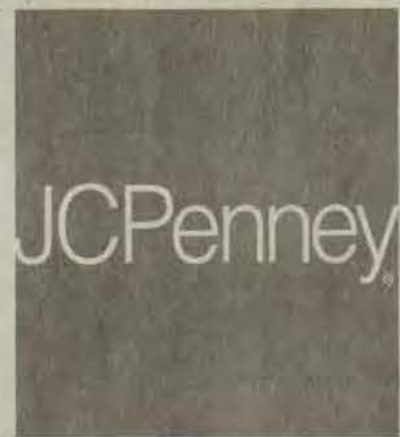
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PCC's Class of 1966, Where are they now?



MARY ROSE HALL BAILEY

by Dr. Robert Perry
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Inspired by a PCC counselor, Mary Rose Hall Bailey, Class of 1966, pursued a career in education and became a dedicated teacher at Paintsville Elementary School. She retired in 1997, after twenty-seven years of successful teaching.

When I asked Mary how her years at PCC had affected her life, she said, "If PCC had not

been built, I probably would never have received a college education. My teachers at PCC were very helpful and gave me incentive to continue. I will never forget Dr. Joseph Jeffries, who instilled a love for science and helped me learn how to teach science myself; Dr. Larry Stanley, who made history come alive; Mr. Walter Frasure, who gave me a clear vision of the teacher's mission; and Mr. Thomas Knuckles, who insisted that I maintain high standards in my English compositions."

Following her years at PCC, Mary moved with her husband to Bowling Green, Kentucky, where she enrolled in Western Kentucky University, earning her B.S. degree in 1968. She received her M.A. degree from Eastern Kentucky University in 1971 and her Rank I from Morehead State in 1994. In 1990 Mary was listed in "Who's Who in America's Teachers."

During her student days Mary was somewhat older than her classmates, having graduated from Wheelwright High School in 1954. The daughter of Ermine and Dinah Hall of Bypro, Mary moved to Dayton, Ohio after taking classes at Mayo Tech and began working for the U.S. Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base. There she met Wallace Bailey, a World War II veteran, whom she married in 1957. The couple subsequently returned to Kentucky and settled in Paintsville.

Mary writes: "Wallace was a paratrooper during World War II and was severely wounded during the Battle of the Bulge. Even though he was confined to a wheelchair, he swam, bowled, and played basketball and volleyball. During the school year he worked as a volunteer at Paintsville High School, helping with track, basketball and baseball. During the summer months we traveled throughout the United States. We were scheduled to leave for Alaska when Wallace died. We were married for 32 and one half years."

Though she is retired, Mary is still active in the Paintsville community. For the last forty-one years, she has taught Sunday School at Paintsville's First Baptist Church, and she also devotes some of her time to the Hall-Bailey Scholarship.

Prestonsburg Community College salutes Mary Rose Hall Bailey, Class of 1966!

LORETTA BURCHETT BLACKBURN

Floyd county native Loretta Burchett Blackburn, Class of 1966, achieved success as an elementary school teacher, despite the fact that in 1946 she dropped out of high school to get married. Today she is the proud mother of four daughters with college degrees and the proud grandmother of seven grandchildren with college degrees.

When I asked Loretta about her PCC experience, she said, "I would never have gone back to school if it hadn't been for Prestonsburg Community College."

In 1946, Loretta dropped out of Auxier High School to marry Floyd countyman Lloyd Blackburn. Eighteen years later, she entered Prestonsburg Community College as a 35 year old mother with a GED. After earning her associate degree in 1966, Loretta transferred to Pikeville College and graduated with a B.S. in Elementary Education in 1968. She returned to Prestonsburg that fall and began teaching Grade One at Prestonsburg

Elementary. The job suited her, and she ended up holding the position for the next 22 years. Loretta retired in the spring of 1990.

During her early years at Prestonsburg Elementary, Loretta continued to improve herself. In 1972 she earned her M.A. in Elementary Education from Eastern Kentucky University, and in 1975 she earned her Rank I Certificate from the same school.

Loretta believes that she set a good example for her four daughters, all of whom hold college degrees. LaDonna Blackburn Miller, her oldest, graduated from PCC in 1967 and went on to earn her B.S. in Elementary Education from Pikeville College. Sheryl Blackburn Jurich graduated from the University of Kentucky and earned her M.A. at Louisville's Bellarmine College. Connie Blackburn Miller graduated from Eastern Kentucky University and has her M.A. from the University of Virginia. Beverly Blackburn, her youngest daughter, graduated from Eastern Kentucky University and teaches at Porter Elementary in Johnson county.

Loretta is the daughter of Myrtle and the late Lonnie Burchett of Floyd county. This year she and her husband celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary.

Nine of Loretta's ten grandchildren have earned associate degrees at PCC and transferred to other schools. Seven have earned bachelor degrees, and five are now employed as a result of their degrees. Three are still in college working towards degree requirements.

Prestonsburg Community College salutes Loretta Burchett Blackburn, Class of 1966!

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Guest View

Gas prices demand some action

As gasoline prices soar, President Bush must begin speaking more forcefully about the nation's energy problems. His response to this point has been far too weak.

Prices at Indianapolis pumps are running as high as \$1.87 a gallon for regular, already exceeding last summer's record-setting highs. And worse may still away motorists. USA Today recently reported that dealers in California and Chicago have been told by their suppliers that prices could top \$3 a gallon by early summer. A gallon of self-serve regular already costs more than \$2 in Chicago, which has the highest prices in the nation.

Yet, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer offered Americans little reassurance that help is on the way. "(The president) has never sought a quick fix because quick fixes don't work," Fleischer said.

Fleischer specifically rejected price controls (we concur) but also dismissed any discussion of a temporary rollback in the 18.4-cent a gallon federal gas tax.

Bush shouldn't be so quick to reject a tax cut that could instantly help ordinary Americans. For instance, a 10-cent a gallon drop in the federal gas tax would save the average family about \$113 a year. More significantly, it could help counter the inflationary pressures that higher gas prices are bound to exert on the nation's economy.

We agree that quick fixes usually don't work and that as a nation we can't rely on gimmicks to help us meet demands for energy in the years ahead. But even a temporary tax cut — one lasting through the end of the fiscal year — would help American families during the summer peak for driving and help settle the nation's already shaky economy.

Bush is expected to deliver a major address on the nation's energy policy later this month. It's likely to focus, however, almost completely on long-term solutions. A national discussion about conservation, supplies and sources of energy is greatly needed, and we welcome the president's initiative.

But in ignoring Americans' immediate concerns, Bush is not only endangering his own political popularity but also the nation's economic health.

— *The Indianapolis Star*

CONGRESSIONAL DEMOCRATS VS. THE PRESIDENT: ROUND ONE

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Think About It

The Legend of Doc Bill Hollow

Before the recent rash of television series depicting ghost hunters and grave dwellers braving the dark and terrible night to search for evidence of the undead, I was out there ... hunting ... searching ... scaring the mortal living daylights out of myself on a weekly basis.

A good example of this type of television hype would be the MTV show "Fear."

I watch this thing and can't help but think of the dozens and dozens of trips I've taken to places that many have forgotten even existed, such as Doc Bill Hollow in Pike County.

Sounds corny doesn't it? I wish.

Doc Bill Hollow is nothing short of a portal for not only ghosts (that just wouldn't be enough would it), but demons as well.

Yes, demons. Suddenly I have lost anyone who may have been reading this because I am now officially off the charts, right? Well, just bear with me. Demons exist. To say that demons

don't exist, well, just ain't logical. Being from a region deeply steeped in religious beliefs I'm sure it's safe to say that most of us believe in angels. If asked, there's probably not a single person around who would say they didn't believe in angels.

Now, I ask you this: Do you believe in salt?

Salt. Of course you believe in salt, it's right there, am I crazy and so on and so on.

Then I must ask, do you believe in pepper?

You see where this is going most likely. If you believe in angels, what comes attached to that belief is the idea of demons. One simply cannot exist without the other. Our belief in angels is easy. Angels are an easy thing to believe in because the thought of them is so comforting.

Demons, although just as readily mentioned all throughout the Bible, are a concept that is far from being even remotely comforting. But that doesn't make them products of mere imagination or fodder for hundreds of bad Hollywood movies.

One can hardly take the good without also accepting the bad. We have salt and pepper in this world, yin and yang, good and evil.

A rational person is certainly afforded two choices: 1) Accept both angels and demons as being entities that share space with us on this planet, or 2) Believe in neither angels or demons.

Since everyone is going to choose the first option for fear of a streaking lightning bolt from the heavens heading this way postmarked, MY HEAD, allow me to tell you about Doc Bill Hollow.

Ten years ago Doc Bill Hollow was populated by several homes and several families. Children road bikes, wives and mothers tended large, productive gardens, husbands and fathers worked on the family car and organized weekend cookouts. Families got together and celebrated New Year's Eve or a recent birthday.

Today there is nothing in Doc Bill Hollow.

All that is left are empty lots and overgrown areas where gardens once grew. A single road winds nearly two miles from the main road into the dark hills of Pike County and you will not find a single home, not one person, only the sounds that surround you and a head full of stories about strange happenings that have occurred in the past 10 years on the very ground you stand on. In short, the entire situation is breath-taking, literally.

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Guest Column

Death penalty won't bring back loved ones

by PAUL STEVENS

We are about to witness the execution of Timothy McVeigh for the bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building and the killing of 168 men, women and children, and the injuring of many more. I pause to think that each of McVeigh's victims had a special life, with a family and loved ones. Each had dreams and ambitions. None to be realized.

I know, as well as anyone can, what this kind of loss feels like, and the grief it brings to parents and loved ones. That's because my precious 20-year-old daughter

Cindy was murdered by another crazy man — this one crazy with alcohol and hate and lust. McVeigh, I believe, is crazy with hate for the government, which I guess means all of us.

When my daughter was brutally murdered while babysitting for a neighbor, I was just about destroyed. I saw her body, lying in a pool of her own blood, lifeless. I was as full of hate and sorrow and was wanting revenge as much as any human being could possibly be.

My anger got so bad that my wife and other children and I had to leave our home, our town, our friends, and settle elsewhere. We settled in Dawson Springs, Ky. But I found I couldn't move from my hatred and my sorrow. They were still there, destroying my life.

It was a very long struggle until I finally found my peace in my faith in God and — as difficult as it is for me to say it

— I found peace in forgiveness. It wasn't until I realized that neither my hate nor my wanting revenge would bring back my Cindy that my spirits began to calm. Only then could I begin to work out the awful grief in my heart from the loss of my beloved daughter.

I now do a volunteer spiritual ministry with many of the prisoners at the Eddyville penitentiary, including the murderers there. I find that these men, who have done such awful things, are human beings, too, and many of them struggle to find some redeeming grace in their lost lives and some way to compensate for what they have done.

It takes some of them a time to realize the enormity of their crimes, and the awful waste of their lives, and I guess some do not have the mental capacity or sanity to ever realize this. But I believe most of them try to find some

way to make peace with their God. I do this spiritual work in Cindy's name, as I know she would want me to.

From my own experience, I can say to all who will listen that exacting revenge by killing the murderer of your child will not bring the child back, will not take the hate out of your heart, and will not bring closure to your grief. I am not alone, as many victims' families have told me they believe as I do.

The death penalty will end the suffering of the killer, that's for sure, but it will end nothing for the family members of the victim. Although the death penalty in this country is a powerful symbol for justice and protection, I believe that carrying it out will accomplish nothing helpful for victims' families.

The death penalty not only doesn't bring me comfort, it

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Conway leaving for political spotlight

Gov. Paul Patton's chief advisor on energy issues, Jack Conway, has decided to resign from government service to pursue opportunities in the private sector and the political arena.

Conway, who currently serves as deputy secretary of the Governor's Executive Cabinet and Legal Counsel in the Office of the Governor, will leave his post at the end of May.

"During his tenure, Jack has worked closely with me on sev-

eral major legislative initiatives," Patton said. "I have valued his service to me and the people of Kentucky during our administration. It is my hope that he will be able to continue that service in an elective office. I wish him all the best."

Conway has been with the Office of the Governor since Patton was first inaugurated in 1995, serving as legal counsel to the Governor's Cabinet, legislative aide and most recently as

deputy secretary.

In addition to his legal duties, Conway served as the deputy chief operating officer for Kentucky State Government; helping to coordinate the activities of the 14 executive branch cabinets, provide policy direction to the state agencies that employ over 33,000 persons full-time, and also helping to administer the \$12 billion annual state budget.

In addition to his role as a senior policy adviser to the governor, Conway's particular legislative accomplishments are significant. He worked closely with Patton on education reform and was the primary legislative drafter of the Kentucky Postsecondary Education Improvement Act of 1997.

Conway also worked closely with leadership in the House of Representatives to craft school safety legislation in 1998, and was one of Patton's chief advisers on criminal justice reform.

Most recently, he helped develop, draft and testify before the General Assembly on significant water resources legislation. This legislation puts in place a coordinated system for strategically delivering potable water to those 200,000 Kentuckians who in this day and age are still without a safe drinking water source. The framework of this bill helped spur an investment of \$157 million in water development during the 2000 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

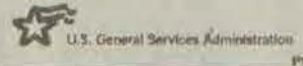
"My six years have been the most exciting, informative, and challenging period of my life," Conway said. "I value the opportunities Governor Patton afforded me and I will always value his friendship."

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Three parole board members named

Justice Cabinet Secretary Robert E. Stephens has announced the appointment of three members to the Kentucky Parole Board, which is the releasing authority for persons confined in adult institutions by the Department of Corrections.

The members include Verman Ray Winburn of Simpsonville, Robert W. Milburn Jr. of Philpot and Sandra E. Downs of Georgetown. Each member will serve a four-year term at a starting salary of \$45,000.

Winburn was reappointed to serve until March 1, 2005. He was originally appointed March 1, 1997. He has a bachelor's degree in police administration with a minor in adult corrections.

Milburn was appointed to replace Frances G. Clinkscales, Campbellsville, whose term expired. Milburn will also serve until March 1, 2005. He has a bachelor's of art degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College and was prison chaplain and case-worker at Green River Correctional Complex in Central City.

Downs was appointed to serve as a part-time member. She will serve until March 1, 2005. Downs has a political science degree and a law degree from the University of Kentucky. She has practiced law in Georgetown for the last 10 years.

The newly appointed members will join John M. Coy, (chair) Luitilia F. Pappiller, Frank DeRossett, James Provence, Laurnece Carter-Hatchett and Theodore R. Kuster (part-time member).

Governor signs order creating new energy initiative

Citing the need to maintain and maximize Kentucky's low-cost energy advantage, Gov. Paul Patton yesterday signed an executive order creating the Kentucky State Energy Policy Advisory Board to develop a coordinated statewide energy policy.

"Efforts in other states to deregulate electricity have led to shortages and domestic and global energy issues have resulted in recent dramatic price increases which have had a negative effect on the state and the national economy," Patton said. "Kentucky enjoys some of the lowest electricity and energy costs in the nation and we need to find a way to preserve and promote that for our families and our businesses."

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does just the opposite. Executing anyone — including Timothy McVeigh — will make each of us a party to another killing, another step backward in our struggle to be a loving, caring, forgiving, less violent country.

Stevens, who is retired from the Buckhorn Corporation, serves regularly as volunteer chaplain at the Kentucky State Penitentiary in Eddyville.

The board will be made up of one representative from the governor's office, the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet, the Public Protection and Regulation Cabinet, the Economic Development Cabinet, the Public Service Commission, the Division of Energy, the Kentucky Center for Applied Energy and Research at the University of Kentucky, plus four gubernatorial appointees; one each from the Kentucky Coal Industry, the Kentucky Utility Industry, a consumer advocate, and an environmental advocate.

The board will be attached to the Kentucky Public Service Commission, which will hire an executive director and provide staffing assistance.

Patton said the board will study energy markets throughout the United States and internationally and devise a strategy for maximizing Kentucky's low cost advantages in supplying affordable and reliable power.

The board will also coordinate energy related programs throughout the state and recommend to the governor and the General Assembly policies, programs and strategies to improve energy related efforts.

"I also expect this board to analyze methods, actions and market responses that will

improve the utilization of Kentucky coal as an electricity generating source both nationally and internationally," Patton added. "This board will provide a forum for state agencies to raise and discuss in a comprehensive manner issues that address, among other things, energy use, energy demand, energy technology, energy supply, energy price and the environmental impacts of energy and synchronize their various efforts to form a cohesive energy strategy for Kentucky's future."

Legend

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I have many stories about the area, haven't taken roughly a dozen trips into the hollow, but haven't the time to detail most of those experiences.

To summarize, however, during my trips I have only experienced two events that I cannot easily explain. This may seem like very little to speak of, but when you consider that I have visited hundreds of supposedly haunted spots beginning when I was 11 years old and have only experienced two things out of the ordinary, Doc Bill Hollow becomes a prime candidate for that infamous place where things might very well exist on a level not originally of this earth.

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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.

Zebulon Lodge 273, F&M to confer M.M. degree

Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&M, Prestonsburg, will confer the Master Mason degree at a meeting to be held on Saturday, May 19.

Breakfast will be served in the dining room at 6:30 a.m. The lodge will open at 8 a.m., and the first section of the degree will be conferred. The degree work will continue and, at 10 a.m., a degree team from the Scottish Rite in Lexington, will confer the long-form second section. There are seven candidates, which will require more work to be completed. All Master Masons are

encouraged to attend. The lodge will convene at 7 p.m., for its stated communication.

Holbrook to address Jenny Wiley, AARP

Rodney Holbrook, of the Corps of Engineers, Dewey Lake, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Jenny Wiley No. 3528, AARP, to be held Friday, May 18, at 8 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg.

All members and friends are encouraged to attend.

Frasure-Patton family reunion

Descendants of the Jack Frasure family originating from Langley (Maytown), and including the families of Jones, Louraine, Robert, William, Jeff, Reece, John, Alice, Linda and Sylvan Frasure will have a family reunion at the Army Corps of Engineers, Dewey Dam Spillway, Shelter No. 3, on Sunday, June 10, beginning at 11 a.m.

Also included in this reunion are the descendants of the Mart Patton family, also originating from Langley (Maytown), and including the families of Emmie, Fannie, Jenny, Sarah, Joe, Lula, Jeff, Willie, Darcus and Jake Patton.

Due to road construction and excavation taking place near the Terry Board Dock entrance into the Dewey Dam area, it will be necessary to enter the Dam area from the Route 3 entrance.

Family members should bring a covered dish and drinks for their family. Table service will be provided. For more information, contact Candy Frasure,

6186 State Route 47 East, Bellefontaine, Ohio 43311 or, e-mail to: gfrasure@loganrec.com.

23rd annual Nickles-Elam family reunion

The twenty-third annual Nickles-Elam family reunion will be held on Sunday, June 10, at the Twin Springs High School near Nickelsville, Virginia, in Scott County. To get to the school, follow Virginia Route 71 to the west end of Nickelsville, Virginia; turn north on Route 680; travel about three (3) miles. Note that you will pass Culbertson's Chapel United Methodist Church. Just beyond this church, Route 680 intersects with 671, follow 680 and 671 about one-half of a mile. Route 680 will veer left; stay on Route 671 for a very short distance and note that to your left will stand the school. The total distance from Nickelsville to the school is about four (4) miles.

All friends and relatives are invited to join the descendants of James Nickles Sr. and Robert Elam (the immigrant). Registration will begin at 10 a.m. Bring a picnic lunch and drinks for your family and we will spread the food together for a noon meal potluck lunch.

For more information about the reunion, motel accommodations and the activities planned for June 9, at the motel; or for information on the family's history, contact Edwin E. Nickles, 682 Rocky Branch Rd., Blountville, TN 37617, or call (423) 323-2009.

Historical meeting

The Floyd County Historical and

Genealogical Society will meet on May 21st at 7 p.m., at the Floyd County Library.

Scheduled to speak is Tim Belcher; his subject is "Swifts' Lost Silver Mine."

4-H Project day schedule

2001 4-H Projects will be judged at the following locations on the date listed. Criteria has been distributed to School/Community Club Leaders. For more information, contact the Floyd County Cooperative Extension Office at 886-2668.

- Allen Elementary School, 5/16
- John M. Stumbo Elementary School, 5/17
- May Valley Elementary School, 5/18
- S.T.A.R.S. Homeschool Club, 5/29
- J.A. Duff Elementary School, 5/30
- Allen Central Middle School, 5/30
- Osborne Elementary School, 5/31
- Prestonsburg Elementary School, 6/1
- County 4-H Project Day (for Blue Ribbon Projects), 6/16

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Daniel Newsome family reunion

The descendants of Daniel Newsome, of Teaberry, will meet for their Tenth Annual Reunion on May 27, at the Army Corps of Engineers Dewey Dam Spillway, Shelter No. 3. Family members are asked to bring a covered dish, dessert, drinks, etc.

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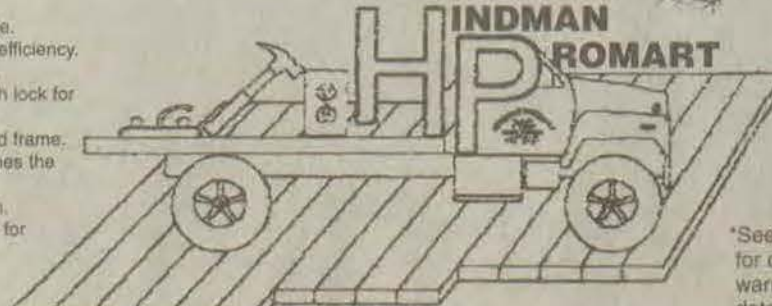
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INTRODUCTION

The Kentucky Department of Education conducted a scholastic review for the Floyd County School District, March 12-13, 2001. The *Standards and Indicators for School Improvement* and *The District Performance Descriptors* support document for *The Standards and Indicators* were the assessment instruments used during the visit. The specific findings and recommendations are organized under the headings of Academic Performance, Learning Environment, and Efficiency. **The review team understands the statutory relationship between districts and school councils in decision-making, the observations and conclusions in the report reflect conversations with district staff. The recommendations are offered as strategies for the district to lead and facilitate conversations, provide resources, support schools and create a district culture focused on success for all students.**

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE: Academic performance standards address curriculum; classroom evaluation/assessment; and instruction.

Standard 1—Curriculum

- A curriculum document does exist, but it is difficult to determine if it is implemented and impossible to assess the impact it has on student performance. While having the document is commendable, it is not known what preparation training was done for those required to implement it. Also, ongoing support provided for those using the curriculum document was not apparent and there is no evidence of on-going monitoring of curriculum implementation.
- We found adequate quantities of checklists and binders of information.
- *The districts' approach to curriculum appears to be a top down delivery model.*
- We are concerned that teachers may be confused about their role in implementation and the sheer overwhelming volume of materials. *The district needs to simplify and streamline its approach to helping teachers and administrators understand the effective use of an aligned curriculum.*
- The exceptional children program is implementing a new system for monitoring and evaluation that puts the focus on reviewing for student results. Keep up the good work on behalf of children. This effort must be sustained if the achievement gap for students with disabilities in the district is to be reduced.
- The district has initiated discussions across grade levels.
- The district is to be recognized for creating the technical assistance teams and these teams are to be commended for the work done to date.
- The Title I schools are to be commended for adopting the school-wide model. Although the concept has been adopted, it is not the driver of systemic, effective instructional change.

Standard 2—Assessment

- *The majority of teachers do not have a sense of what good open response questions are and how to incorporate them into regular assessment practices in their instruction.*
- While training in this assessment skill has begun, *it must be intensified and delivered to all teachers with provisions for follow-up and examination of student work.* This should be supported by the professional development resources (65% of the dollars generated at \$23 per child, average daily attendance and three of the four calendar days) and be both job embedded and when students are not present. Age/grade appropriate scoring guides for proficiency in each core content area using child-friendly language should be posted in every classroom and throughout the school. There is an inordinate amount of energy focused on CTB testing and results.
- *We saw no evidence of training teachers to create multiple, rigorous assessments and blend them into daily instruction. There needs to be a clear focus and sense of purpose around instruction, curriculum, assessment and professional development.* The current approach supports the inappropriate assumption that the role of the district in support of teachers is to be all things to all people. The current approach is scattered and fragmented and will ensure a sense of confusion and panic in those charged with implementation.

Standard 3—Instruction

- *There is no clear connection between professional development offerings and the research-based successful practices associated with differentiated instruction.* There was no reference or activity related to differentiated instruction and learning styles. *If the students of Floyd County are to have a fair chance at proficiency, every teacher in the system must understand the importance and relevance of constructing learner centered instruction and assessment.* This can occur only when all staff, leadership and instructional, understand the concepts of learning styles and intelligences and the instructional practices and planning that successfully support them. *This will require a clear and purposeful plan narrowly focused on supporting teachers and improving student learning.*
- Professional development offerings appeared to be little more than a wide variety of topics. *There are no clear connections between offerings, student learning needs and the requisite teacher skills.*
- When district staff were asked if professional development activities included opportunities to learn about differentiated instruction and different learning styles, the response was "not often." When asked how this impacted student success in core curriculum areas, the response was "All children do not have access to the core curriculum."
- There are too many emergency certified ECE teachers. While this is not uncommon, what is, is that there is no plan to address the deficiency.
- There is little evidence of intentional use of technology in instruction. *Although there has been a significant investment in technology and training in the use of the various software programs, we saw little evidence of training in instructional uses.* The findings in the school level audit/review reports support these observations.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT: Learning environment standards address school culture; student, family, and community support; and professional growth, development and evaluation.

Standard 4—Culture

- The culture of the district is top down. Schools do not know if they are responding to a state mandate, a management directive, a central office edict, or a successful practice. There is little evidence of empowerment at the school level. Rather than capacity building, it appears central office staff are limiting capacity by sending messages in multiple ways by different persons that say "here's what you need to do." *The superintendent and his team must lead in effort to develop and support a culture that promotes bottom up thinking and solutions.*
- The district needs to improve its coordination of the ESS and the FRYSC programs. More formal assessments of program impact need to be created and carried out, this data should be used to improve the strategies being used by both initiatives to bring about improved academic achievement.
- The culture is best described from both the school and program side as one of isolation. *Action steps must be taken to create conditions for openness and trust. A trusting relationship must be cultivated between the schools and the district before a true learning community can be formed. Visible effects of this change in culture are a priority.*
- *It is recommended the district begin a discussion on reorganizing the central office administrative team to focus on leading for student learning.* In the view of many school-based personnel, neither board members nor district leaders play an important role in creating a culture that values learning by leading, a process of developing a vision of staff learning that focuses on student outcomes. While there is an opportunity for recognition at each board meeting, it is not evident that board members or district leaders work closely with school leaders to publicize results, reward successes, and create an environment of support and teamwork.
- *There is limited evidence that the district has established mechanisms for identifying and addressing the cultural, physical, and socio-economic barriers to intellectual learning that are unique to Floyd County.* FRYSC programs focus on these needs to some degree, but there is a disconnect as to how these issues affect student learning, the focus of the FRYSC needs have student learning at its center. The services provided are to reduce the barriers to learning.

Standard 5—Family and Community Support

- Neither the ESS nor the FRYSC programs are tightly linked to improving instruction. The FRYSC's appear to be primarily focused on providing for socio-economic and physical needs. Although this is an important role for the FRYSC's, *it is vital that connections to and support for intellectual needs of students be the driver in the process.* This is not the case in Floyd County. The local superintendent has approval rights on final FRYSC budgets, and it is his responsibility to ensure the financial resources and supporting budget are aligned with improving student performance. The FRYSC's should be recognized for providing parents with appropriate classes to support student learning.
- Only informal feedback was used to determine effectiveness of both the ESS and FRYSC programs. *It is suggested that a more formal monitoring process be developed for determining their effectiveness and link to improving student learning.*
- The links between the Floyd County District and the health department, Comp Care, social services, home visits and other community support agencies are strong and well supported.
- *The board should approve and the district develop a strong oversight program for school-based guidance services.* This important component of services for student learning is noticeably absent. This program holds great potential for supporting students and staff, and it appears there is no clear mission and oversight for these services to connect to whole school improvement.
- There is evidence that FRYSC allocations are based on a needs assessment.

Standard 6—Professional Development and Evaluation

- There is no intentional professional development plan for either the district or individual school that focuses the available resources and training on improving student performances. Rather, there is a wide range of offerings that appear to support professional development as a menu selection rather than a critical component of teacher effectiveness. *We recommend developing a professional development plan with an intentional focus for the entire district based on the collective whole of individual school staff and student needs, communicating its purpose to all schools and supporting them in their efforts to align their selections with agreed upon goals for improving teacher practice and increasing student performance. These must align with professional growth and development planning in school level consolidated plans and individual growth plans for staff in respective school sites.*

- While the use of the book "Best Practices" provides excellent insight into the what's, *we recommend the district staff go deeper to inform and support school staff in their professional development selections.* The districts' professional development plan would be much more effective in reaching the goals of improved instruction and increased student performance if it aligned with a common set of goals.
- Most of the professional development offered by the district is of the traditional "stand and deliver" model. Innovative thinking must be exercised in the development of new delivery models.
- The Technical Assistance Support (TAS) teams are to be commended for their delivery of job-embedded professional development. We do have a concern about how can they assure they are delivering services where the need is greatest, if they only serve upon request? *We recommend the district coordinate the oversight and evaluation of the TAS members under one staff person.*
- It is our finding that equity training was delivered only to the counselors and administrative staff. *We recommend the situation be corrected as soon as possible and provide this opportunity to all school staff, both certified and non-certified.*
- We are concerned that the majority of the professional development training in the district is delivered by central office staff. It is difficult to determine the connection of staff development opportunities to the learning goals of the district and their impact on delivery of either curriculum or instruction.
- All professional development activities across the district do not grow out of and link to specific student learning needs. *The district needs to communicate a strong and consistent message that professional development for staff needs to be focused on helping students meet high standards and achieve at high levels.*
- *We strongly recommend the superintendent assume responsibility for evaluating each principal on a yearly basis and follow this within two weeks with a revised individual growth plan for each principal focused on improving their skills and abilities to be an effective instructional leader.* Directors should evaluate those staff for whose performance they are responsible. All principal evaluation and follow up should be conducted by the superintendent.
- The job of the superintendent is most complex, but he must *develop a few clear and simple messages and beliefs about teaching and learning capable of guiding the school system. Frame these messages in terms that can be easily understood by all and repeatedly seize every opportunity to deliver these messages.*

EFFICIENCY: Efficiency performance standards address leadership; school structure and resources; and comprehensive and effective planning.

Standard 7—Leadership

- Core beliefs have not been discussed or defined, although there is a district vision and mission statement. Beliefs are a vitally important part of what goes into the creation of the vision and mission. This is an area where the learning community needs to come together and talk about what they believe about teaching and learning.
- There is no evidence of a shared vision.
- The district needs a common goal—something for which they can be recognized.
- The district is to be commended for its use of information and data. Staff does an excellent job of sharing data in multiple ways with schools to use in their planning efforts. Additional work is necessary to build this same capacity at the school level.
- The district makes an effort to equitably distribute resources and materials to schools.
- *There is a need for bold and courageous leadership from the superintendent, and his local leadership team. The local board and the superintendent should discuss the need for a new organizational structure.* The main purpose of this process is to empower and support schools to do whatever it takes for them to effectively serve the children of Floyd County.
- *The superintendent, under the direction of the local board and in consultation with the KDE, should create an individual improvement plan that will require his interaction with recognized experts in the field of management and leadership from within and without the KDE.*

Standard 8—Organization

- *We recommend a plan to communicate support for teachers and administrators.* The support should be offered in the form of coaching, mentoring, modeling, and professional development in the areas of lesson plans/unit development, materials and resources, multiple intelligences/learning styles, and effective leadership for learning.
- Staff reports the board meetings are excessively long often as a result of the contentious behavior of board members and the absence of an intentional focus on making decisions in the best interest of the district's children.
- Staff reports the board meetings are often not focused on academic issues. When present, important academic issues are often placed at the end of the agenda and take an inferior position to athletic and political issues. This leads to a sense of frustration for all involved.
- Too often, children have no voice in what occurs in their classes and what happens to them during the 8-10 hours they travel to and from school and spend in the classroom. *We encourage board members to remember their primary role—leading so children may learn!*
- *Individuals presenting to the board should be given clear protocol guidelines on presentation and then be required to follow them.*
- *Board members should require that information and requests be available to them at least 5 working days prior to the meeting or they will not be considered at that meeting.* This will enable board members to cut short the conversations required to navigate the political landscape of the proposals during meetings.
- Board members are advised to cease micromanaging grant applications and trust that employees have conscientiously fulfilled their roles and responsibilities.
- *The district needs focus and clear expectations regarding their plan for supporting schools in their efforts to assure all children reach proficiency.*
- Time for leadership to share ideas and innovations from training is limited. There never seems to be a good time for participants to bring back the lessons learned to share in the district. It seems the district is poised for crisis management, not success.
- *The central office staff and others not accountable to principals need to understand that their most important job is to create and manage systems that will enable principals, counselors, and teachers to concentrate on the core business of teaching and learning, the creation of intellectual activity that students find engaging and from which they learn.* Only secondarily, if at all, should they see themselves as supervisory staff. They are, first and foremost, capacity builders.
- A final note is to take a careful and honest look at the considerable contribution that each person could make to reforming schools so that they meet today's expectations for student learning.

Standard 9—Planning

- There is some evidence that the planning process involves data collection.
- The district has required that each school submit a goal for each indicator of their audits or review with a level 1 rating. In our opinion, this will over burden planning processes, monitoring, and results. The KDE recommendation to the schools and districts is to prioritize three to five areas and focus on those for school improvement efforts. The data contained in a scholastic review often provides a school with information to develop a three to five year strategic plan. To think these can all be addressed in a year will set schools up for possible failure and no measurable results. This practice is not supported. One well-implemented strategy may impact several indicators across many standards. To approach the work by indicator instead of holistically will be frustrating and futile for all involved. This approach reduces the potential impact of the scholastic audit to a paper chase and produces little systemic change.

Summary of Next Steps

Step 1:

Create a process for taking the contents of this report, *especially those in bold italics*, and prioritizing action steps for the board and central office to address through the strategic and consolidated planning process. This process should ensure full participation and ownership from all school and community stakeholders. It is essential there be a relentless focus on improving teaching and learning and meeting the unique needs of the district's diverse student population. Once goals are established, the board must assume responsibility for follow through and request quarterly reports on implementation and impact of the initiatives to support the goals.

Step 2:

Ensure the infrastructure and support to aid teachers, administrators and students is in place. Examples include extended learning opportunities for students; training for teachers in developing instructional strategies and authentic assessments to accommodate a variety of learning styles, and careful scheduling for both teachers and students.

Step 3:

Implement a system for continuously evaluating the progress of each student and for making appropriate adjustments in instruction and daily assignments. Each child should demonstrate steady progress toward proficiency. In order for all children to learn at high levels, there must be frequent and continuous assessment of individual students. Anything less would be considered a misuse of the significant district resources available for this process.

Step 4:

District and school leadership has the responsibility to ensure the conditions and resources referenced above are in place. If staff and students are to be held to high standards, so must administration. Leadership and staff must recognize excellence and settle for nothing less. They must understand proficient instruction and proficient work and take an assertive role in leveraging the conditions necessary to produce the changes indicated. A critical part of this is effective evaluation of instruction. All administrators must develop their skills in evaluating staff, making appropriate recommendations for improvement and providing the resources (time and fiscal) to support the recommendations.

In conclusion, the district cannot expect excellence until a commitment to excellence is evident at all levels of leadership, from the board members to local school councils. Clear expectations to schools are required. We recommend the development of a district leadership cadre. One purpose of this is the release of a successful leader from the district ranks to show other principals how to be effective in the job and coach them to succeed. Floyd County principals, like those in many other districts, will require a lot of support and guidance. Successful and effective principals are essential to the success of the district. District KLA participants believe their experiences and training has been a good experience because it keeps them in touch with the theory and research and helps them to apply these principles to their daily tasks.

Sports

Training Provider. Beginning this summer, Prestonsburg CC will be offering seven sequential fast-track courses to prepare students for the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer Certification on Windows 2000. The classes begin June, 2001 and end February, 2002. Seating for these courses is very limited.

For more information, contact Patricia Goodman at (606) 886-3863, ext. 321.

Alzheimer's association caregiver support group

To help those who care for persons with Alzheimer's disease, the Lexington/Bluegrass Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association sponsors a support group in Prestonsburg. It will meet at the First Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m., on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. The group provides a relaxed, confidential atmosphere where fellow caregivers can exchange experiences, methods of dealing with unique problems, and the latest information about available services and research. Meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the group leader, Dana Caudill, (606) 886-0265.

Depression support group

Need to talk to others who know how you feel? Join us at the Allen Convention Center, next to the pool and walking track, at Stumbo Park, every Thursday at 6 p.m. All persons with depression, or just feelin' blue, come out and talk about it.

For information, call Tina at 874-

Obituries

Beatrice Brown Conley

Beatrice Brown Conley, 75, of 1617 Litterals Fork Road, Salyersville, Ky., died Tuesday, May 15, 2001, at her residence.

Born on January 4, 1926, in Magoffin County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Lonzie Brown and Mary Wheeler Brown. She was a homemaker and a member of the United Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Chalmers Conley.

Survivors include one son, Jeffrey Conley of Dayton, Ohio; two daughters, Patsy Burchett of Prestonsburg, Ky., Glenda Rhea of Pikeville, Ky.; one brother, Charles Brown of Lexington, Ky.; and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, J.O. Brown, and Marion Brown; and three sisters, Grethen Wheeler, Fern Silverman, and Dorothy Madeline Brown.

Funeral services will be at 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 18, 2001, at the Magoffin County Funeral Home Chapel, with Joe Carroll, Anthony Conley, Buster Blanton and Edgar Blanton officiating.

Burial will be in the Edmund Conley Cemetery, Litterals Fork, Salyersville, Ky.

Visitation is at the funeral home. *Paid obituary*

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Baby, it has been three years, 21 May, when God came and took you home with Him to stay. God know the best, you are at rest. No more worries and no more pains. But Mom misses you so much. God only knows my heart. I hurt so bad inside without you, I can hardly stand it. But God is with me all the way. I will be with you someday, and we will walk together through the Pearly Gate, holding hands together, and we will be happy again.

Sadly missed
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SS rep to visit Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security Representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of April.

The Representative will be in the Clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals.

People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security num-

bers. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security and get questions answered.

MAC volunteer program may be the answer!!

The smiling individuals dressed in maroon vests who greet you in the lobby, take your ticket, show you to your seat and provide you with assistance during the performance are all members of the Mountain Arts Center Volunteer Program.

Although volunteers are frequently seen during performances, ushering and working in our coat check room, in reality, volunteers are involved in all phases of the Center. Prior to a show, volunteers stuff playbills, and once the crowds are gone, they assist with cleaning the theater. On non-performance days, there is still work to be done at the MAC.

Quite simply, without the dedication and continuing support of our volunteer staff, the Center could not function.

If you are looking for something to

do, or if you would like to be a part of this wonderful service opportunity, then we are interested in talking to you.

Call (606) 886-2623, and ask for Loretta.

Forestry grant program

The Kentucky Division of Forestry announces the 2001 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program. This competitive grant provides funding for urban forestry projects designed to improve urban areas through proper tree management, community volunteer programs, educational projects, and urban forestry programs. Eligible applicants such as municipalities, educational institutions, civic organizations, and nonprofit organizations may apply for up to \$10,000 to develop or enhance local and urban community forestry programs. The applications are now available from the Kentucky Division of Forestry. Completed applications will be due on June 1. To request an application, call the Kentucky Division of Forestry at 1-800-928-0045.

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A few boating rules you need to follow

by SHIRLA WELLS
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Recreational boating can be an exciting activity for all involved. Of course, there are a few common rules that you should always follow.

■ Make sure your boat, motor and trailer are properly matched.

■ Check your boats capacity plate and guard against over-powering or underpowering.

■ Learn as much as possible about your boat, the water on which it operates and the weather that affects it. Always respect the wind and water.

■ Learn your outboard's capabilities - what you can and cannot expect it to do - and always keep them in mind while you're on the water.

■ Make yourself a welcome member of the boating family by knowing and practicing the rules of the nautical "road." Learn and observe the federal, state and local laws governing boating.

■ Remember that the mark

of a real skipper is his alertness. Be extra watchful near other boats, swimmers, unfamiliar areas and in crowded waters. Always reduce speed near the shore.

Courtesy also plays a very important part in boating. Remember the following courtesy rules when out on the water:

■ Think of the safety and comfort of "the other fellow" and he'll do the same for you. Be ready to stop and render aid and assistance when necessary.

■ Watch your wake! It can cause trouble for smaller and lighter boats and can set up an uncomfortable wash in a crowded anchorage. Remember that you are legally responsible for the damage caused by your wake.

■ Give a wide berth to sailboats and rowboats - they almost always have the right-of-way since you can maneuver faster and easier than they can.

And, needless to say, the property of others must always be protected.

Fitzpatrick named to newly-created Smart Growth Task Force

With the scenic pastureland of the Kentucky Horse Park as a backdrop, Gov. Paul Patton announced on Thursday the creation by executive order of a bipartisan, 35-member Smart Growth Task Force to study growth and development issues in the Commonwealth.

"Now is the time for us to choose how to grow in a way that enhances Kentucky's prosperity by improving our quality of life and preserving our rich heritage. Planned growth is smart growth," Patton said. "I am confident that this Smart Growth Task Force, drawing from a wide cross-section of interests and regions, will lay the foundation on which we will build a better future for the people of Kentucky."

Among the first members of the task force is Frank Fitzpatrick of Prestonsburg.

The Smart Growth Task Force will study how a more strategic approach to growth management can enhance Kentucky's future, working to elevate smart growth as a public policy issue statewide and conducting a thorough review of Kentucky statutes, regulations and programs that relate to growth.

The task force will also identify possible incentives to assist our local governments in instituting model smart growth principles within their government operations, as well as looking at the smart growth planning of other states.

The task force will issue a report within the next year that will be used to set a framework for the incorporation of smart growth principles within state and local government.

The governor cited the astounding rate at which Kentucky is developing land. The Long Term Policy Research Center found that between 1982 and 1997, growth outpaced the national average by 27 percent,

giving Kentucky the second highest percentage change in developed acres per person in the nation.

Information about the Smart Growth Task Force will be available on the web at smart-growth.state.ky.us.

In addition to Fitzpatrick, the following people were named members of the Smart Growth Task Force:

- Governor Paul E. Patton, chair.
- Joe Barrows, Versailles.
- Rick Baumgardner, Elizabethtown.
- Ken Bean, Somerset.
- Christy Brown, Louisville.
- Karen Cunningham, Madisonville.
- Scott Davis, Henderson.
- Betty Dobson, Paducah.
- Jon Draud, Crestview Hills.
- Joe Graviss, Versailles.
- James P. Gray, Lexington.
- Lyle Hanna, Louisville.
- Ernie Harris, Crestwood.
- Daniel Howard, Harlan.
- John Huber, Louisville.
- Sandy Jones, Bowling Green.
- Libby Jones, Midway.
- David Karem, Louisville.
- Alice Forgy Kerr, Lexington.
- Celeste Lanier, Louisville.
- Wendell Lawrence, Elizabethtown.
- Crit Luallen, Frankfort.
- Judith McCandless, Louisville.
- David Mohny, Lexington.
- Nick Nicholson, Lexington.
- Schuyler Olt, Louisville.
- Frank Penn, Lexington.
- Marshall Slagle, Ft. Mitchell.
- Kit Stolen, Lexington.
- Tom Sturgeon, Louisville.
- Tommy Thompson, Owensboro.
- Jim Wayne, Louisville.
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MARRIAGES

Angel Marie Harrington, 19, of McDowell, to Wesley Ray Castle, 24, of Hueysville.
 Felicia Triplett, 37, to Elijah Eugene Crank, 36, both of Bevinville.
 Sabrina Hall, 17, of Melvin, to Timothy Lee Mullins, 22, of Hi Hat.
 Sherry Ann Johnson, 35, to Kenneth Ray Lowe, 37, both of Columbus, Ohio.
 Regina Lynn Castle, 27, of Eastern, to Jonathan Lynn Allen, 25, of Langley.
 Rosie Boyd, 54, to Joe Goble, 65, both of Tram.
 Kristi Michelle Jones, 23, of McDowell, to Claude Lafayette Crum, 26, of Price.
 Jennifer Leanna Mullins, 23, to Mike Lenn Kendrick, 21, both of Willard.
 Brenda F. Conley, 45, to Charles E. Ramey, 51, both of Wayland.
 April Rene Salisbury, 34, of Langley, to Duane Eddie Hicks, 34, of Hueysville.

LAWSUITS

FILED
 Hicks, Robin vs. Hicks, Mark.
 Couch, April vs. Turner, Allen.
 York, Joseph vs. York, Beulah.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Gillespie, Rosalie.
 Commonwealth of Kentucky vs. Gillespie, Jimmy.
 Scott, Heath vs. Baker, Natasha.
 Greenpoint Credit LLC vs. Maynard, Palmikal.
 Branch Banking & Trust Co. vs. Love, Mark.
 Bankone National vs. Jarrel, Glenda.
 Stumbo, Mona vs. Stumbo, Jeffrey.
 Johnson Commercial Contracting Inc., vs. Walesh, James.
 Briggs, Ladonna vs. Parsons, Elmer.
 Preston, Flora Kay vs. Hall, Phil.
 Slone, Rhonda vs. Trout, Eugene.
 Webb, Michael vs. Webb,

Racheal.
 Camp, Charles vs. Camp, Ginger.
 Sword, Pamela vs. Barnett, Mary.
 Stephens, Charles vs. Slone, George.
 Thompson, Donald vs. Thompson, Alva.
 Elliot, Tammy vs. Elliot, Michael.
 Balch, Brandie Leeanne vs. Balch, Brian.
 Department of Highways vs. Holland, Carol.
 Country At Heart vs. American Resource Insurance Co.
 Jarrell, Paula vs. Jarrell, Steve.

CHARGES FILED

James Harless, age unlisted, Tomahawk, two counts of second-degree forgery, driving under the influence, driving on a DUI-suspended license, failure to wear a seatbelt, no insurance, giving a false name/address, possession of open alcohol beverage container in motor vehicle.
 Misty Curry, age unlisted, Lebanon, Ohio, theft by deception.
 Randall Wayne Wallace, 30, Prestonsburg, fugitive/governor's warrant.
 Charles Stephens, 34, Endicott, driving under the influence, driving on a DUI-suspended license, fleeing/evading police, wanton endangerment.
 Leroy Madison, 47, Grethel, indecent exposure.
 Lora M. Tackett, 31, East Point, parent failure to send child to school.
 Dougie Vance, 29, Beaver, terroristic threatening.
 Kimberley Dawn Sparks, 26, Martin, harassment.
 Jenny Loper, age unlisted, address unlisted, alcohol intoxication.
 Hobart Slone, 32, Blue River, alcohol intoxication.
 Jeremy Dorton, 23, Warfield, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Timmy Ward, age unlisted, Martin, criminal trespassing.
 Tommy Ward, age unlisted,

Martin, parent failure to send child to school.
 Billie Ann Johnson, age unlisted, Bevinville, fourth-degree assault.
 Jeffery Turner, 38, Martin, alcohol intoxication.
 Michael A. Osborne, 24, Ligon, alcohol intoxication.
 Thomas Johnson, age unlisted, Wheelwright, harassment.
 John Paul Miller, 20, Langley, fourth-degree assault, violating a protective order.
 Donald Douglas Wilcox II, 21, East Point, criminal littering, drinking alcohol in public.
 Amanda Kim Jarvis, 21, Prestonsburg, hunting/fishing without a license.
 John E. Goble, 22, Prestonsburg, fourth-degree assault.
 Steven Farrow Adkins, 24, Auxier, no required floatation equipment, no approved fire extinguisher.
 Charles J. Slone, 25, Auxier, no required floatation equipment, no approved fire extinguisher.
 Bert A. Rose, 26, Prestonsburg, failure to display registration number, no required floatation equipment.
 Patricia Woods, 51, Allen, two counts of creel and size limits for fish.
 Ralph T. Clark, 45, Prestonsburg, no required floatation equipment, no signaling device when required.
 Irvin Earl Combs, 26, Bonnyman, hunting/fishing without a license.
 Hobart Meek Jr., 43, Hager Hill, failure to display registration number, no required floatation equipment, no signaling device when required.
 Terry Pinson, 41, Inez, boat not numbered, no required floatation equipment, failure to display registration number.
 Jamie Paul Collins, 27, Verdunville, W.Va., failure to display registration number, no required floatation equipment.
 Leshia Goble, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, parent failure to send child to school.
 Duane Ray Elkins, 32, Williamsport, boat not numbered, no required floatation equipment.

Crystal I. Tolliver, 30, Auxier, alcohol intoxication, possession of an open container.
 Kevin R. Patrick, 25, Prestonsburg, alcohol intoxication, possession of an open alcohol beverage container.
 Tammy Hensley, 39, Boots Camp, public intoxication, prescription in improper container.
 Jeff Turner, 38, Martin, alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct.
 Charlene S. Flanery, 29, Paintsville, alcohol intoxication.
 Andrea Jones, 19, Langley, alcohol intoxication.
 Donnie Deal, 39, Grethel, parent failure to send child to school.
 Angelina Adams, 29, Beaver, parent failure to send child to school.
 Clodeen Dell Praier, 23, Grethel, harassment.
 Janet Denise Noble, 35, Prestonsburg, harassing communications.
 Bobby G. Hall, 34, Prestonsburg, criminal trespassing.
 Sidney L. Cline, 19, Van Lear, theft by unlawful taking.
 Connie H. King, 49, Harold, alcohol intoxication.
 Tommy Yates, age unlisted, Allen, harassment.
 Pamela Sue Pack, 39, Ivel, hunting/fishing without a license.
 Ricky Meade, age unlisted, Prestonsburg, terroristic threatening.
 Roger McGuire, age unlisted, Paintsville, fourth-degree assault.
 Paulette Mitchell, age unlisted, Harold, theft by deception.
 Mark Mosley, age unlisted, Wayland, terroristic threatening.
 Nettie Slone, 43, McDowell, parent failure to send child to school.
 Edith M. Rector, age unlisted, Wayland, parent failure to send child to school.
 Jason Hall, 22, Kite, criminal mischief.
 Cassandra Ramey, 29, Garrett, public intoxication, possession of a controlled substance.
 David L. Hunt, 45, Endicott, alcohol intoxication.
 Geslia Jarrell, 42, Paintsville, alcohol intoxication.

Kenneth P. Holt, 24, Offutt, carrying a concealed weapon.
 Randall Keith Sammons, age unlisted, Martin, harassment.

INSPECTIONS

Estill Shop-A-Lot, Estill, regular inspection. Violations noted: No test strips provided to test chlorine levels of sanitizing water, hot water turned off below three-compartment sink due to leaking faucet, no towels for hand drying at the handwash sink in food preparation area or at the sink in restroom, fan guard missing from fan in restroom, floor in walk-in lightly soiled, floor under large fryer in food preparation area soiled also. Score: 97 restaurant, 96 retail.
 Jet's Pizza, Martin, complaint. Violations noted: Complaint of old mayonnaise being used did not appear to be old and was held at proper temperature. No score given.
 Wheelwright Senior Citizens Center, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Thermometers in back kitchen refrigerator not reading correct temperature, some measuring cups have soil accumulation, no paper towels at the handwash sink in the kitchen, no paper towels in the men's restroom, gap under rear exit door, one part of ceiling absent in restroom in the rear of the large dining room, some corners of the walls in the large dining room have cobweb accumulation. Score: 90.
 Harold Happy Mart, Harold, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: Pizza roll holding unit still not working properly — heating element and fan have been ordered, pizza rolls are being held in cold storage, items 15 (non-food contact surfaces designed, constructed, maintained, installed, located), 21 (wiping clothes clean, use restricted), 23 (non-food contact surfaces of equipment and utensils clean), 32 (toilet room enclosed, self-closing doors, fixtures, good repair, clean, tissue, hand cleansers, sanitary towels provided), 38 (lighting provided as required) have not been corrected. No score given.

Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: One sanitizing station per 122 spaces, utility room door left open containing devices, cleaners, etc. Score: 94.
 Peking, Prestonsburg, regular inspection. Violations noted: Food items stored on floor of walk-in freezer, reach-in cooler unit leaking onto floor, microwave containing rust and corrosion build-up, outside dumpster found not having covering, rear door containing gap larger than half an inch, floor in food preparation area in disrepair. Score: 88.
 Wheelwright Country Cafe & Inn, Wheelwright, regular inspection. Violations noted: Not all cooling units have easily seen thermometers, sugar dispensing utensil does not have a handle, commode seat in women's restroom is cracked, no toilet tissue or paper towels in women's restroom, no soap and paper towels provided at the handwash sink. Score: 96.
 Dollar General Store, Martin, follow-up inspection. Violations noted: All items from previous inspection have been corrected. No score given.
 Harold Pizza Hat Express, Harold, regular inspection. Violations noted: Potentially hazardous foods out of temperature compliance, wiping cloth use not restricted, wiping cloth not being held in a sanitizing solution when not in use, no soap at handwash sink, cardboard box being used as a garbage can, proper dishwashing procedure not being used (wash, rinse, sanitize). Score: 88.

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Warren Wohlford and Pamela V. Wohlford to Robert Cory Vicars and Traci Burke Vicars, property located in the Branham Addition of Martin.
 Elizabeth Ann Turner and Arnold Turner to Michael Watkins and Rhonda Watkins, property located on Abbott

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Townsend receives first Law Day Drug Court Award

Michael E. Townsend, director of the state's Division of Substance Abuse, received an award for his work with drug courts at the recent Law Day celebration.
 Townsend is the first recipient of the Law Day Drug Court Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the drug courts program.
 "While drug courts in other states struggle to gain the support of their Division of Substance Abuse, Kentucky is fortunate, Mike's efforts have raised the level of care for the citizens of the commonwealth

and helped to move Kentucky Drug Courts to the forefront at the national level," said Chief Justice Joseph Lambert, who presented Townsend with the award.
 The drug courts division of the Administrative Office of the Courts was established in 1996 as an alternative to incarceration for nonviolent substance abusing offenders.
 Currently, 35 jurisdictions in 66 counties across the commonwealth are planning or operating a drug court. There are 31 for adults; 16 for juveniles; and one family drug

court being planned. Many are multi-county, multi-program, and/or multi-judge sites.
 Townsend first attended drug court training in San Bernardino, Calif., in 1997. Since then, he has spread the drug court message at numerous state and national conferences.
 In addition, Townsend has spoken at and attended many drug court graduations. His office, in conjunction with the University of Kentucky Center on Drug and Alcohol Research, supports the ongoing drug court evaluation efforts and automated management information system.
 "Community treatment services and support are imperative to the success of drug courts," said Lambert.
 Townsend and his staff work to ensure quality treatment services and local support to drug court participants on a statewide basis through Kentucky's 14 regional mental health/mental retardation boards.
 Townsend said he was honored to receive the award.
 "I accept it on behalf of my substance abuse staff and the substance abuse treatment professionals operating through our network of Mental Health and Mental Retardation boards."
 Townsend emphasized that drug courts are important tools for dealing more effectively with substance abuse issues in Kentucky and throughout the nation.
 "I feel fortunate that our legal professionals have been so supportive of this relatively new concept," he said. "Judicial oversight, combined with addiction treatment and intensive supervision allows us to make a positive difference in the lives of many persons involved in the criminal justice system."

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Registration still open for college's Science & Math Day Camp

PIKEVILLE — It's not too late to register for Pikeville College's annual Science & Math Day Camp. Spaces are still available. Campers will spend four days learning about physics, astronomy, biology, computer science and chemistry, fol-

lowed by an educational, science-oriented field trip to the Center of Science and Industry (COSI), Columbus, Ohio, on the final day. The event is expanding this year and will be divided into two sessions to accommodate the growing interest and allow

for more grade-level specific instruction. Camp will be open to students entering grades 5 and 6 from July 16-20. Camp for students entering grades 7 and 8 is scheduled for July 23-27. Activities are held from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. daily

with the exception of the Friday field trip. Registration is open to students who will be enrolled in the fifth through the eighth grades in the upcoming 2001-2002 school year. The cost is \$30 and covers all expenses, including camp food, a t-shirt and the field trip. Applications are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Applications may be

picked up in person in the Science and Math Division office, located on the second floor of the Armington Science-Learning Center. Only three applications will be released to each person or address. No exceptions can be made. With the expansion of the Math & Science Day Camp, the college is in need of skilled educators to teach campers.

This includes instruction in astronomy, biology, chemistry, computer science, and physics. Educators interested in participating either week, or both weeks, are encouraged to contact the College's Math/Science Resource Center as soon as possible. In addition, volunteers are needed each week. For more information, please contact Robert Arts at (606) 218-3476.



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finance construction of system improvements necessary to serve those new customers. SDCs are viewed as one tool for avoiding or lessening water utility rate increases due to system expansions.

The guidelines are the result of an investigation the commission launched in December 1999, which involved 160 public water utilities, 86 municipal utilities, the Attorney General, the Kentucky League of Cities and the Kentucky Rural Water Association.

During its investigation, the commission examined how water utilities are currently funding system expansions and

found that SDCs were an additional tool that should be considered.

The PSC will hold a hearing on June 28 at 9 a.m. at its offices at 211 Sower Blvd. in Frankfort to receive public comment in the form and content of an administrative regulation. Written comments may be submitted no later than June 28 to Executive Director, Public Service Commission, P.O. Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

A copy of the commission's order (administrative case no. 375) is available on PSC's website at <http://www.psc.state.ky.us>.

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Billy J. Turner and Helen Turner to Burton Collins and Mary Ruth Collins, property located on the Left Fork of Beaver Creek.

Paul Lloyd Hicks and Magalene S. Hicks to Jeffrey Hicks and Rebecca M. Hicks, property located at David.

Roger L. Hancock and Joy Hancock to Lyndon and Maggie Hall, property located on Spurlock Creek of Left Beaver.

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UK gets commitment from JC's Webb

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Johnson Central senior-to-be Paul Webb has verbally committed to play his college

football at the University of Kentucky. Webb is a defensive lineman.

Outgoing Johnson Central coach Bill Musick confirmed Thursday that he would pull double-duty next season as both principal and head football coach at his high school alma mater, Fairview.

Bruce Humphrey, who coached high school football in Missouri last season is expected to be named the new head coach at Johnson Central on Monday. Humphrey was once an assistant football coach at Hazard High School.

■ The All American Championship Rodeo, sanctioned by the IPRA, will be at Thunder Ridge June 8-9, at 8 p.m. both nights. For more information on the rodeo, call 606/886-7223.

■ Congratulations are in order for Shelby Valley senior Summer Jones. The versatile Jones signed to play her college basketball at East Tennessee State University earlier this week, ending all suspense and anticipation her announcement of a college choice had created.

■ Don't look now, but the new football field at Prestonsburg High School field has grass on it. And, don't think PHS Coach John DeRossett isn't right out there in the middle of things. The Head Blackcat is busy pitching in and helping with the project.

■ The baseball, softball and track and field postseasons are upon us. Sunday's sports section will preview the upcoming postseason.

■ My pick to win tomorrow's Preakness Stakes? Point Given. The Bob Baffert-trained horse is impressive. Not that Monarchos isn't, but personally I think Point Given will take the second leg of horse racing's Triple Crown. After all, horse racing is a gamble, isn't it?

■ Philadelphia 76er Allen Iverson is tearing up the NBA Playoffs.

Wednesday night, after accepting his MVP trophy, he scored 52 points, including 29 in the first half.

Philadelphia might not win the NBA crown this season, but don't tell Iverson that. If you did, he wouldn't listen.

■ It's mid-May, but one can't help but plot in his mind how to rank next season's 58th District girls' basketball teams. So much talent will return. Many of the basketball teams will stay busy this summer by competing in various camps.

(See SIDELINE, page ten)

Little League

Reds beat Cards, Rangers

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Reds of the Prestonsburg Little League's Minor League Division, scored recent wins over both the Rangers and Cardinals.

The Reds beat the Rangers 11-3 and the Cards 13-9.

Three Reds pitchers combined for nine strikeouts and five walks in the win over the Rangers. Rangers hurlers combined for 12 strikeouts and eight walks.

The Reds got on top of the Rangers with three runs in their first at-bat. The Reds scored three more runs in the second inning to surge ahead 6-0. The Rangers plated two runs in the fourth inning but could never recover from the

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Astros pound Reds, 14-4

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Allen Astros built a 9-0 lead on the Reds in a game held Tuesday at Allen Park. Strong pitching and hot bats allowed the Astros to play their way to an impressive 14-4 win.

The Reds got all four of their runs in the fourth inning. Astros pitcher Scott Little pitched three innings of

no-hit, shut out baseball for his fourth victory of the 2001 season. Travis Hamilton pitched one inning, allowing four runs for his first save of the '01 campaign. Hamilton's record is 2-0, with the one save. The win improved the Astros to 6-0.

The aforementioned bats were definitely hot for the Astros. Tyler Layne drove in four runs, while going two-for-two at the plate with

two runs scored. Little helped his mound cause at the plate by going three-for-three with a pair of doubles and two RBI. He also crossed the plate three times.

Clay Jamerson, a Little League player who sang the National Anthem prior to Tuesday's Opening Day ceremonies at the new T-Ball

(See ASTROS, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

A HAP Little League Reds first-baseman went after a ball during Monday's game against the Astros.



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- President: Tommie L. Layne
- Vice-President: Keith Henry
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- Manager of T-Ball: Jim Clark

HAP LITTLE LEAGUE BREAKDOWN

- 5 minor league teams
- 5 major league teams
- 3 T-Ball teams
- 160 kids involved
- 21 volunteer managers and coaches

HAP Little League

gets new T-Ball field

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

A total of 38 young T-Ball players got a treat at Allen Park on Tuesday when a new field was introduced for use by the Harold Allen Prater Little League.

The dream of starting a T-Ball division in the league to better prepare kids for when they advance to the minor and major divisions is now a reality.

With the help of Executive Judge

Paul Hunt Thompson and the Floyd County Fiscal Court, the dream was made possible with two weeks worth of hard work. Construction on the field began three weeks ago and was completed in just two weeks. Teams were allowed to practice on the field for a week before Tuesday's first games.

"I would like to commend our Judge Executive, Paul Hunt Thompson, and the Floyd County Fiscal Court for striving to make our county a better place to live by improving our county facilities

for the kids, said HAP Little League President Tommie Layne. "A special thanks also goes out to Clyde Woods, (Allen) Park Director, and his employees for keeping the park in great shape."

Judge Executive Thompson was joined Tuesday by county commissioners Ermal Tackett and Larry Stumbo. All three individuals threw out ceremonial first pitches. Judge Executive Thompson threw out the initial first pitch.



photo by Steve LeMaster

A new beginning... New grass was put down on the Prestonsburg High School football field Wednesday. Members of the Prestonsburg football team recently took part in a combine before high school coaches at Hazard High School.



Prestonsburg wins over J. Central, 5-3

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg Lady Cats hosted the Johnson Central Lady Eagles in 15th Region girls' high school softball action Tuesday night at Archer Park. Host Prestonsburg broke open a scoreless game in the bottom of the fourth with two runs. Johnson Central answered with a pair of runs in the second inning before ultimately falling 5-3.

Senior Amelia Conley put Prestonsburg's first run of the game on the scoreboard with a home run in the bottom of the fourth inning. Conley's teammate, Stacey Goble, got on base the very next at-bat and also came around to score.

The big-run inning for Coach Bridget Clay's P'burg team came in the bottom of the fifth when three players crossed the plate to score.

The Lady Eagles got an additional run in the top half of the seventh and final inning before falling.

58th DISTRICT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT

Prestonsburg enters next week's 58th District softball tournament as a number two seed with a district record of 4-2. Betsy Layne is the number one seed in the district with a near-perfect district worksheet of 5-1. Betsy Layne is the site of the 58th District tourney.

ON TAP

- (1) Betsy Layne vs. (4) South Floyd (1-5) Monday, May 21; 5:30 p.m.
- (2) Prestonsburg (4-2) vs. (3) Allen Central (2-4) Tuesday, May 22; 5:30 p.m.

Sports Briefs...

College basketball

EKU promotes assistant

Eastern Kentucky University assistant Chad Dollar has been promoted to associate head coach by Coach Travis Ford.

Dollar, 28, a graduate of Milligan College, is in his second year at EKU after working as an assistant coach at Western Carolina, Southern Mississippi and Garner-Webb.

College football

Centre to go international

The Centre College football team will travel to Innsbruck, Australia, this summer to play the Tyrolean Raiders of the Austrian International

Football League

The game is scheduled for June 10 and will be played at the stadium where the 1964 Winter Olympics were held.

The NCAA has granted the Colonels 10 practices in preparation for the game, marking the first time since 1972 Centre has conducted spring football.

NFL

Williams has surgery

Cincinnati Bengals fullback Nick Williams is to have knee surgery in the very near future and could be sidelined next season. Dr. James Andrews is to operate in Birmingham, Ala. Andrews will repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in Williams' left knee.

Samford to join OVC

The Ohio Valley Conference will expand to 11 members for the first time in its 53-year history with the addition of Samford University.

Samford will join the OVC no later than June 1, 2003, the school announced Tuesday. The Bulldogs have been members of the Trans America Athletic Conference since 1978 in all sports except football, which has competed at the NCAA I-AA scholarship level since 1988.

This will be the first time that all 17

men's and women's sports will compete in the same athletic league.

Samford, located in Birmingham, Ala., has an enrollment of 4,494 students and will be the first private school to join the OVC.

"The Ohio Valley Conference is excited with Samford's decision to join the league... Our members have a tremendous amount of respect for Samford,"

(See OVC, page two)

Irwin-like lighting could strike again

by DENIS HARRINGTON
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Hale Irwin is kind of a hard read. Something that hasn't changed during the more than two decades he's been a card-carrying PGA Tour player and now a Senior PGA Tour nomad. The exterior remains flinty and seemingly defies penetration.

But with a little probing the sum and substance of the man can be exposed.

Now 56, Irwin long ago established himself as a guy with the game to win the big ones. Going to rewind we find him as a bespectacled young mercenary setting out as a relative no-name in the 1974 U.S. open Championship at the

Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, New York.

At that juncture in his play-for-pay experience he had but two PGA Tour firsts to his credit in six years of journeying. Both triumphs had come in the then Heritage Classic conducted annually over the tight and testing Harbor Town links off the coast of South Carolina. It is a

layout that closely profiles U.S. Golf Association venues relative to demands on accuracy through the green and sound thinking.

From the very outset of the trial and error scenario played out over Winged Foot's treacherous acreage Irwin was in the hunt, hanging around the lead. Finally, on the closing day of play, he surged to the fore and claimed the coveted title with a 7-over-par aggregate of 287.

"It meant instant recognition," he said, looking back on his initial victory in a major. "You're the U.S. Open champion. It was made apparent to me when I traveled abroad and wore the crown. But if you remain humble and care more on the inside about the game, it's rewarding. Besides, the silver is really nice to have in your

home."

Once again, in 1979, Irwin scaled the golfing heights at the Inverness Club outside Toledo, Ohio. As a Winged Foot, he began inauspiciously then meshed gears to rally strong and hold on down the stretch for his second win in the U.S. Open. He scored 284 over the 72-hole grind in this one.

"I started choking on the first tee," he laughed in recalling the circumstances. "This was not your casual round of Sunday golf, an interclub tournament. If the pressure doesn't affect you, you're not human."

Now fast forward to 1990 and the Medinah Country Club in the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. At 45, Irwin had ceased to be a prime mover and shaker on the PGA Tour. For a period of

five years he was he was a non-winner and his earnings were far down the money list. Only a special invitation from the USGA gained him admission into the tourney field. In keeping with prior performances in the U.S. Open he started back in the pack and steadily worked his way to the front. Only this time it took an incredible birdie put on the 72nd green to forge himself a place in an 18-hole playoff.

The next day Irwin and club pro Mike Donald were still tied after another turn around the course. So the issue would be decided at sudden death. On the first extra hole Irwin recorded a birdie to annex his third national championship.

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Albie Howell claimed a Bomber feature win last Friday night at Thunder Ridge Raceway.

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Christian Slams and Jams coming to Applebee's Park

Music and muscle are teaming up for an evening of fun, faith and fellowship at Applebee's Park. Lexington Legends Entertainment presents Christian Music's hottest new group Salvador and the Christian Wrestling Federation, Thursday, June 14.

Salvador is a five man group from Austin, Texas with an energetic Latin pop style, reminiscent of Santana and Miami Sound Machine but with Christian lyrics. The once makeshift praise and worship band made up of Preachers' kids is considered by many to be one of the top Christian music acts in the country.

The non-profit Christian Wrestling Federation has tapped into the overwhelming popularity of professional wrestling to get its message of faith and hope out to audiences of all ages. Instead of seeing Stone Cold Steve Austin or The Rock, fans will watch Apocalypse, Angel and Jesus Freak do battle in the ring. Organizers promise high flying acts with body slams and headfirst flips without the pro-

fanity and scantily clad women at ringside that are often part of other mainstream pro wrestling promotions.

Show time is 7:00 p.m. EDT on Thursday, June 14 in Applebee's Park. Tickets are \$15 for lower stadium seats, \$13 for upper stadium. Groups of 20 or more get a two-dollar discount on each ticket. Tickets can be purchased at the Box Office at Applebee's Park or by phone at 859/422-7867. The Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

OVC

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Commissioner Dan Beebe said, "I have been impressed with the steady, even-handed operations of the Ohio Valley Conference since we first discussed this possibility some years ago," said President Thomas E. Cortis.

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- Austin Peay University
- Eastern Illinois University
- Eastern Kentucky University
- Jacksonville State University
- Morehead State University
- Murray State University

- Samford University
- Southeast Missouri State University
- University of Tennessee at Martin
- Tennessee State University
- Tennessee Technological University

Astro

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field, went one-for-two with two RBI. Jamerson drove in the run in the fourth inning that forced the Reds into the Mercy Rule setback.

Mike Jarrell is the coach of the Allen Astros.

by KATHY PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR



Days of wine and roses...

I seem to remember somewhere in the back of my mind that I promised to not continue with boring my readers with columns dealing with my thoughts on love and romance. But, what I have since learned is that several of you out there, women mostly, okay, women all, are more interested in these musings than I originally thought might be the case. As one woman said to me, "I had no idea that you are as passionate a person as you really are, you're like me aren't you...you're lonely." Hmm, guess so.

At least now I know that I'm not alone. This woman, too, says she has a love of romance resting deep within her soul. We commiserated on the topic of the lack of available men who enjoy, using her own words, "wooing" a woman. We talked about the delight that comes from an evening of candlelight, wine, soft music and heart-to-heart conversations.

Actually, it's been so long since I experienced an evening like this, that I have a newfound respect for my brain - to realize that it can store such memories and images for such a dratted long time. I hope this storage capacity lasts a little longer, 'cause it appears, this day at least, that romance still ain't due to come into my life anytime soon.

Until it does, I'll continue to keep this "passionate" heart of mine buried deep and well out of view.

I have also greatly enjoyed talking with all of you ladies who live life, as I do, "on the run." As one of you said to me, "I drive around in my car and I look around and I wonder, 'Are other women going as crazy as me?'" Well, I think I can safely say that the answer is yes.

Gone are the days of our mothers and grandmothers who kissed their husbands and their children good-bye in the mornings and then sat back in their "dusters" to enjoy a second cup of coffee and an early morning read before attacking the dust bunnies and laundry monsters, uninterrupted except for the man from the dry cleaners or perhaps a quick telephone call from a neighbor.

I know that there were, undoubtedly, days when my brother and I arrived home from school before my mother was fully prepared for our onslaught of dusty shoes and scattered textbooks, but on the whole, I think it must have been a wonderful blessing to have each day of the week, at least from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. or so, to catch up on housework, laundry, cooking, shopping, and those little "leisure" activities like painting your nails and shaving your legs without having to rush somewhere pall mall like a woman obsessed.

I've been sick this week and feeling quite under the weather due to this nasty little bug that has decided to co-habitate with me for a spell. It's very hard to feel bad and still have to meet deadlines and shuttle children and manage to make sure that everyone gets something to eat at the end of the day.

I get so tired sometimes that I even forget where to place my fingers on this computer keyboard. To add to my misery, my feet got awful cold at an early morning meeting held at the state park earlier in the week. Why?

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Hicks Branch and grandparents

Worth Remembering



Miley Prater and Laura Hicks on their wedding day, March 20, 1916.

by Sandra L. Prater, Ph.D.
and Kathy Prater
FEATURES EDITOR

I was a "town girl" when I was growing up in Floyd county in the fifties, and I loved to visit my grandparents, Miley and Laura Hicks Prater, on their farm located at Goodloe, near David. They had a white house with a porch that wrapped half-way around it, a barn for livestock and horses, a chicken coop, a large garden, an orchard, and a second garden plot that was sometimes planted with tobacco. It was a busy and active farm. I could choose a ripe tomato from the garden or pick up a yellow May apple from the front yard when I was hungry and needing a quick snack. I could also get a drink of ice cold well water when I was thirsty, or maybe a glass of warm milk just brought in from the barn.

My grandparents were married on March 20, 1916. Throughout the years of their marriage they were blessed with eight children: Earnest, Viola, Lona Marie, Ruth and Ralph (twins), Arnold, Kenneth, and Charles. Three of their sons married and settled their families within a quarter mile of my grandparents' home. None of the others went farther away than Pikeville. With 14 grandchildren in the neighborhood, and 12 others in the Floyd-Pike county area, it is easy to explain the level of activity that I remember at Miley and Laurie's house.

My family often visited for Sunday afternoon dinner. That usually meant a spread of fried chicken, dumplings,

green beans, potato salad, coleslaw, fresh sliced tomatoes, cucumbers, and green onions, cornbread, and desserts such as apple pie, fruit cobblers, and banana pudding. The menu varied, but the quality of my grandmother's food did not. She was accustomed to cooking for large groups, and she was an excellent cook. The foods she prepared were always fresh, tasty, and delicious. Some combination of my six aunts, along with my mother, were always available to help prepare and serve the grand meals.

Before eating, all the children were instructed to "wash up" in the metal basin that sat on a small counter just inside the back kitchen door. This basin was filled with fresh water that had been drawn from the well that stood just outside near this back door. The water from this well was COLD, "give-you-a-headache" cold. It was good for drinking, not so good for washing hands and faces.

In addition to managing a small farm, my grandfather also owned and operated a sawmill at the mouth of the hollow. This hollow is known today as "Hicks Branch." There is a road leading off to the right as you enter this hollow that has been proclaimed "Arnold Prater Road" in honor of my uncle, who still lives on this road with his wife, Bernice, today.

There were always great mounds of sawdust throughout the field on which the sawmill was constructed. My cousins and I would play games on these mountains of band-saw leavings. We would dig holes and construct "steps" leading to our fine and elegantly furnished "houses." Our furnishings consisted of pieces of bark and wood that we would find lying around the sawmill yard. I have never forgotten the smell of sawdust: clean and fragrant, like the smell of the trees from the hills that surrounded us.

I also have not forgotten the sound of the sawmill—a sharp, whine that pierced into your very being when log met saw. No one had to warn me twice to stay clear of the menacing saw and its gargantuan teeth.

My grandmother's neighbors at the foot of the hollow were her brother, Earnest Hicks, and his wife, Ora. During my childhood years, my grandparents home had no indoor plumbing or telephone line, when my grandmother needed something, she would go out on her front porch and holler at the top of her lungs... "Or-ee! Orr-ee!"

Ora would answer from her back door, "What, Laurie?" (Or so I imagined, for I couldn't always

understand the words.)

"You got beans?," my grandmother would query, and the conversation would continue in this manner, back and forth, each woman exhibiting the awesome power of carrying their voices across the expanse of the fields that separated them.

Looking back, it was quite an efficient system for gathering information. Both women were busy at the work of helping their husbands manage the family farms, and there was no reason to take the time to walk to one another's homes if what they needed was not available. Most times, when the desired item was available, a grandchild in need of a task was directed to play "deliveryman" with instructions to "hurry."

Life on my grandparents farm provided quite an adventure for their grandchildren who spent the bulk of their days growing up in town. Although "town" (Prestonsburg) held adventures and delights of its own, "Middle Creek" provided novelty for me, my sister, Kathy, and my brothers, Doug and Barry. We loved being allowed to roam freely the expanse of this hollow and rolling in fresh hay and following behind our grandparents as they gathered eggs and chased "biddies." It was a time of childhood innocence and growing strong, both physically and morally, as my grandparents never lost an opportunity to teach a lesson from the Bible or from life.

I became interested in genealogy when I was living in Florida in the late 70's. As I sat as a student in my very first genealogy class, the instructor was explaining how to use public records for information gathering. As she spoke, she said, "For example, if you were looking for information on people who lived in Pike county, Kentucky, you would..." I sat straight up in my seat and waited for her to finish. When she paused, I raised my hand and asked if she had randomly chosen this location for her example, or if she knew something about the area. Turned out that her father was Judge Edward P. Hill, a resident and noted citizen of eastern Kentucky. He had lived his life on Abbott Creek and later moved to Florida after retiring from public service. My instructor arranged for me to meet him.

Judge Hill spoke highly of my grandfather, saying that "he was a good man." His wife recalled how my grand-

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Miley and Laura Prater on their 60th wedding anniversary, 1976.

Things to Ponder...

My heart is killing me

by Mable Rowe
Lineberger, Ph.D.

Many times the phrase "My heart is killing me" has been heard. It can be interpreted from the emotional viewpoint of an intense feeling that produces a sense of "heartbreak," where nothing seems to be able to touch that innermost pain. Then there's the crushing pain of the heart that has resulted from changes in the physical and physiological workings of one of the body's most vital organs. More and more studies have been done looking at the interaction of the heart's overall condition and actions and psychosocial factors—hostility, anger, stress, depression and social isolation. These factors have been shown to influence the development of cardiovascular disease, both directly and indirectly, through faulty working mechanisms and unhealthy habits, such as smoking, bad diets, and lack of exercise.

One would think that society would be more willing to do more to maintain a healthy heart and mental state, since the connection between psychosocial factors and cardiovascular disease has been explored for centuries, almost as long as medicine itself. The circulatory system was first described in 1628 and also noted were how emotions affect the heart. In 1897, the typical heart disease patient was depicted as "a keen and ambitious man, the indicator of whose engine is always at 'full speed ahead.'" Not that any of us would be like

that. Sure enough, cardiologists of the 1950s, Friedman and Rosenman, began connecting heart patients and their tendency to have Type-A personality traits—free-floating hostility with their likelihood of becoming upset easily, impatience, and feelings of insecurity. Yet, consensual research results have not been found; i.e., a study of 630 Army personnel (2000) did not find a link between their levels of anxiety, hostility, depression, stress and their chances of developing clogged arteries.

However, another project (2000) looked at whether angry dispositions would lead to heart disease among 12,986 white and African-American men and women aged 45 to 64, at the start. A questionnaire was used to assess "trait" anger—tendency for frequent, intense, long-lasting rages. There were questions about whether the individuals viewed themselves as quick-tempered or whether they felt like hitting someone when they got angry. After about four and one-half years, the researchers found that among people with normal blood pressure, those with high scores on the anger scale were three times more likely to have suffered heart attacks or sudden cardiac death than those with low scores. This was found to be true, even when the possible impact of risk factors—smoking, having diabetes, or weighing too much—were considered. The implication is that individuals who find themselves prone to anger might benefit from anger

management training.

Still another major research project studied the role that hostility—defined as a personality trait marked by cynicism, mistrust, anger, and aggression—plays in predisposing young people to cardiovascular disease. Results showed that people scoring beyond the typical level of hostility were twice as likely to have coronary calcification than were those scoring below that "average". The benefit from this study pertained to prevention; individuals more likely to develop heart disease could be identified early and appropriate interventions could be put in place to delay further development of coronary artery disease.

An additional group of studies pertained to ways psychosocial factors can make worse problems in people who already have heart disease. In the Journal of American Medical Association (2000), researchers reported that both chronic and acute mental stress could negatively affect patients with coronary artery disease. One of the major authors identified factors that trigger myocardial ischemia, which occurs when the heart does not get the blood supply it needs. In a laboratory setting, he provoked ischemia by such mental stresses as math exercises and harassment. He also reported, "...that mental stress is about as powerful as strenuous exercise as a trigger for ischemia." His opinion was that stress management might be an appropriate addition to rehabilitation programs for patients with coronary disease.

Psychosocial factors also influence patients' recovery from heart attacks and other cardiovas-

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ular problems. In research with 896 heart attack sufferers (1999), patients who were depressed were three times more likely to die in the year following their heart attack than those who were not depressed, regardless of how severe their initial heart disease was. Additionally, women were twice as likely as men to develop depression after a heart attack. Yet women's death rates were about the same as men's. Depressed patients who felt they did not get enough support from friends and family members had the highest death rates. In contrast, depressed patients who reported the most support had the same death rates as nondepressed patients.

As pointed out earlier, different forms of interventions have

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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.

As long as we kill off so many at this time of year, there'll always be a Memorial Day... Perhaps Memorable Day would more accurately describe the carnage.

A GOOD DAY, AFTER ALL

For all the waste of human life, Memorial Day expresses a beautiful sentiment. It is good for us to do honor to those who have gone ahead. A few flowers strewn along the way before they are gone will mean more to them, however. We honor the dead with flowers for their graves. Let us conduct ourselves in such wise that we will not dishonor loved ones before they leave us.

THE UNTRUSTING ONE

A candidate who wasn't exactly successful in his recent run for the marbles tells me he is insisting, these days, on the barber standing in front of him while he shaves his neck.

Have you read the one

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Ponder

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been designed to prevent cardiovascular problems, if only those with the high risk factors will be willing to accept that they need to make the necessary changes. Learning anger and hostility management would be beneficial. Group counseling has been found to be very helpful for modifying Type-A personality characteristics; a 44 percent reduction in second heart attacks was found as compared with the other two groups with no counseling. The results of another study showed 82 percent of patients with a rigorous lifestyle-modification programs such as group therapy, meditation, yoga, exercise, and low fat diet had a decrease in their atherosclerotic lesions, as compared to 42 percent of the control group.

Finally, a brief list of activities on how one can survive a heart attack when alone was provided by the support group for individuals who have had cardiac surgery, The Mended Hearts. If you have a heart attack and you are alone, you have only about 10 seconds before losing consciousness. In these 10 seconds, you can help yourself until help arrives by following these steps: (1) Cough repeatedly and very vigorously. The cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest; (2) Take a deep breath before each cough; and (3) A breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without letup until help arrives, or until your heart feels like it is beating normally again. Deep breaths bring oxygen into your lungs, and coughing movements squeeze your heart and keep your blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on your heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. These activities may be enough to help you hold on long enough for help to arrive and get you to a hospital.

World

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about the lawyer's daughter who told her boy-friend: "Stop and/or I'll slap you?"

The papers tell us one of the top Reds has heart trouble. Seems to me that ailment is affecting the whole Commie tribe, but it isn't organic.

THE "LAW" GETS TOLD

Lenna Moore had quite a brush with the law, the other day. With a parking ticket in his hand he stalked into the police station and inquired if said ticket was a mere warning, or if it meant business. He was assured that the idea was to transact a certain bit of business with him, whereupon he drawled:

"O.K.—I'll pay. But I want you fellows to understand one thing."

He paused, and the officers wondered if he planned to bolt the ticket, go to law, or draw a gun.

Then Moore continued:

"I'll tell you right now what I'm going to do, and I can say it in mighty few words." His voice dropped—if we were setting it in type—from 24-point down to 6, as he finally voiced his "threat."

"I don't aim to park there any more."

In the Spring it's not only old maples that are tapped. Old saps are tappable, too.

THE WINDING PATH

Where along the path came the turning of the way? When and why? Thinking on such questions, we more fully understand the old bishop, who, seeing a prisoner on his way to the gallows, murmured, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

I know a successful lawyer who studied law because the course got him out of Wednesday afternoon classes. I know another fellow who studied law and wound up in the field of journalism. And a fellow in journalism whose overwhelming ambition was to become a railroad brakeman. The latter might have made it, had there not been some work connected therewith, and but for the fact that the nearest railroad was a good 20 miles away...A small stone may change the course of a waterway, and life seems to shunt men around almost by whim...Let all of us be thankful we didn't get detoured, way back there, via the place where the windows are barred.

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School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ May 30 - CPR classes for 8th grade students. Conducted by Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

■ May 21 - PTO meeting at 7 p.m. in the school library. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss end of the year plans. All members are urged to attend.

■ May 25 - 5th grade visit day for students/parents from Prestonsburg and Clark Elementary Schools.

■ May 25 - Title I Parent meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the school library. This is an important meeting and parents are urged to attend.

■ Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any of the listed activities, call 886-9812.

■ Counselor in center on Wednesdays to see students in need. Contact the center for more information, 886-9812

Allen Central Middle School Youth Service Center

■ Election for parent members to the Allen Central Middle SBDM will be held on Friday, May 25, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the Youth Service Center. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Youth Service Center office between Monday, May 14 and Thursday, May 24 - 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ May 22 - Sixth grade 4-H projects due; judging held on May 30.

■ May 23 - Bridges Parent Support Group meeting at 1 p.m.

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

Allen Elementary

■ Allen Elementary parent SBDM council election will be held in the school library on May 21, from 7 - 8 p.m.

A parent council member shall be a parent, stepparent, or foster parent of a student to be enrolled in the school during the parent's term of council service. Parent shall also mean a person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order and with whom the student resides. A parent council member shall not be an employee of that school or the District Central Office, the relative of an employee of that school or of a District Central Office employee, a local Board member or spouse of a local Board member. Relative shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law or daughter-in-law.

■ Elections for PTO representative officers will be held on Monday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. for the academic school year 2001-2002.

The offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer will be open for nominations. For further information, contact Tammy Vance at 886-1556 or 874-0524.

■ KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: May 21-25 from 8:15 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Parents need to bring immunization certificates, completed physical forms, child's social security card and birth certificate. For an appointment, call 874-2165

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.

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

■ G.E.D. classes offered-FREE-each Friday, beginning 8:30 a.m. and lasting through 11:30 a.m. Instructor: Linda Bailey

Clark Elementary

The Clark Elementary School Parent SBDM Council election will be held in

the school library on May 22 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Anyone wishing to run for council member should pick up an application in the school office and return it to the principal no later than 3 p.m. on May 22.

A parent council member shall be a parent, stepparent, or foster parent of a student to be enrolled in the school during present term of council service. Parent shall also mean a person who has legal custody of a student pursuant to a court order and with whom the student resides. A parent council member shall not be an employee of that school or the District Central Office, the relative of an employee of that school or of a District Central Office employee, a local Board member or spouse of a local Board member. Relative shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law or daughter-in-law.

■ May 21 - DARE picnic for fifth grade students

■ May 23 - KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION - from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Parents wanting to register their children need to bring the child's birth certificate, social security card, current physical, and current immunization certificate. If you are unable to register your child on this day, you may register any day up to and after the beginning of the school year. Call 886-2487 for further information.

■ May 24 - Regular meeting of the SBDM Council at 6 p.m. in the school library. Everyone welcome.

■ May 25 - Tour of Adams Middle School for fifth graders.

■ May 30 - "Buckle Up" presentation for students. "Especially" presentation for fourth and fifth grade girls. "Especially" presentation for fifth grade boys.

■ 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.

John M. Stumbo Elementary

■ A workshop for parents of Stumbo Elementary seventh graders will be held on Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. The workshop will be hosted by the East Kentucky Regional GEAR-UP Project and will provide academic information along with information on scholarships and financial planning for college. The workshop is free.

May Valley Elementary

■ KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION will be held on the following dates: Thursday, May 24 and Friday, May 25 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For further information, call 285-0883.

McDowell Family Resource Center 377-2678

■ The McDowell FRC After-School Program has openings for students who need a safe place to stay until their parents get off from work or out of school. Call 377-2678.

■ 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.

Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center

■ May 18: Mine Safety & Health Administration

■ MAY 18: KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

■ May 23: Hot Air Balloon - 8:30 a.m. - Fifth grade.

■ June 8: Spring Carnival, sponsored by PTA - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

■ 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 FRC office.

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mother would always accompany my grandfather on his trips to town to conduct legal business.

Throughout all the long years they spent together, my grandparents remained firmly devoted to one another, my grandfather, in the later years of his life, would gaze tenderly at my grandmother and tell her that "she was so pretty," he never commented on the gray in her hair or the lines in her face - he saw only the pretty girl that he had fallen in love with many years before.

I have always remained amazed at the fact that my first venture into tracing my family roots, in a state a good distance

away, lead me to a connection with Floyd countians who actually knew my family.

The Hill's comments and recollections of my grandparents revealed that they knew these people well. They knew them as decent, hard-working people who wanted good lives for their children.

After both my grandparents had passed away, I happened to run across a worn and tattered copy of my grandfather's hymnal. When I opened it, a newspaper clipping with my picture fell out. It is a memory I cherish, along with all the others from that eastern Kentucky farm on Hicks Branch in Floyd county.

Eyes

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Because I rushed out of the house in my "flip-flops," forgetting to switch to "real" shoes before I left the house. By the time I remembered, I was too far down the road to turn back. Guess I better try to remember to stash a "generic one-style-goes-with-all" pair of shoes in the car's trunk.

But, that's the way we live today, isn't it.

As one of you remarked, "Whatever happened to the days when all the work was caught up and there was actually time left over to sit on the porch and have an iced tea and talk? I'll tell you what happened - the women all went to work."

I have to say, Ms. Caudill, that I believe you're right.

Weddings



Potter-Farthing to Wed

Garfield and Soundra Potter, of Prestonsburg, wish to announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Youtha Leigh Ann Potter, to Kevin Todd Farthing, son of Stephen and Emma Farthing, of Martin. The bride-elect is a 1996 graduate of The Piarist School and a 2000 graduate of Eastern Kentucky University holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Therapeutic Recreation. She is employed by the Stewart Home School of Frankfort, Kentucky. Farthing is a 1994 graduate of Prestonsburg High School and attends the University of Kentucky. He is employed by Qore Property Sciences. The wedding will take place at half past four o'clock in the afternoon, Saturday, June 16, 2001, at the First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg, with the father of the bride, Rev. Garfield Potter officiating. A reception will be held immediately following the ceremony in the churches Family Life Center. The gracious custom of open church will be observed. Following a honeymoon in Jamaica, the couple will reside in Lexington.

This and that

Remembering Mother

by Bill R. Francis

Several weeks ago while the redbud's and dogwoods were both blooming, which is unusual, because redbud's bloom several weeks before dogwoods, I began to think of my mother. She loved the flowers of spring and the planting of begonia's, red geraniums and Easter lilies. I can still see her standing in her yard telling my brother-in-law Lowell Marcum the exact spot she wanted her plants placed.

She used a cane to assist her walking, due to having a knee replaced several years before her death. This wooden cane was used for pointing out where she wanted things placed. In addition, she was a master at using this cane to close her blinds much like an automatic blind closer. She would take the cane and flip the blinds open or closed without ever getting off of her couch. She was a pro in stores getting things off top shelves with her cane and always managing to scare my younger sister, who was afraid that she would break something.

But, on this particular day of recent, I was leaving home to do my daily running at the track and as I opened the front door, I heard the most wonderful "sounds of life." Every kind of bird in the region could be heard. Every tree sounded as though it were full of hundreds of birds. I stopped at my steps and listened to a mocking bird mimicking the most beautiful calling sounds of others of its kind. I could hear, as well as see blackcap chickadees; I listened to the song of a song sparrow making the sound of "Maids! Maids! Maids! Hang up your teakettle-etle-etle!" and the tufted titmouse calling "Peter-Peter-Peter." I watched a male red Kentucky cardinal; I saw robins flying to a nearby bush with straw in their beaks - building a nest for the start of a new cycle of life. They were in a hurry to begin their family, and were in constant flight gathering straw and pieces of string. They reminded me of young lads and gals beginning their homes and married lives - always in a rush.

The singing of the sparrow perched at my bird feeder made such a melody of music it began drowning out the other birds. The sounds of this musical symphony of birds and insects all reminded me of how we take each heartbeat that is given to us for granted. We just accept, without thinking, the next heartbeat. The fact that it could be our last never enters our minds.

Anyway, I took a moment to sit down on my steps to listen and allowed the beautiful memories of my youth and thoughts of my mother to flood my mind. I could

hear her beautiful voice singing the hymn, "In the Garden" and I began recalling some of the words while sitting there, "I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses, He walks with me, and talks with me." - songs I had heard sung at the Garrett Methodist Church. I thought of how God is alive and how he talks to me.

I then began to remember sitting in the bedroom with my mother just before her passing with my forehead against the metal bed railing. I began having flashbacks of a youthful, spirited and beautiful lady, "My Mother." Everyone I am sure thinks that their "Mother" is or was the most beautiful of all, and I would believe them if they were to tell me this.

My mother didn't look the age of 82 years. I began recalling the slightly graying hair that surrounded her round and youthful looking face. The crow's feet at the corners of her eyes let me know that they had seen many hours of happiness, as well as the pain of being a mortal. My mother was dying of the dreaded disease we call cancer.

I could see my grandmother that had passed away many years ago in my mother's face and hands. Mother's fingers were swollen from the terrible pain of arthritis. I remember the large deep veins that stood upon her hands as she lay dying. With each twitch of her lips I could see the breath of life leaving her - her round shoulders heavy with pain from the hard work of life.

I saw the grim reaper of death pulling at her hands in my mind as I looked upon her - in her bedroom the day before he came. I could hear the ringing of the telephone of the call I received in the early morning hour of that next day in December, 1999. The young girl in white, from Hospice, placed a death sheet over her. The evil growth that the doctor had showed us in her stomach a month earlier had taken her life.

To all of those whose mother's are still living I caution, don't take your mother's heartbeat for granted. All of our mothers are beautiful and they have given us life. I know that God gives us all the breath of life, but don't forget that "Mother" also gave you life. It matters not to me that my mother has passed on, for I can yet see the grin on her face and the sparkle in her eyes. She will always be alive for she lives within my heart.

God bless all the mothers of the world.

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Family Medicine

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Question: I'm concerned that my 9-year-old son may hurt himself or someone else. Though he is an honor-role student, he is in the principal's office two or three times each week because of his uncontrolled anger. He has started hitting me and hitting, kicking and threatening to kill my husband, who is also his stepfather. I don't know what has brought on

this change in him. What can I do to help him and to help our family?

Answer: All children go through stages of being defiant and testing limits. What you describe, however, is significantly more than the occasional "test of will" that all children challenge parents with. (As a fellow parent,

Entire family needs counseling to deal with "Moody Son"

I must say I've been through enough of these myself!) Fortunately, children rarely attempt or commit murder, but just mentioning this makes the hairs on the back of my neck stand up. It is a serious call for help.

I can't tell you exactly what is going on with your son's behavior without more information. What I can tell is that he is either suffering from an underlying psychiatric disorder such as depression, or he is emotionally overwhelmed by his perception of the events in his life. Recent changes in friends, sports, school or family are where I'd look for clues about his illness. Obviously, you need the help of a professional to iden-

tify the nature of his problem and then determine a proper treatment for it. Your pediatrician or family physician is a good place to start, but I would be surprised if assistance from a child psychiatrist isn't going to be part of the treatment team.

I wouldn't be surprised if his change in behavior turns out to be the result of depression. I make this educated guess because 30 percent of us have depression some time during our lives. Depression can have symptoms of anger, lack of interest in usual activities, change in appetite (increased or decreased), change in school performance and a change in sleep pattern. Some individuals with depression

have a variant known as "bipolar" disorder. Those with this condition have periods when they have symptoms like those I've just described, but these periods alternate with times when they exhibit increased energy, difficulty staying on task and impaired judgment. This bipolar depression is also sometimes called manic depression. Your son could be suffering from this, too.

Actually, there are a number of conditions that could cause your son to have the set of behaviors you described. He needs professional help as soon as possible, but so does the entire family. His behaviors cause you and your husband to react in a fashion that has not helped resolve the prob-

lem. I'm sure that this is also true of his siblings and probably true of his biologic father if he sees him with any regularity. All of you need to learn more effective ways of helping your son deal with the stresses in his life. That is easy to understand but very hard to do. Counseling with the entire family is the best way to get everyone "reading from the same page of the playbook."

"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.

Postscript: Taking care of business

By Pam Shingler
COLUMNIST

I am taking space today to promote an organization and some people who do not receive much fanfare, but should.

The annual banquet of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce took place last Thursday (May 10) with little note. Chamber executive director Regina Becknell, while worrying over an adorable two-year-old and preparing for another family addition soon, planned an outstanding evening, and the folks at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park put on their normal fare, a feast.

Prestonsburg tourism director Fred James demonstrated he is in the right business, as he presented the Foggy Bottom Boys & Girls, a group of area musicians who entertained with zeal and skill. (Did he say one or two of them had the surname of James?)

State Sen. Johnny Ray Turner ably filled in as

guest speaker. The retired teacher and coach noted that freshmen legislators do not get an instruction manual. He pretty much had to wing it during this year's session.

Several other banquet citations merit mention. Hi Tech Signs and Graphics, headed by Rodney Davis, received the chamber award for Business of the Year, and Fred James was chosen Business Person of the Year.

State Rep. Greg Stumbo was given the Floyd Countian of the Year award, and Tyrone Martin of First Commonwealth Bank earned the first Chamber Partner in Education award for his tireless work with area youth.

As executive director, Becknell had the privilege of selecting the recipient of the Excellence Award. She chose Mark McLemore, manager of JWSRP. McLemore also assumed the post of president of the chamber, replacing outgoing president

Carla Coburn.

In a particularly touching moment, retired Circuit Judge Hollie Conley came out to accept his installation into the Floyd County Hall of Fame. Certainly, he is most deserving.

Special tributes were given to three Floyd County stars, posthumously music teacher Elizabeth Frazier, artist Russell May, and businessman and civic leader Ed Music. Each made tremendous contributions to the region and to our culture. Each was honored while alive, but not enough.

Representatives of the Kentucky Small Business Administration were at the banquet to present awards to two area people. Dennis Dorton, president of Citizens National Bank and a community activist par excellence, was recognized by the SBA as Financial Services Advocate, not only for Kentucky, but also in the whole southeast region of the national organization.

I was thrilled to win the state SBA Small Business Journalist of the Year award, for my cov-

erage of area businesses when I was on the Times staff. I'm grateful to Judy Hankins and Mike Morley of the Small Business Development Center in Pikeville for nominating Denny and me.

I must add that I thoroughly enjoyed covering the chamber and writing stories about businesses. I strongly believe we need to support, nurture and promote local business. We tend to take what we have for granted and to overlook what we have. We often mistakenly, I think leave the region to find what we want, when in reality, we sometimes are simply too lazy to look locally. We have some outstanding businesses right here that provide products and service beyond anything well find a couple of hours west or east of here.

If you missed the 2001 chamber banquet, you missed a delightful evening. Thanks, Regina, for your hard work and your dedication, and congratulations to all those who were singled out for recognition.

Thanks, too, to all the business owners and their staff in Floyd County who strive to provide us with what we need and want, with too little acknowledgement.

Youth News



Students from Allen Central High School traveled to Morehead State University for "Art Day." Demonstrations, competitions, and "hands-on" events were available throughout the day. Students were given the opportunity to view the Kentucky All-State High School Art Exhibit and to tour MSU's campus. A computer lab was also open and available to the students throughout the day. Since Allen Central High School artwork was part of the exhibit, these students were able to see their own work prominently displayed. Those interested in applying for scholarships to Morehead were able to meet with the head of the art department and discuss their portfolios. Students attending were members of the Talented and Gifted Art Class at Allen Central. This trip was coordinated by Caralita O'Quinn.



Piarist school places first in Science Olympiad



Fifteen students of The Piarist School finished first in the C Division Regional Meet of the Kentucky Science Olympiad, held recently at Prestonsburg Community College. The Piarist School earned 127 points, finishing 16 point above second place Hazard High School, and 27 point above the third place Allen Central Protons.

Of the 23 events of the Science Olympiad, The Piarist School finished first in 12 events, second in four events, and third in one event. They were the only Floyd County team to take first place in any event. The Allen Central Protons finished second in seven events and third in six events, while the Allen Central Neutrons finished second in two events and third in one event. Prestonsburg High School finished second in three events and third in two events and South Floyd High School finished second in two events and third in four events.

The following students representing a Floyd County Team placed in the top three:

In the Boomilever, Thommy Greene and Bill Jones from The Piarist School finished second with 1528.24 points, and Jennifer Cole and Amy Morgan from South Floyd finished third with 1449.68 points.

In the Bottle Rocket, Joel Castle and David Hicks from The Piarist School finished second with 10 points, and Shanna Peters and Nikita Thomsberry from the Allen Central Neutrons finished third with 8.1 points.

In Experimental Design, Kari Ross, Bill Jones, and Thommy Greene from The Piarist School, finished second with 47 points, and Jeni Spurlock and Tyler Green from the Allen Central Protons finished third with 40 points.

In Cell Biology, William Duty and John Layne from The Piarist School, finished first, and Erin Majakey and Jeni Spurlock finished third for the Allen Central Protons.

In Chemistry, Bill Jones and Nora Traum finished first for The Piarist School with 91 points, and Kendra Bailey and Kyra Osborne of the Allen Central Protons finished third with 52 points.

Floyd County teams swept Cow-a-Bungee with Jeremiah Minix and David Stukenberg finishing first for The Piarist School, David Joseph and Martin Clifton finishing second for Prestonsburg High School, and Kevin McKinney and Joe Skeans finishing third for South Floyd.

In Disease Detective, Brett Hall and Will Duty finished first for The Piarist School with six points, and Lauren Majakey and Erin Majakey finished second for the Allen Central Protons with three points.

In Dynamic Planet, John Layne and David Hicks from The Piarist School finished second, and Tiffany Turner and Lauren Majakey finished third for the Allen Central Protons.

In the trial event For the Birds, Robert Hall and Jeremiah Minix finished first for The Piarist School with 15.5 points, Bobby Baldrige from the Allen Central Neutrons finished second with 13.5 points, and Leslie Martin and Jeremiah Parsons finished third for the Allen Central Protons with 11.5 points.

In Mission Possible, Matt Goeing, David Hicks, and Jeff Oney finished first for The Piarist School with 300 points, well ahead of Jeni Spurlock and Brett Whitaker

who took second place for the Allen Central Protons with 147 points.

In Water Quality, Kari Ross and Thommy Greene took first place for The Piarist School with 75.6 points, Jessica Hicks and William May took second place for Prestonsburg High School with 67 points, and Kendra Bailey and Kyle O'Quinn took third place for the Allen Central Protons with 65.9 points.

In Physics, Joel Castle and Matt Goeing from The Piarist School with 40 points bested Angie Boyd and Kyra Osborne of the second place, Allen Central Protons with 32 points.

In Practical Data Gathering, Bill Jones and David Stukenberg placed first for The Piarist School and Brandon Haley and Martin Clifton placed third for Prestonsburg High School.

In Road Scholar, Jared Elswick and Matt Caldwell placed second for South Floyd with 79 points, and Brandon Gibson and Cynthia Fitzpatrick placed third for Prestonsburg with 78 points.

In Science Clue, where the winner has the fewest points, Brett Hall and Thommy Greene placed first for The Piarist School with 81 points, and Brandon Gibson and Cynthia Fitzpatrick placed second for Prestonsburg with 94 points.

In Write It/Do It, Sarah Noble and Kris Fultz finished second for the Allen Central Protons with 29 points and Jennifer Cole and Jared Allen finished third for South Floyd with 27 points.

In Rocks and Minerals, Will Duty and John Layne finished first for The Piarist School with 45 points, and Leslie Martin and Sarah Noble finished third for the Allen Central Protons with 26 points.

In Using the Web, Brett Watson finished second for the Allen Central Neutrons, and Matt Caldwell finished third for South Floyd.

In Amphibians and Reptiles, David Stukenberg and Sarah Hill finished third for The Piarist School with 72.6 points.

In Qualitative Analysis once again Floyd County teams made a clean sweep with Matt Goeing and Nora Traum taking first place with 71 points for The Piarist School, Kendra Bailey and Angie Boyd taking second place with 68 points for The Allen Central Protons, and Matt Caldwell and Jared Elswick taking third place for South Floyd with 56 points.

Finally in Science of Fitness, Julie Biggs and Heather Handshoe took second place for the Allen Central Protons with 17 points.

The members of the first place Piarist School Team were: seniors Joel Castle, William Duty, Matthew Goeing, Thommy Greene, Brett Hall, John Layne, and Nora Traum; juniors Robert Hall, William Jones, Jeremiah Minix, and Kari Ross; sophomores David Hicks and Sarah Hill; and freshmen Jeff Oney and David Stukenberg.

The Piarist School and the Allen Central Protons will now advance to the state competition on April 20, at Morehead State University.

The annual Floyd County Fine Arts Festival was held recently at The Mountain Arts Center. Several Allen Central High School students were recognized with awards. Nathan Hackworth and Terry Moore had prize-winning artwork that earned first-place ribbons. Chosen as "Outstanding Artists" from their school were Amber Flannery, Jennifer Risner, and Shannon Sizemore. Members of the "Top-Ten All-County Artists" were Amber Flannery, Tomma Martin, Jennifer Risner, and Shannon Sizemore. Students participating in the county exhibit were Jennifer Risner, Tommy Wallace, Amber Flannery, Lauren Majakey, Shannon Sizemore, Dwight McKinney, Nathan Hackworth, Michelle Bentley, D.J. Hoover, Drew Lance, Z.W. Chaffins, Tomma Martin, Chris Owens, Christy Manns, Terry Moore, Deborah Meade, Jessica Spears, Eva Duncan, James Meade, and Jonathon Spears. All students are currently enrolled in Caralita O'Quinn's art class.



Brock is national award winner

The United States Achievement Academy has announced that Lowell Brock, the son of Lowell and Rita Brock, of Prestonsburg, has been named a United States National Award Winner in the subject of art. This award is a very prestigious honor, and fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students are chosen to receive this award. Brock will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, a national publication. The Academy selects USAA winners upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors, and other qualified sponsors, as well as the Academy's high standards of selection. Among the criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit, and dependability. Brock is the grandson of Phyllis Johnson, of Middlesboro, and Jim Brock, of Pineville.

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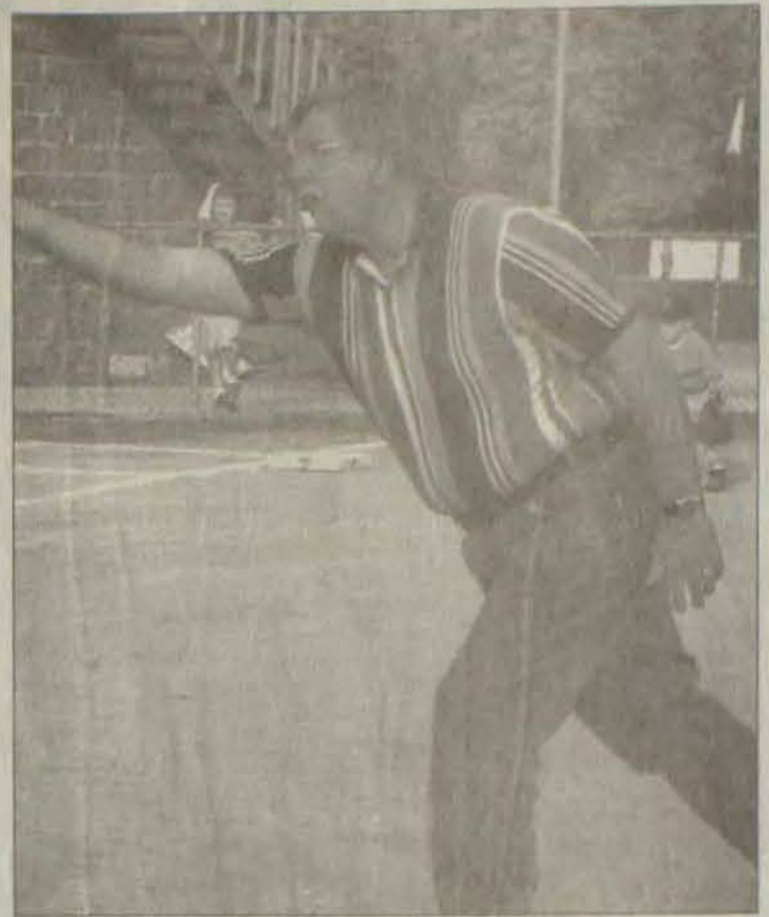


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early-inning deficit. The Cardinals scored nine runs in the last three innings, including five in the sixth and final inning. The Reds scored four runs in the top portion of the fifth frame to seal the win.

Omegas edge David, 4-3

The Johnson County Omegas defeated the David School Falcons 4-3 Tuesday night in an East Kentucky Youth Soccer Association Under-19 match at Highland Elementary in Johnson County. The visitors' Michael Tussey scored first, fifteen minutes into the match, but the Omegas tied the match ten minutes later when David Simpson touched in a loose ball rebounding from the far post. Simpson scored again in the 30th minute, heading into the net a beautiful crossing pass from Scott Salyer. The score remained 2-1 at the half.

The Falcons' David Akers tied the match five minutes into the second half. Despite a stout David defense, the Omegas regained the lead in the 30th minute on another header on a play started by forward Chris Adkins. Both teams battled fiercely for possession in the midfield, but the match was tied with four minutes remaining on a penalty kick by Edie Kuss when an Omega defender handled the ball in the penalty area.

Both sides pressed to score in the final minutes. The referee allowed two more extra minutes of injury time. As that time expired, a David defender blocked an Omega cross in the penalty area with his hand, and a penalty kick was awarded to the Omegas. Simpson struck the ball high to the right of David goalkeeper Sean Stevens, who could only deflect the shot under the crossbar.

Coach Danny Green's David Falcons have a rematch at Johnson County (Highland Elementary) Tuesday at 6 p.m.

Sideline

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High School basketball teams are essentially made in the summer.

Keith Olbermann has left Fox Sports after two years. Olbermann is the former anchor of ESPN's SportsCenter and MSNBC's The Big Show. His sudden departure was described as mutually agreeable. One has to wonder where Olbermann will end up next. I hear Hulk Hogan is starting a new pro wrestling promotion. Maybe Olbermann will give the mat sport a try. Broadcasting pro wrestling, not actually engaging in the sports entertainment biz.

The Busch Series is in Nazareth, Pennsylvania tomorrow for the Nazareth 200. Last year Ron Hornaday scored his first Busch Series win at the track. Tim Fedewa is the only two-time winner at the track. Chevrolets won the first two races at the track.

The Winston will run Saturday night from Concord, N.C. It is the 17th annual race. Those eligible for the race are winners from last year, this year, past Winston Cup champions, any driver who has won The Winston in the last five years and the Winston Open winner. This will definitely be, as usual, an all-star event.

Would anyone like to see a Pop Warner Football League in Eastern Kentucky? If so, please drop me a line.

That's all for now, be sure to get out a game this weekend.

Irwin

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"For one week," he said, "the golf world was mine again. I was just as excited about winning as I had been the first time back in 1974."

With the advent of his 50th birthday Irwin embarked upon the Senior PGA Tour and promptly asserted himself as the man to beat any week the old pros teed it up. To date he has added two U.S. Senior Open trophies to his collection and is looking to further enhance this number.

"USGA championships are the hallmark of my career," he observed. "The golf courses are prepared in a fashion more difficult than usual and my game just seems to rise to the occasion. When you play in this type of competition the adrenaline still flows freely."

Come June, Irwin will be in the field of the 2001 U.S. Open and lightning could strike again.

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