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Patton presents budget

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Big Sandy ADD left holding \$200K tab

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

The Big Sandy Area Development District recently put a call out to its five-county coverage area — Floyd, Pike, Magoffin, Johnson and Martin counties — in regard to assessment fees which were delinquent. But a past due debt from L.J. Miller Inc. may be a more pressing issue.

According to a financial audit presented during the agency's last regular meeting, the cities of Salyersville and Inez, as well as Martin County had failed to pay their \$1,500 assessment fees for several years individually. These late fees totaled at \$18,000.

But \$18,000 is not the worst of it for Big Sandy ADD.

Another sore spot for the district was

the recent shutdown of Pike County wood manufacturer L.J. Miller Inc.

The company isn't the only business listed with outstanding loan payments due in regard to Big Sandy ADD's Revolving Loan Fund, which was funded by \$457,500 from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration and matched in local cash with \$152,500 from various banks. But of

the five others listed, L.J. Miller Inc. was well over \$100,000 further indebted than the next highest obligated business.

L.J. Miller Inc., which had not yet begun its repayment process, accessed the \$200,000 revolving loan from Big Sandy ADD in February 2001 with the promise of paying the loan back in monthly install-

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briefs

One killed in Magoffin wreck

A traffic accident Friday afternoon in Salyersville left a 35-year-old Lexington man dead and three others injured, according to reports issued from the Kentucky State Police on Saturday.

According to those reports, Randy Baldwin, 41, of Oil Springs, was traveling eastbound on Route 460 in Salyersville when, at approximately 4:20 p.m., he lost control of his 1988 Toyota pickup truck along that section of roadway and proceeded into the westbound lane.

Veering out of control in the westbound lane, Baldwin then struck a 2000 Ford Mustang driven by 18-year-old James M. Shepherd of Salyersville before flipping and coming to rest along the roadway.

The passenger of Baldwin's vehicle, Hashel Baldwin, 35, of Lexington, was pronounced dead at the scene by Magoffin County Coroner Johnny Lovely at 4:35 p.m.

Both drivers — Randy Baldwin and James M. Shepherd — were later transported to the Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville where they were then taken to the

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Col. Ruby Bradley, 93, Resting at the Prestonsburg Health Care Center after many years of service of serving her country and the public.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

'Angel in Fatigues' makes home in P'burg

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

One of West Virginia's most famous natives and the nation's most decorated female veteran has made her home in Prestonsburg. Colonel Ruby Bradley, now 93 years old, has become a resident of the Prestonsburg Health Care Center after living a long life that has been filled with selfless service and a commendable dedication to preserving human life.

Col. Ruby Bradley, a native of West Virginia, was born December 19, 1907, in Spencer, W.Va.

Bradley served as a nurse in World War II where she was a

prisoner of war for 37 months in a Japanese prison camp in Manila, where she was known as the "Angel in Fatigues" at the Santo Tomas Internment Camp.

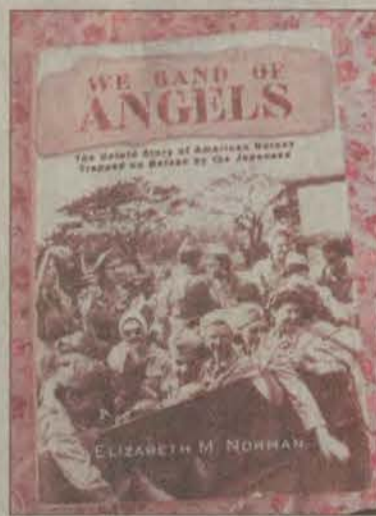
Bradley shrank to 86 pounds as she slowly starved so children could eat.

"I had to hide everything," said Bradley. "They would take food from the children."

"I'd save part of my food for the children for later when they started crying from being hungry."

At the end of 37 months in captivity, she had assisted in 230 major operations and the delivery of 13 American babies.

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Col. Bradley is pictured on the cover of Elizabeth Norman's book We Band of Angels.

photo by Loretta Blackburn

Perkins indicted for burglary, other charges

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

A Floyd County grand jury returned one eight-count indictment Tuesday against Matthew Perkins, 26, of Prestonsburg, who was arrested November 23 of last year for allegedly burglarizing the Down Town Drug Store in Martin.

Perkins was arrested and

charged at the time in connection to a burglary of the Martin pharmacy in which he allegedly stole over 4,800 narcotic pills.

According to testimony given by Martin police officer Tony Conn at that time, Perkins was searched the morning after the burglary and was found to be in

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Although recent weather has given this sign deserving merit, it has been a riddle to local drivers since spring of last year. The sign warns travelers along U.S. 23 exiting Prestonsburg of wet and icy road conditions for the next six miles and was placed, along with another near Allen, shortly after several months of paving was completed in the area. Many drivers claim to have noticed a number of sections along this portion of U.S. 23 where there appears to be standing water during dry weather conditions.

photo by Sheldon Compton

Kidnapping suspects tracked to Harold

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Kentucky State Police found itself deeply immersed in a two-party manhunt which ended in a two-party juvenile capture Friday as air and ground KSP units combed the Harold area after learning of a kidnapping which took place in Pike County.

Police were given reports of two 16-year-old male juveniles who had entered the residence of a 15-year-old Pike County girl brandishing a knife at approximately 3 p.m. Friday afternoon.

Police were told the two then forced the girl from the home, leaving with her and disappearing along a snow-covered hillside near the home.

After a four-hour search by Kentucky State Police officers

and the Kentucky State Police Aircraft section the two boys were apprehended at 7 p.m. at an apartment complex in Harold, according to reports.

Police found the 15-year-old female, of Virgie, at the apartment where the arrests had been made. She had suffered only minor injuries, according to reports.

The two male juveniles, one of which was a resident of Harold and the other listed as residing in Hellier, were arrested at 7:30 p.m. and lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center later that afternoon.

The two were charged with individual felonious kidnapping in connection to the abduction and are now currently being held at the Floyd County Juvenile Detention

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Filings piling up with 1 week (or more) to go

by RALPH B. DAVIS
MANAGING EDITOR

Heading into what may or may not be the final week to register as a candidate in this year's primary election, the pace is picking up.

After dwindling with just a couple of new filings a week around the holidays, nine new candidates emerged in the past week. Seven filed the week before.

Countywide races

The highest ranking candi-

date to file over the past week was County Clerk Chris Waugh, who filed for re-election on Tuesday.

Waugh will face Prestonsburg resident Jamie Dawn Blackburn in the Democratic primary.

In the only other county-wide race to gain a candidate this week, John Hamilton of Driit filed to run for county surveyor. He will face Joe Back of Betsy Layne in the Democratic primary.

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Odds and Ends

■ **JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** — Patricia Agness wanted to see the nation. So she hopped into a cab.

Agness dialed up her neighborhood taxi company, negotiated a fare and embarked on a 10,000-mile cross-continent cab ride.

That was last week, and the meter is still running.

"The land is fascinating," Agness said Friday, speaking to the Florida Times-Union in Jacksonville from a cell phone as her white-and-orange Gator

City Taxi cab cruised through San Antonio, Texas.

Agness, 55, said she doesn't like to fly, doesn't like buses and doesn't have a driver's license. "I needed to get away, and this is the best way to see the open road," she said.

The ride will take Agness and taxi drivers Joe Gattuso and Safdar Hussein on a round-trip journey that reaches as far as Juneau, Alaska.

Gattuso and Agness negotiated a rate of \$1 a mile, a discount over the cab company's

usual \$1.65 a mile rate.

The drivers planned to take eight-hour turns behind the wheel and allow for minimum stops and no overnight stays. They hope to make it to Alaska by midweek.

■ **LINCOLN, Neb.** — Ben Sinnard started the second semester at the University of Nebraska with a big test — a moral one.

The junior found a lost wallet that contained nearly \$3,000 outside the Nebraska Union on

Wednesday. He quickly turned it in to campus police.

The support of his friends and his religious faith made it easier, Sinnard said.

"Of course I thought about keeping it, but that was just temptation playing tricks with me," Sinnard said. "I knew this money didn't mean too much in the whole scheme of things."

He almost stepped on the charcoal gray billfold while putting money in a parking meter, he said. It held denominations up to \$100 plus a

checkbook, he said.

He said he understood how the wallet's owner felt.

"I lost my checkbook in a movie theater, like, three weeks ago," Sinnard said.

Police managed to trace the owner and return the wallet.

■ **RACINE, Wis.** — Burton Watring is finally an Eagle Scout — at 72.

Watring was honored Saturday at a Boy Scouts of America ceremony, where he was given a badge usually reserved for 18-year-olds.

According to the rules, a scout must earn 21 merit badges and fulfill other requirements by the age of 18. If a scout doesn't complete the tasks by that time, he cannot become an Eagle Scout.

Watring fulfilled the requirements but was diagnosed with polio in 1945 and was never awarded his Eagle badge.

"I had complete paralysis, everything except my arms. It took me two years to get back on my feet," he said. "You work long and hard to accomplish all this and it's just an added reward."

Watring was inspired after reading a newspaper story about an elderly Illinois man who received his Eagle Scout badge under similar circumstances.

On display at Saturday's ceremony were some of Watring's

original paper badges from the '40s. "My good mother, she hung on to all this stuff for me," he said.

■ **GOSHEN, Ind.** — A firefighter responding to a traffic accident in his fire truck was alarmed to find that his own pickup had smashed halfway through the wall of a motorcycle shop.

Kit Castetter's truck apparently was stolen from the parking lot where he had left it at the central fire station. The firefighter told police Friday night that the pickup was his.

The 15-year-old accused of stealing the truck was trapped in the vehicle, which had skidded through a wall of Maple City Kawasaki after taking a turn at nearly 65 mph.

Police and firefighters had to break the truck's windows to pull out the teen-age driver, whose name wasn't released. He was turned over to police after paramedics checked him out.

Goshen Patrolman Chris Grathen spotted the pickup headed the wrong way down a one-way street.

When Grathen tried to pull the pickup over, a chase ensued, with the truck reaching 70 mph on city streets, police said. At an intersection, the teen-ager made a last-second decision to turn right that resulted in the skid.

A Legislative Perspective with Rep. Ira Branham and Keith Hall

Week two of the 2002 General Assembly concluded with 422 House bills filed and 73 resolutions. Most House committees have met at least once, and have begun the process of hearing testimony on bills.

The full House already has bills on their orders to consider. The much publicized telemar-

keting legislation that failed to pass the Senate during the 2001 Legislature is making its way through the legislative maze once again. House Bill 47, this session's version of the measure, received its first major show of support last week. This bill tightens the definition of a telephone solicitor, and allows certain school fundraising

functions and charitable groups to be exempt from the restrictions placed upon businesses, whose primary livelihood stems from telemarketing calls. The bill also protects Kentucky businesses that need to talk with regular customers.

House Bill 47 creates a "zero call" list that Kentuckians can be a part of, by calling the Attorney General's Office. The individuals on the list are not to be contacted by telemarketers for any reason. The "zero-call" list will be available to telemarketing companies for a small fee.

The House also passed House Bill 103, a bill essential to controlling prescription drug cost in Kentucky's Medicaid program. The bill will repeal two laws previously passed by the Legislature that required the Medicaid program to cover all new prescription drugs on the market during their first year of release, which is generally the most expensive time period for prescription medicine. House Bill 103 will require prior authorization for new high cost prescriptions, and creates an advisory board of doctors and pharmacists to review medications and recommend to the state's Medicaid program which drugs should require advance approval. It is believed this measure will save the Medicaid program \$100 million in its first year.

Another measure soon to be considered by lawmakers is House Bill 29, legislation that regulates businesses that offer body piercing to minors.

Understanding that body piercing is extremely popular among teenagers, this bill requires those businesses to register with the local health department. The bill was approved in committee and is now before the full House. We both voted for this bill, and think it is needed to protect our young people.

For comments and questions regarding these or any other bills before the Legislature, contact us at 1-800-372-7181, the toll-free message line. You

Two wounded released from hospital

The Associated Press

GRUNDTVY, Va. — Two students wounded in a shooting rampage at the Appalachian School of Law last week have been released from a hospital.

Rebecca Brown, 38, of Roanoke, and Martha Madeline Short, 37, of Clintwood, were discharged Sunday from Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport,

Tenn., said hospital spokeswoman Amy Stevens.

A third student, Stacey Beans, 22, of Paducah, was upgraded from fair to good condition.

Stevens said all three were expected to make a full recovery.

The school's dean, L. Anthony Sutin, professor Thomas Blackwell and student Angela Dales were slain in the shooting spree.

Student Peter Odighizuwa, 43, a native of Nigeria, is charged with three counts of capital murder, three counts of attempted capital murder and six weapons counts in the shootings. Police said Odighizuwa had recently flunked out of school.

The private law school, which opened five years ago in a renovated junior high school, has an enrollment of about 200 students.

Home Owners CORNER



by Stan Stumbo & Voncel Thacker

A TURN OF THE SCREW

Drywall screws have gained popularity as utility fasteners. Their threads are double-lead (two threads extend from the point, instead of one), which makes them drive aggressively. Drywall screws do not have the holding power of a wood screw, however. In addition, because the shank of the screw thins out at the head, they lack tensile strength and can snap under loads. Quality wood screws, on the other hand, have strong, thick shanks and coarse threads, which makes them superior for such tasks as hanging shelves and joining pieces of wood. They also offer different head shapes and drive recesses, including slotted, Phillips, square recess, and combo (square and Phillips). Remember, they don't call them wood screws for nothing.

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Supreme Court rejects appeal over mountaintop mining

by GINA HOLLAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A dispute over a mining practice that clips off the tops of West Virginia mountains will not be settled by the Supreme Court.

The court turned down a chance Tuesday to debate mountaintop removal in a case which conservationists argue could make it harder for citizens to sue on environmental issues.

Justices had been urged to clarify when pollution cases

can be filed in federal courts. They refused, without comment.

In mountaintop mining, hilltops are blasted to uncover low-sulfur coal seams. Leftover rock and dirt are dumped into nearby valleys, burying streams.

Mine operators are generally required to rebuild mountains, but some groups argue that the government is not doing enough to protect the West Virginia landscape.

The West Virginia Highlands Conservancy and

some land owners had sued the state's top environmental regulator for issuing mining permits.

An appeals court ruled last year that disputes over state enforcement of mining laws belong in state courts, not federal. That decision overturned a federal judge's order to limit the coal mining.

State lawyers told the Supreme Court that suits over mining regulations belong in state court.

"For exclusive jurisdiction to have any meaning, the state law alone must govern the director's permitting decisions," Benjamin L. Bailey wrote in filings for the West Virginia Department of Environmental Quality.

The Bush administration said the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision in favor of the state was wrong, but that the Supreme Court did not need to intervene in the case.

The federal government sets national environmental standards for coal mining operations and approves state plans to follow those standards.

James M. Hecker, representing the conservancy, said the ruling "disrupts federal-government and private-citizen enforcement of an important federal statute that directly affects the public interest."

The case is Bragg v. West Virginia Coal Association, 01-619.

Victim expected to return to law school this semester

The Associated Press

PADUCAH — Stacey Beans plans to be home in a couple of days to recuperate before returning later this semester to the Virginia law school where she was shot last week, her mother said.

"It's been positive just watching her," Bobbie Wrinkle said.

Beans, of Paducah, remained in good condition and was walking Monday at Wellmont Bristol Regional Medical Center in Bristol, Tenn. Hospital officials say she is expected to be released Tuesday.

Two other students injured Rebecca Brown, 38, of Roanoke, Va., and Martha Madeline Short, 37, of Clintwood, Va., were discharged Sunday from Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tenn., said hospital spokeswoman Amy Stevens.

Beans, a 1997 Paducah Tilghman High School graduate, was shot once in the chest during a shooting rampage at Appalachian School of Law last Wednesday in Grundy, Va. The dean, a professor and a student were killed.

Beans has remained positive, her mother Bobbie Wrinkle said. "She's been a real trouper," she said. "I am proud of her."

Classes at the law school are scheduled to resume this week. Beans will recuperate in

Paducah before returning to school as soon as she can, Wrinkle said.

A couple of her professors who visited Beans over the weekend offered to provide tutoring if needed. Beans was one of the top students at the school, Wrinkle said. "She's looking forward to going back to law school," she said.

Beans still plans to do an internship in May with Circuit Judge Bill Cunningham, whose circuit includes Caldwell, Livingston, Lyon and Trigg counties.

MAC, dentist team up to present Stuart Little

PRESTONSBURG — From the loving heart of E.B. White, author of Charlotte's Web, comes this merry musical about a noble little mouse who jumps headfirst into adventures big enough to match any imagination. By turns funny, tender and exciting, Stuart Little mixes gorgeous child-size puppets with live actors to work theatrical magic.

And now, Stuart Little is coming to the MAC.

The Mountain Arts Center and Dr. Lee Boyd, pediatric dentist, will present The Big Adventures of Stuart Little at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 15.

The MAC has been presenting shows that appeal to children for two years now, and each one seems to get better. This show is produced by Theatre IV from Richmond, Va., and contains beautiful scenery, staging and costumes, as well as professional actors who'll entertain you with high-spirited dancing and singing.

This show will certainly be enjoyed by the entire family, and especially by kids 10 and under. It's an evening show, so everyone can attend, and, as with all our Family Series Shows, there'll be a get together in the lobby after the show to meet the characters and take photographs.

The programming at the Mountain Arts Center is planned to be of interest to everyone in the family, and the Family Series has all our younger patrons in mind. We hope you'll visit soon!

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McConnell files for fourth term

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, who has a track record as one of the most partisan of senators, sounded distinctly nonpartisan Tuesday during his official re-election

announcement

McConnell is seeking a fourth term, which would tie him with former U.S. Sen. Wendell Ford as the longest-serving senator from Kentucky. And it would make him the longest-serving

Republican senator from Kentucky.

But in remarks prepared for delivery at the state Capitol where he filed his re-election papers, McConnell downplayed politics.

"I stand here today not as a Republican or a Democrat, but as your United States senator to ask for six more years to serve you," McConnell said.

He was accompanied by his wife, Elaine Chao, who is secretary of the Labor Department in President Bush's administration. McConnell declined to answer questions Tuesday morning about his record or re-election.

McConnell has engineered a revival of the Republican Party in Kentucky, where it now holds five of six congressional seats and an unprecedented majority in the state Senate. He also is the immediate past chairman of the Republican senatorial campaign committee, which suffered the defeats in the 2000 elections that eventually led to the loss of control of that body to the Democrats.

McConnell made no other references to political parties, though he did laud Bush's education legislation.

Two Democrats are running against McConnell, though neither is thought to have much of a chance.

Education and civic activist Lois Combs Weinberg has raised nearly \$1 million for her campaign, though much of it is

In one county, teacher pay raises could translate to job

The Associated Press

HAZARD — Gov. Paul Patton's plan to give teachers a 2.7 percent pay raise next year could mean about \$20 more a week for teachers in Perry County.

But the new expense could also mean that some teachers have to lose their jobs.

Less money means fewer teacher's aides, students riding older buses, classrooms that are more cramped and the elimination of art and music classes, said Doug Campbell, assistant superintendent of schools in the eastern Kentucky county.

"If it's not something you have to do, you take it out" of the budget, said Campbell, who was vocal about the potential impact of the pay-raise plan. He did admit, however, that his teachers deserve more compensation.

Many educators across the state have the same concerns about Patton's proposal to require local school districts to pay for the raises. At the same time, the amount of state money given to districts would be the same as last year.

But supporters of the raise say the threat of classroom layoffs is a knee-jerk reaction.

Judith Gambill, president of the 27,000-member Kentucky Education Association, the teachers' union, said such talk amounts to "a tactic to scare people. It's very easy to say we'll lay off staff, and I think that's a simplistic way of looking at this."

The governor's plan, which would cost \$69 million next year, will be introduced Tuesday in his two-year budget proposal. The state would pay for a 2.7 percent teacher pay raise in the second year of the budget.

In Perry County, the pay raises and insurance premiums would take \$877,000 from the school system's \$23.6 million general operating budget, Campbell said. That would come on top of a \$300,000 drop in state funding because of a decline in enrollment, he said.

Job losses are inevitable because about three-fourths of the county's expenses are in salaries. Up to 20 teachers — almost 5 per-

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Latest House plan divides yet another county; new lawsuit filed

by CHARLES WOLFE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A House committee dominated by Democrats voted Tuesday to approve a new version of a redistricting bill. Its apportionment of Kentucky House districts would divide 27 counties — four more than absolutely necessary.

By contrast, a plan drawn up by the Republican minority would divide the minimum 23 counties. An ideal House district would have 40,418 residents — 1 percent of the Kentucky population.

The Democratic plan contains three districts that exceed the ideal by more than the 5 percent deviation that courts have generally established.

House Speaker Jody Richards, the plan's main spon-

sor, said the more important characteristic is that the difference in population between largest district and smallest is no more than 10 percent.

"We think it will pass muster," Richards told the State Government Committee, defending the divisions. "The counties don't cooperate sometimes and divide themselves into neat packages of 40,000 residents."

The Democratic plan would divide six small counties between districts — Rowan, Wolfe, Spencer, Harlan, Letcher and Trigg. The original Democratic House plan divided 26 counties; Wolfe was added to the list in the version made public Tuesday.

The Democratic plan would potentially pit six House incumbents, five of them Republicans, against each other.

In Jefferson County, Republicans Bob Heleringer and Ron Crimm would be in the same district. In southeastern Kentucky, Republicans Johnny Turner of Harlan and Brandon Smith of Hazard would share a district, as would Republican Howard Cornett of Whitesburg and Ira Branham of Pikeville.

Branham, however, does not intend to seek re-election. In addition, Turner said Tuesday that he would not run for another House term if the current plan was enacted because Harlan County would be divided among four districts that also contain all or parts of Perry, Bell, Clay, Leslie, Letcher and Pike counties.

"Why they're trying to divide Harlan County four ways — it's just not right," Turner said in an interview. "Politics is politics, but it's just not right."

Another new development in the bill would be creation of a House district in southern Fayette County, rather than from portions of Fayette and Madison counties. Also, contrary to a request by black community leaders, the bill does not create another minority district in Jefferson County. Richards said it was considered, but "we were pretty far down the road at that point."

The House bill also proposes new boundaries for Kentucky Senate districts. Traditionally, the state House and Senate enact their own boundaries, but Republicans in control of the Senate declined to publicly propose their own Senate plan.

In a related development Tuesday, Republican activists who included former GOP state chairman Robert Gable sued in federal court in Frankfort to have the court draw new boundaries. They said "there is no evidence that the legislature will be able to do so" by next Tuesday, the filing deadline for candidates in the May primary election.

The group also sued in Franklin Circuit Court and U.S. District Court at Louisville. They said no substantive action was taken on either complaint.

(The legislation is House Bill 1.)

Coal miners' health benefits at stake

by GINA HOLLAND
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Tuesday to decide if the health benefits of thousands of retired coal miners could be left in jeopardy by an agency's tardiness.

The Bush administration had said that without court intervention, a 1992 law to aid retired miners could fail. The law made mine operators responsible for the health care of former workers.

At issue is the 1993 deadline that Congress set for the Social Security commissioner to determine which coal companies would be responsible for benefits, and to whom.

That determination was made for about 7,500 miners after the deadline expired. As a result, the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the designation was improper.

The Supreme Court will review two cases from that appeals court. If the government loses, it may have to repay millions that companies spent on

premiums and then figure out how to cover future costs.

It would cause "significant disruption to the funding scheme set up by Congress to protect the health care benefits of tens of thousands of retired coal miners and their dependents," Solicitor General Theodore B. Olson, representing the Bush administration, said in court filings.

Court records show that the Social Security Administration missed the deadline because it was not given money to handle the matter until 80 days before the time expired.

Justices are already reviewing a separate coal mining case, also involving health care benefits for retirees under the 1992 law. In *Massanari v. Sigmon Coal Co.*, the issue is whether a coal company that buys another one can be held responsible for the costs of health insurance for retired employees of the predecessor company.

The cases are *Barnhart v. Peabody Coal Co.*, 01-705, and *Holland v. Bellaire Corp.*, 01-715.



Donna Morgan, a representative of the Brushy Fork Institute of Berea College, was in town on Wednesday afternoon to present a check for \$1,000 to the Floyd County T-GIFT team. Also attending the presentation ceremony was Floyd County Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson. Shown from left to right are: Donna Morgan, Judge Thompson, David Kraus, Delora Kraus, Kathy Prater, Steve Damron, Kathleen Weigand, Lowell Brock, Aaron Collins, Tiffany Hall and Michael Vance.

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Viewpoint

Worth Repeating ...

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— Robert Louis Stevenson

Amendment 1

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Our View

No excuse for not chipping in

As we reported in Sunday's Floyd County Times, not all members of the Big Sandy Area Development District are pulling their weight, and that is inexcusable.

Members of Big Sandy ADD include Floyd, Johnson, Pike, Martin and Magoffin counties and their county seats. As a price of membership, those members are charged \$1,500 a year — a price so minimal in comparison to local government budgets as to be trivial.

But an audit of Big Sandy ADD shows that two cities and one county have found the cost to be so trivial that they haven't bothered to pay it.

Since 1996, Martin County has skipped out on its dues three times, while the city of Inez has missed four payments. The city of Salyersville, meanwhile, has not paid the fee at all.

To make matters worse, the amount of the non-payments could have been higher. In 1996, faced with a similar problem of dead-beat members, Big Sandy ADD forgave all delinquent payments and gave its members a chance to start over with a clean slate.

It would perhaps be understandable if those communities could argue that they do not receive anything for the money they are asked to contribute each year, but that is clearly not the case. Just taking a look at some of the things Big Sandy ADD has helped accomplish proves that point.

Martin County and Inez, in particular, have seen a tremendous return on the money they have been asked to pay, through Big Sandy ADD's work in helping bring the federal prison currently under construction in Martin County and in forming the Honey Branch Industrial Authority. Big Sandy ADD has performed countless hours of often behind-the-scenes work in order to get those projects off the ground.

But besides all that, Big Sandy ADD is a professional organization which gives its members valuable technical assistance they would otherwise not have. Anytime there is a project involving new water lines, new sewer lines or new economic development, it is a good bet that Big Sandy ADD is somewhere in the background, helping to write grants or providing data needed to write grants for the money to accomplish those projects.

We would bet that if Martin County, Inez and Salyersville were threatened with the loss of all the services Big Sandy ADD provides, they would find a way to make their payments. There is no indication that the ADD's board of directors are even considering such a move, but it wouldn't be unwarranted.

But even more, the failure to pay dues is a snub toward the idea of regional cooperation, the very concept area development districts were created to foster.

By showing that they are unwilling to share in common sacrifice, particularly one this small, these communities are sending a signal that they have no meaningful commitment to regional cooperation as long as they are allowed to share in regional successes.

— The Floyd County Times



'THIS IS SO HARRY POTTER AND I'M SO LORD OF THE RINGS...'

Poison Pen

Let's call the whole thing off

Can we just go ahead and call off the rest of this year's General Assembly?

I'm serious. It looks like this year's most notable accomplishment will be the vast expenditure of taxpayer's and special interest money to accomplish nothing.

In essence, the partisan bickering between the two houses of the legislature has grown so bitter that the two sides seem to be beyond reason. Now, whatever one proposes, the other opposes.

The important issues which need to be decided will either remain undecided, or someone else will have to do it. I doubt we're going to see anything decided concerning regulating telemarketers, changes to the seat belt law, casino gambling or that perennial theft of Eastern Kentucky, the coal severance tax.

And let's not forget that little matter of redistricting. It looks more than ever that that issue will wind up being decided by a court, rather than the legislature.

Redistricting is the thorniest of thorny issues, mostly because lawmakers are in essence deciding the political futures of

themselves as well as their parties. So when you have a Democratic House and a Republican Senate grappling over how they can best carve the state to give their parties an advantage in elections for the next 10 years, you have a recipe for a stalemate.

And thus far, the proposals advanced have had ludicrous consequences. In the first plan we saw, Letcher County would have been divided among three districts, even though that county doesn't have enough population to merit a district of its own. Now a new plan would divide Harlan County among four districts. I suppose that would suit the newspaper and radio stations down there just fine, getting four times as many campaign ads every two years. But it would bankrupt the federal government's SSI program

because everyone down there would be driven crazy.

This is really a repeat of the 2001 session, the first of the so-called annual sessions, even though the odd-year sessions are scaled down. We didn't really mind the fact that nothing got done in that session, because most of us were a little hesitant to send our legislators to Frankfort yearly in the first place.

Of course, that whole deal of annual

sessions may have to be revisited at some point. Eventually, someone will wake up and realize that we voted for the odd-year sessions on the premise lawmakers would have a better handle on the budget by going yearly, and the first year out of the gate we wound up with a half-billion-dollar shortfall.

But now we're dealing with a full session, and we were expecting to see action this year. But it appears that nothing will crack through the political face-off which has developed, and with the aforementioned shortfall, the tanking economy and local elections on the horizon, we could be headed for crisis. There is a very real possibility that the legislative stalemate could mean that there won't be enough blacktop to pave the driveways it will take to keep half of the state's county officials in office.

But we will find a way to muddle through. This is, after all, Kentucky, where the official state motto is, "There's no government like no government," and no government is what we have right now.

With the legislature unable to agree on what flavor of pudding to serve in the Capitol Annex cafeteria, there'll be no consensus to accomplish the usual duties of state government, such as raising taxes, violating the constitution, paying off cronies, making up ridiculous laws ...

Hmmm ... the more I think about this deadlock, the more I like it.



RALPH DAVIS

Guest Column

Budget battles could be intense

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton has been visiting places in state government few of his predecessors have gone before.

The trips have not been physical, but fiscal, as Patton has gone off in search of money to balance a budget more precarious than ever before, at least in terms of dollars.

The budget will not be formally presented until Tuesday, but some of the choices already made are difficult and likely will prove enormously unpopular, especially among the groups whose appropriations might be expropriated. Those already known constitute an eclectic group — teachers and school administrators; state employees, current

and retired; people unable to afford health insurance on their own; even the owners of old gas stations.

Yet one central fact remains that will underlie all the moaning that is certain to accompany the budget debate as it plays out over the next two months: If not Patton's plan, then what?

Patton already has revealed that he plans to dip into several special funds to find money to fund the government.

One is the money set aside for the high-risk pool for people who cannot obtain health insurance coverage on the open market. Insurance companies, which could be subject to some levies to make up shortfalls in the fund in the future, will almost certainly complain.

Another is the underground petroleum storage tank fund, which is financed with a 1.4 cent per gallon tax on gasoline. It is supposed to help pay for the removal of old underground tanks, which might be leaking and contaminating the soil. The fund has a lot of money in it and has been very slow in paying out claims for removal projects. But service station operators, large and small, could complain.

Patton has also said he will demand that local school boards provide teachers

and administrators with a 2.7 percent raise in the coming year while also using an expected increase in federal funds to pay for benefits for employees who are paid under federal programs. The state has previously picked up the cost of the benefits.

Local schools, which wield enormous influence with legislators, are already starting to grumble. Patton said he doesn't want to hear it. "You're going to have to suck it up just like everybody else is," Patton said he told school leaders.

Similarly, state employees have already begun grumbling about Patton's plan for a 2.7 percent raise for them in the first year of the budget, rather than their traditional 5 percent. In addition, Patton said he will propose a reduction in the state appropriation to the state retirement fund, roughly equivalent to the amount of money the fund is going to get from a stock windfall.

"It doesn't affect anybody's retirement. It doesn't affect the solvency of the fund in any way whatsoever," Patton said. "They'd get a while lot more upset if we didn't have the 2.7 percent raise."

Patton will set the budget debate on Tuesday with his own recommendations.

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BellSouth announced recently that it has introduced its state-of-the-art Voice Mail service to Prestonsburg. Allen, Martin, Wayland and McDowell.

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This free training will be held in March and April on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Prestonsburg. The training will be

Teacher

cent of Perry's staff of 410 teachers — could be cut, Campbell said.

"This is the worst case we've ever seen in the district's budget," Campbell said.

According to the American Federation of Teachers, Kentucky teachers averaged \$36,355 in annual pay in 1999-2000, the latest year for which data is available. Adjusted for the cost of living, Kentucky's average is \$41,000, just below the national average of \$41,280.

Another concern is that minority teachers could be hit

hard by layoffs because state law requires that the least experienced be dropped first unless the position is vital to the school. Many newer teachers are minorities.

"Do I think minority teachers are going to be cut? Yes," said Kathryn Wallace, president of the Kentucky Alliance of Black School Educators.

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The past two years have been a whirlwind for Ty. Personal tragedy followed by personal triumph - a phenomenal comeback some speculated would never happen. Ty Herdon's convincing vocal ability, meaty songs and a blazing live stage show grip his audiences and have them screaming for more.

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Gary Rose Announces Plans for Floyd County Sheriff's Department Reorganization

Gary Rose, candidate for Sheriff of Floyd County, announces his plans to reorganize the Floyd County Sheriff's Department into a more progressive and professional organization. Gary Rose presents the following outline of key organizational elements:

I. Sheriff's Department Organizational Structure

Under Gary Rose's leadership, the Sheriff's Department will be organized into three divisions: Civil, Criminal and Traffic.

A. Civil Division. The Civil Division will perform duties associated with the collections of taxes and other duties required by statute.

B. Criminal Division. The Criminal Division will include four sections.

1. A Drug Enforcement Section consisting of four full-time teams of detectives specializing in the investigation of illegal drugs. These teams will investigate the county's drug dealers. They will go after the mid and upper level dealers and not just the little street level dealers with high priority given to the drug dealers that prey on our school children. Officers from these teams will assist the four city police departments in Floyd County with the drug problems in their cities.

2. A Canine Section, consisting of at least one drug dog and handler, who will assist the Drug Enforcement Detectives in their investigations.

3. A General Investigations Section, consisting of detectives who will specialize in the investigation of thefts, burglaries, homicides, missing persons and other related crimes.

4. A Drug Education and Intervention Unit that will consist of officers who will teach DARE and other drug education programs in schools and other locations. Officers from this program will be available twenty-four hours a day to assist families in locating help for our loved ones who have fallen to drug addiction.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department, under Gary Rose, will show compassion and understanding for the victims of drug addiction. Innocent victims are deserving of all available medical and other professional help as opposed to incarceration, and Gary Rose will assist these victims in receiving this help.

C. Traffic Division.

1. The Traffic Division will have officers on duty or on call twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days per week.
2. Floyd County will be divided into Patrol Sectors, with traffic division officers assigned to each sector for rapid response time to complaints or calls for service.
3. Every call for service will be answered, and the complaining party will be contacted when possible. A disposition of each complaint shall be logged in the Sheriff's Office.

II. Mandatory Training for Officers.

- A. Basic Training School. Any officer, who has not attended the Basic Training School offered by the Department of Criminal Justice Training at Richmond, KY, will be encouraged to attend.
- B. All officers will participate in annual in-service training, also conducted by the Department of Criminal Justice Training.
- C. All sworn personnel will be trained to respond to and investigate incidents of domestic violence.

III. Drug Testing Program.

A random, mandatory drug-testing program will be implemented, and every employee of the Floyd County Sheriff's Program will be randomly tested.

IV. Floyd County Sheriff's Department and County School Interaction Committee.

When elected Sheriff, Gary Rose will work closely with the Superintendent of Schools and the Floyd County Board of Education to form an Interaction Committee. This committee will be comprised of representatives from each school in the county, the Retired Teachers Association, the Superintendent's Office, the four police departments in the county, and the Kentucky State Police. Gary Rose will personally represent the Sheriff's Department.

The Interaction Committee will work to identify problems, such as drug abuse and school violence, encountered by our teachers on a daily basis. The committee will formulate a plan to guide the Sheriff's Department in combating these problems.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department, under Gary Rose, will work with all local police, state police and federal agencies. We will strive to have the very best working relationship possible. The Sheriff's Department Drug Enforcement teams will be available for use by any city police department in Floyd County.

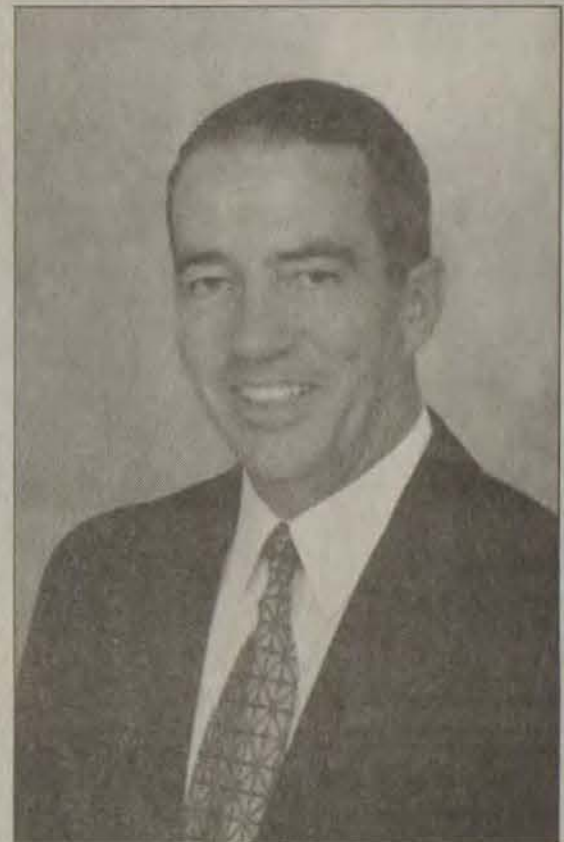
V. Policy and Procedures Manual.

Gary Rose will personally write and implement a Policy and Procedure Manual. This manual will address the following areas: employee's conduct and appearance, the use of force, the use of department vehicles, the laws of arrest, search and seizure, court appearance, general patrol, criminal investigation, accident investigation, treatment of prisoners and other duties associated with the Sheriff's Department.

VI. The Floyd County Sheriff's Department, under Gary Rose, will pursue all available state and federal grants and other funding so as to continually improve the Department's equipment and personnel training.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department, under Gary Rose, will be a better trained, more disciplined and expertly supervised Sheriff's Department which will in turn make the Department more effective, progressive and professional.

Vote for Gary Rose for Sheriff. He will organize and develop a Sheriff's Department that we can all be proud of.



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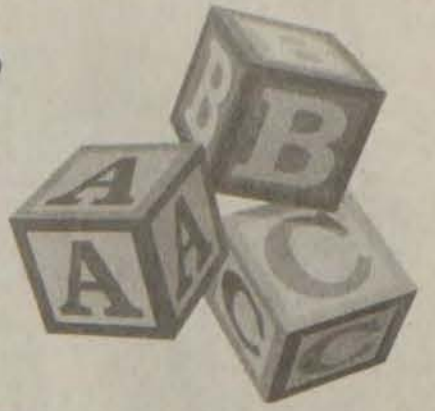
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Obituaries

Virginia (Hobson) Williamson

Virginia (Hobson) Williamson, of Betsy Layne, Ky., died Thursday, January 17, 2002, at her home.

She was born in Pike County, Ky., a daughter of the late Augustus Payne Hobson and Myrtle (Clark) Hobson. She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church, at Betsy Layne.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hubert Williamson.

Survivors include three sons, Doctor Glenn Williamson of Lafayette, Louisiana, Marvin Williamson of Betsy Layne, and Marshall R. Williamson of Betsy Layne; three sisters, Gormie Hall of Pikeville, Magnolia Stratton of Elkhorn City, and Alvaline Hampton of Virgie; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, January 20, 2002, at 11 a.m., at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church, with Tracy Patton officiating.

Burial was in the Ferguson Cemetery in Floyd County, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home, Pikeville.

Visitation was at the funeral home, and at the church.

Pallbearers: Allen Williamson, Gary Williamson, Millard D. Stevens, Samuel Stevens, Jeffrey Mulkey, and Brian Smith.

(Paid obituary)

Penny J. Perkins

Penny J. Perkins, 55, of 331 Sixth Avenue, Galion, Ohio, died Monday, January 21, 2002, at the Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, after a brief illness.

Born February 28, 1946, in Mouthcard, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Clifford Justice and Edith (Tripplet) Justice. She attended Faith Community Fellowship Church in Ontario, Ohio. She was a waitress and cook at various restaurants, and enjoyed traveling throughout the country.

Survivors include three daughters, Candy Drescher of Lindenhurst, N.Y., Angela and Johnny Holbrook of Morehead, KY, Kelly and Neil Pfeiderer, of Galion, Ohio; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Beatrice and John Schade of Galion, Ohio, Alveda and Jo Riffe of Mansfield, Ohio, Anita and Dick Luscalett of Galion, Ohio; one brother and sister-in-law, Jim and Sherry Justice of Galion, Ohio; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Roger Justice.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 23, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., at the Richardson-Davis Funeral Home, Galion, Ohio, with Pastor Dennis McMillen officiating.

Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery, Galion, Ohio.

(Paid obituary)

Timothy Duane Hoover

Timothy Duane Hoover, age 42, of Hippo, Ky., son of Maudie Ratliff Hoover, of Hippo, Ky., and the late George Hoover, passed away Thursday, January 17, 2002, at his residence, in Hippo, Ky.

He was born February 12, 1959, in McDowell, Ky.

Survivors include three brothers, David Gordon Hoover and Don Williams Hoover, both of Hippo, Ky., and James Reginald Hoover of Paintsville, Ky.; three sisters, Phyllis Ann Wilks of Hippo, Ky., Margaret Hoover and Wanda Caldwell, both of Prestonsburg, Ky.

Funeral services for Timothy Duane Hoover, were conducted Monday, January 21, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Clergyman Joe Ratliff officiating.

Burial followed in the Miners Cemetery, Eastern, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Adam Caldwell, Jordan Caldwell, Kenny Caldwell, Shawn Wilks, Seth Hall, and Dustin Hoover.

(Paid obituary)

Avanell Shepherd Collins

Avanell Shepherd Collins, age 80, of Hueysville, Ky., wife of the late Freddie Collins, passed away Friday, January 18, 2002, in the Knott County Nursing Home, Hindman, Ky.

She was born May 22, 1921, in Hueysville, Ky., the daughter of the late Lummie Sexton and Lurana Miller Sexton. She was a member of the Upper Quicksand Free Pentecostal Church, Hueysville, Ky.

Survivors include two sons, Bruce Turner of Pensacola, Fla., and Steve Shepherd of Helmer, In.; three daughters, Marlene Conley of Leo, In., and Bernice Bunn of Wolcottville, In., and Vicene Chaffins of Hueysville, Ky.; two brothers, Velman Sexton and Loyal Sexton both of Lima, Ohio; one sister, Ellen Shepherd of Hueysville, Ky.; 24 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Ken Shepherd; two daughters, Connie Leader and Bonnie Elkins.

Funeral services for Avanell Shepherd Collins were conducted Monday, January 21, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Ky., with Clergyman Bill Tussey Jr., officiating.

Burial followed in the Shepherd Cemetery, Hueysville, Ky., under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

Pallbearers: Ricky Brandon Smith, Brian Shepherd, Eric Shepherd, Victor Reed, Willis Chaffins, and David Chaffins.

(Paid obituary)

Oliver Setser

Oliver Setser, age 74, of Auxier, Ky., passed away Saturday, January 19, 2002, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, Ky., after an extended illness.

He was born March 10, 1927, in Floyd County, Ky., a son of the late James and Erma Aldridge Setser. He was a general laborer. He was a World War II Veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Audrey Baldrige Setser.

Other survivors include two sons, Oliver Ray Setser of Little Paint, Ky.; Kenneth Michael Setser of Auxier, Ky.; three daughters, Barbara Burchett of Auxier, Ky., Patricia Schroeder of Deshler, Ohio, Donna Crego of McComb, Ohio; five brothers, Marvin Setser of Clintwood, Va., Darvin Setser of Warsaw, Ind., Franklin Setser of Germantown, Oh., Calvin Setser of Auxier, Ky., Jimmy Setser of Bourbon, Ind.; two sisters, Lula Faye Silveus of Clewiston, Fla. and Alma Gay Drudge of Mentone, Ind.; and 12 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, David Lee Setser; three brothers and two sisters.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, January 22, 2002, at 1 p.m., from the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, Ky., with Clifford Austin officiating.

Burial was in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery at Auxier, Ky., under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Troy Hackworth

Troy Hackworth, 81, of Prestonsburg, Ky., died Sunday, January 20, 2002, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born September 15, 1920, in West Prestonsburg, Ky., he was the son of the late Charlie Hackworth and Ollie Stephens Hackworth. He was a former meter mechanic for Columbia Gas Company; a member of Ky. Farm Bureau; a charter, member of the Floyd County Farm Bureau; a former President of Floyd County, Farm Bureau for 31 years. He was a World War II veteran, serving in the army as a military policeman, and was a volunteer for Clark Elementary P.T.A.

He is survived by his wife, Imogene Hubbard Hackworth.

Survivors include four sons, Bill A. Hackworth of Prestonsburg, James Troy Hackworth of Houston, Texas, Charles W. Hackworth of London, West Virginia, and Richard D. Hackworth of Prestonsburg; two daughters, Alice A. Sipple of Beattyville, Ky., and Donna L. Dyer of Prestonsburg, Ky.; two brothers, Beverly Hackworth of Ada, Ohio, and Bruce Hackworth of Prestonsburg, Ky.; three sisters, Minerva Arnett of Claypool, Ind., Mabel Lemmon of Crumwell, Ind., and Alka Hale of Jasper, Ohio; and 10 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 23, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with pastor Paul Aiken officiating.

Interment will be in the Hackworth Family Cemetery, Station Branch, Prestonsburg, Ky., under direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Charles B. Hackworth, Charles W. Hackworth, Charles F. Hackworth, David B. Hackworth, Michael Hackworth, Harry Hackworth, Nathan Hackworth, David Goodman, Tim Dyer, Bill Arnold Hackworth, James Sipple and Richard D. Hackworth.

(Paid obituary)

Elizabeth Lewis

Elizabeth Lewis, 75, of Staffordsville, Ky., died Friday, January 18, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on June 5, 1926, in Johnson County, Ky., she was the daughter of the late Jim and Laura Crum Mollett. She was a homemaker and a member of the Daniels Creek Fellowship Church of God.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Lewis.

Other survivors include two sons, Danny Kerr of Prestonsburg, Ky., Michael Wayne Lewis of Seiverville, Tenn.; two daughters, Wonell Blair of Hager Hill, Ky. and Linda Chaffins of Warfield, Ky.; seven brothers, Eugene Wells of Xenia, Ohio, Paul Mollett of Wabash, Indiana, Dennis Mollett of Boonscamp, Ky., Billy Mollett of Sitka, Ky., Larry Mollett of Lowmansville, Ky., Jimmy Lee Mollett of Mansfield, Oh., James Mollett of Auxier, Ky.; six sisters, Mary Jane Ward of Williamsport, Ky., Frances Wilson of Paintsville, Ky., Shearlen Meek of Boonscamp, Ky., Diana Staniford of Williamsport, Ky., Betty Tackett of River, Ky., Rita Hall of Inez, Ky.; four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Everett Mullins; one sister, Cloetta Penix, and one grandson.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 21, 2002, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Ronnie Spriggs, Larry Blair and Doug Lewis officiating.

Burial was in the Lakeview Memorial Cemetery, Staffordsville, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Claude Goble

Claude Goble, age 86, of Dwale, Ky., died Sunday, January 13, 2002, following an extended illness.

Born on August 17, 1915, at Bull Creek, Ky., he was the son of the late William and Alice Calhoun Goble. He was a retired coal miner. He was a member of the Church of God, and UMWA.

He was married to the late Pauline Compton Goble on September 10, 1938.

He is survived by his second wife, Ezel Slone Goble; his six children and two step-children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Goble of New Symera Beach Fla.; Mr. Jack Goble of Lexington, Ky.; Mr. and Mrs. Claude (J.R.) Goble Jr. of Spring Hill Fla., Mr. Paul Douglas Goble of Ypsilanti, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. David Rick Goble of Prestonsburg, Ky.

The late William Thomas Goble preceded him in death.

Stepchildren: Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Slone of Tenn. and Mrs. Linzetta Robinson of Mouthcard, Ky., and survived by 13 grandchildren and two step-grandchildren, Kim Farnum, Jimmy Goble, Jeff Goble, Paul A. Goble, Steven Goble, Jennifer Caldwell, Jacob Claude Goble, Ronnie Goble, Tonya Waddle, Matthew Goble, Krystal Litteral, Jackson Goble, David Proctor; two stepchildren, Jason and Rachel Robinson and 10 great-grandchildren; one brother, Oakie Goble of Dwale, Ky.; two sisters, Irene Enix of Ohio, and Billie Jean Jewell of Dwale, Ky. Also preceded him in death were four brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, January 17, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, Ky., with Ray Sayers officiating.

Burial will be in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, Ivel, Ky., under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are: Richard Goble, Jack Goble, J.R. Goble, Paul Goble, Rick Goble and Johnny Judd.

(Paid obituary)

Robert Henry Hughes

Robert Henry Hughes, 89, of North Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, died Sunday morning, January 20, 2002, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Hughes was born March 8, 1912, in Williamson, West Virginia, the son of Henry Edward Hughes and Nannie Hamilton Hughes, and moved as a child to Prestonsburg, where he resided for the many years of his life. At the time of his death, he resided in the same home on Central Avenue in which he had lived since 1931.

His life was marked by partnerships of long duration. He was married for 54 years to his beloved wife, Shirley Cole Hughes, who predeceased him in 1986.

In 1948, he began another life-long partnership with Orville Cooley, with whom Mr. Hughes owned and operated the Playhouse, the poolroom at the end of Court Street, famous for its "breadburgers," until 1980.

Mr. Hughes is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Henry Edward and Cora Hughes of Lexington; a grandson, Robert Patrick Lessard of Marysville, Washington; two granddaughters, Elizabeth Snow Hughes and Anna Cole Hughes, both of Lexington; a great-granddaughter, Caroline Faye Hughes of Lexington; a daughter-in-law, Dr. Brenda Hughes of Hazard; two nephews, Michael Fannin of Prestonsburg, and Dr. Bill Tom Fannin of Pikeville; a niece, Nina Underwood of Lexington; and a very special friend and caregiver, Helen Slone of Floyd County. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Nancy Anne Hughes Lessard.

Memorial service will be held on Friday, January 25, 2002, at 1:00 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, Prestonsburg.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg. (Paid obituary)

Ruby R. Hale

Ruby R. Hale, of Mansfield, Ohio, died Saturday evening at MedCentral Mansfield Hospital, following a brief illness.

Ruby was born August 4, 1924, in Weeksbury, Ky., the daughter of the late William and Virgie Ward. A Mansfield resident for more than 50 years, Ruby spent most of her life loving and caring for her family, serving the Lord, Jesus Christ. She was a member of the Grace Evangelical Free Church, and delighted in sharing her faith with her many friends and relatives.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Stan and Linda Hale of Gahanna, Ohio, Gregory and Jennifer Hale of Mansfield, and William and Gale Hale of Lucas, Ohio; one daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Kenneth Cline of Mansfield; two sisters, Bernice Gibson and Marie Hall of Kentucky; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, William D. Hale in 1996; one sister, Norma Turner of Kentucky, and two brothers, Donald Ward of Urbana, Ohio, and G.C. "Buck" Ward of Michigan.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, January 23, 2002, at 10:30 a.m., at the Ontario home of Wappner Funeral Directors, with Reverend Dennis Nezrick officiating.

Burial will be in Ashland County Memorial Park.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Grace Evangelical Free Church, 536 Kentucky Avenue, Mansfield, Ohio, 44905.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

(Paid obituary)

Card of Thanks

The family of Herschel B. Flanery would like to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers, and words of comfort expressed. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Clergyman Graydon Howard for his comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF HERSCHEL B. FLANERY

Card of Thanks

The family of Maggie Newman would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all those who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to the clergyman, Ruben Lykens, for his comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

THE FAMILY OF MAGGIE NEWMAN

Card of Thanks

The family of Bolten H. Martin would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one; those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergyman Jerry Manns for his comforting words; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic; the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional care; and the following pallbearers: Thomas Martin, Matthew Martin, Keith Hayes, Jim Bailey, Dan Ballman, and Anthony Patton.

THE FAMILY OF BOLTEN H. MARTIN

Card of Thanks

The family of Ada Prater wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to Clergymen Clinton "Buddy" Jones and Mitchell Shepherd, for their comforting words. Dr. Lankin and staff of Kings Daughters Hospital, Ashland, Ky.; Dr. Verma and Dr. Kumar and the emergency room staff of Our Lady of The Way Hospital; the Left Beaver Rescue Squad; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service; and to the following pallbearers: Russell Prater Jr., Clayton Teel Jr., John Henson, Charles Prater, Ricky Johnson, Junior Prater, Larry Pitts, Shawn Henson, Jeremy Rister, and Clayton Brooks.

THE FAMILY OF ADA PRATER

Card of Thanks

The family of Roberta Hall would like to thank all those neighbors, friends, and families who helped during the passing of our loved one. Thanks to those who sent flowers, food, cards, or said prayers and kind words. Thanks to the clergyman, Clinton "Buddy" Jones, and others for their words of comfort; the sheriff's department for their assistance in traffic control; and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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Community Calendar

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Editor's note: Due to rising costs and space limitations we will no longer be accepting items for our Community Calendar that contain a revenue-producing nature as of Monday, October 8. If your organization is holding a fundraising event, please contact our classified or advertising departments to announce your event. The Floyd County Times will continue its practice of posting meeting dates and public service announcements, up to seven lines of type. These submissions must be received in writing no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, and 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication. Items may not be taken over the telephone. Community Calendar items are subject to editing according to space limitations.

Maytown Lifetime Learning Center

Basic Computer course to be taught. Learn to use mouse, settings and other basic functions. Begins March 4. Call 285-0539.

New Year "Refreshment" Course

Resolve to have a better new year - gain better control of your diabetes. Meet with the HRMC Diabetes Support Group to review the exchange method, carbohydrate counting, and role of sugar substitutes in the diet. The group will meet at Highlands Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, January 29, from 5-6 p.m., in the Floyd Room. Classes are free and conducted by a registered Dietitian. For further information, call the HRMC food and nutrition department at (606) 886-8511, ext. 7353.

Free training offered by Mt. Comp Care

Mt. Comprehensive Care Center's Victim Service's Program will be offering free training sessions to become a volunteer advocate for victims of child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault. The training will be held on March 23 and 30 and April 6, 13, and 20 in Prestonsburg. If you would like to become a volunteer victim's advocate, call Linda Hutchinson, Volunteer Coordinator/ Advocate, at 886-4323.

Free gospel concert

The Perry Sisters, "the first ladies of gospel music," will perform in concert at the Caney Creek Freewill Baptist Church on Saturday, February 2, at 6:30 p.m. Special guests, the Living Waters Trio and the Singing Johnsons New Generation will also perform. For more information, call (606) 437-0116.

Historic Cemeteries

"Exploring Floyd County Cemeteries and Historic Sites" class meets each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Samuel May House parking lot. From here, the class travels to a chosen site to explore local history. Class is conducted by Dr. Robert Perry. For more information, call (888) 641-4132, or 886-3863, ext. 258.

Auxier Lifetime Learning Center

Computer and Literacy training course for those persons who have never used a computer and have little or no reading ability. Course will be offered free of charge and only if a minimum of three participants enroll. For more information, call 886-0709.

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Basic and Intermediate computer classes beginning in February. Call the center to enroll.

Public meeting addresses EKSC science fair issues

The East Kentucky Science Center will conduct a public meeting Monday, January 28, for parents and teachers regarding the Science Center's upcoming regional science fair to be held March 23. Teachers will learn how to hold science fairs in their schools, and parents will learn how to assist their children with the science fair projects. Material aids will be distributed. Door prizes will be awarded. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m., Monday, January 28, in the Pike Auditorium at Prestonsburg Community College. Visit the Science Center's website www.wedo-science.org for more details or call 606-889-0303.

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Jenny Wiley AARP offers free tax service

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2002 Girl Scout Cookie Campaign

Community Girl Scouts are currently taking orders for the 2002 Cookie Sale event. Past favorites, as well as the new "Friendship Circle" cookie are all available at a minimal cost of \$3.00 per box. Locally, you may contact Phyllis Allison at 886-8271 to place an order, or call toll-free 1-800-475-2621. Thank you for supporting your local Girl Scouts.

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to new location

The American Red Cross, Big Sandy Area Chapter has moved to a new location. We are now located at the Big Sandy Area Development District Building, 100 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Phone 886-8330.

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PHS grads of 1992 plan reunion

The 1992 graduates of Prestonsburg High School are now planning their 10th reunion. Phone numbers and addresses of all graduates are needed. Please contact Alan Derossett at (606) 874-9514.

Quilt Guild to meet

The Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Floyd County Co-op Extension office. New membership is encouraged. Hand quilting techniques taught and shared, new ideas welcomed. Bring: Two - 18" sq. muslin; batting, hoop, needle, thimble, thread, and scissors. More info. call 886-2668.

Mud Creek Clinic

A social security representative will be at the Mud Creek Clinic, Grethel, each Tuesday (except holidays) January, February and March. This representative will assist in filing retirement and disability claims, and survivors benefits, in addition to SSI, Black Lung, and accepting applications for social security numbers.

Housing assistance in Wayland area

HOMES Inc. has opened an office in the Wayland Community Center to assist low income persons in the Right and Left Beaver areas with housing needs. Nelson Hopkins is in the office on Wednesdays from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. to help persons who need repairs on their existing homes or with securing new housing. Area persons may call 358-9473 on Wednesdays to speak with Hopkins or leave a message on other days. Or they may call the HOMES Inc. headquarters in Neon, toll-free, at 1-877-271-1791, ext. 10.

Attention Veterans!

The Kentucky Dept. of Veterans Affairs has moved their veterans field representative office from the Prestonsburg Courthouse to the Kentucky National Guard Armory on Rt. 321 North, just outside of Prestonsburg. Services remain free of charge and phone number remains the same—(606) 886-7920.

"Looking for a Support Group?"

Laryngectomy Support Group — Meets ever 3rd Thursday of each month at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Medical Office Building, meeting room B. Further info, call Connie

Clifton, (606) 886-2995.

Fibromyalgia Support Group—Meets first Tuesday of each month, at 6 p.m., at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building on Pke-Floyd Hollow Road, just above the Betsy Layne Fire Dept. For more info. call Sharon at 478-5224, or Phyllis at 874-2769.

Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group—Meets on the second Tuesday of each month at the First Presbyterian Church (near Jerry's) at 7 p.m. For more info., call Dana Caudill at (606) 886-0265.

Depression Support Group—Meets every Thursday at 6 p.m., at the Allen Convention Center, Stumbo Park. For more information, call Tina at 874-0544.

The Ups of Down's Syndrome Support Group—Meets the 1st Sunday of each month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside the Pikeville Independent School. For more info., call (606) 377-6142, or (606) 478-5099.

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Prostate Cancer Support Group—Group is for all men with prostate cancer and their families. Group meets every third Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn, Paintsville. For more information, contact Susan Campbell, Kentucky Cancer Program, P.O. Box 1208, Hazard, KY 41702, or call (606) 487-8360, or 1-800-401-4287.

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from her own pocket. Weinberg has never run for office before, though her father was Gov. Bert Combs.


Also running is Tom Barlow, who had a single term in Congress from the 1st District, when he defeated incumbent Carroll Hubbard, who had been caught up in scandal. Barlow has raised less than \$5,000.

McConnell planned a fly-around to six other cities to make his official campaign announcement.

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Loan

ments of \$3,085.25, including a 7 percent interest through March 2009. However, the company's president, Montana native Jim Cover, pulled up stakes and left just as the payments were to begin in January.

According to Big Sandy ADD records, the loan was to be used for the purchase of equipment, supplies and some operating expenses. These three basic needs were verified by Big Sandy ADD representatives

Monday, as well as being reflected in their financial audit, but just how much of the loan was used and to what purpose could not be determined.

In spite of the unfortunate timing of L.J. Miller's demise, Pike County Judge-Executive Karen Gibson, Big Sandy ADD Director Sandy Runyon and the agency's director of economic and community development, Sandra Saab, remain hopeful about the possibility of bringing another manufacturer in to pick up where the previous owner left off.

Runyon could not say as of Friday, however, if a new manufacturer would pick up the monthly payments to recycle the

\$200,000 back to Big Sandy ADD so it could then be loaned again for other projects within the five-county area.

"I frankly don't know what the circumstances were behind the plant closing," said Runyon. "We do feel hopeful that we can put someone else in that building and retain those jobs and expand the business."

Runyon further explained that meeting dates were being scheduled to take a closer look at the company's failing, considering L.J. Miller Inc. was slated to provide local residents an estimated 150 jobs within the next five years and was expected to be one step in many toward expansion and growth. But Runyon added that those meetings would focus primarily on the continued search for another manufacturer.

"We all hope to learn from our mistakes," said Runyon Monday. "But we want to move forward and continue to create jobs through this project."

Big Sandy ADD's funding of \$200,000 toward the L.J. Miller project came as just one part of the total cost of the project — \$2.7 million. Saad explained that the project was originally a \$1 million project, the base cost of the 50,000 square foot "spec" building Cover agreed to use for his factory. But because he had wanted a 35,000 square foot facility, sought out additional funding to make needed changes to the building to accommodate the company's needs.

This resulted in another \$1.7 million in funding, \$200,000 of which came from Big Sandy ADD, which was used primarily for construction costs, much of which was spearheaded with input and suggestions from Cover.

Providing a percentage of funding costs is something the agency often does with projects to "fill in the gaps in funding."

said Saad, who stressed the prime interest for Big Sandy ADD in such decisions is to create local jobs.

Although both Saad and Runyon have expressed an interest in understanding what went wrong with L.J. Miller, both feel the need to continue the project takes precedent over concerns for Cover's decision stop work and move his family out of the area.

The pair said they could not speculate on Cover's intentions or what may have happened at the Pikeville factory. However, Saad did see the possibility of Cover simply taking the loan and leaving before payments were set to begin as being something of a stretch.

"I don't think Mr. Cover would have moved from Montana with his family and bought a house if he didn't have plans on staying," Saad said.

Cover, who relocated with his family from Montana to begin the wood manufacturing company, also offered criticism about the local workforce in closing statements which have stirred some concern, most notably with Gibson, who gave a public rebuttal of the statements during Big Sandy ADD's most recent regular meeting.

"I don't want the statements made about the quality of the workforce here in Eastern Kentucky to spread across the country," said Gibson at the time, who explained there had been numerous calls from people interested in putting businesses in the abandoned building. "Even when he (Cover) would make changes and buy new equipment for new designs, the workers there would still produce the number of units required ... Our people here are smart and show up for work and are trainable."

Saad supported these comments Monday, saying that

potential manufacturers would not be faced with a lack of valuable employees.

"We have no doubt that manufacturers will find a capable workforce here," Saab said.

Ultimately, L.J. Miller Inc. should be viewed as a "setback" but not a total loss, according to

Runyon.

"While we're interested in what happened to L.J. Miller, and it's something we looked at, we hope to still create jobs for local people," said Runyon. "If we can do that then we will have still accomplished what we set out to do in the first place."

Wreck

University of Kentucky Chandler Medical Center for injuries sustained in the crash.

According to reports, Shepherd's passenger, Chad Williams, 20, also of Salyersville, was flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center.

Police indicated that neither Hashel Baldwin nor Randy

Baldwin were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash. Reports did not indicate whether Shepherd or Williams were wearing seat belts at the time.

The collision is still under investigation by investigating KSP officer Bryan Powell, detective Paul Estep and accident reconstructionist Billy Hall.

Election

Fiscal court

Also notable in this week's filings was the emergence of Floyd County's first Republican candidate for the 2002 campaign.

Curtis Hall of McDowell filed Friday to run for District 3 magistrate. So far, he is unchallenged for the May primary and if he remains that way, he would face the winner of a crowded Democratic primary.

In that race, another candidate has filed on the Democratic side to bring the total to eight. David Martin of McDowell filed on Wednesday. He will face Clinis Hall of Drift, current District 2 Commissioner Larry Foster Stumbo of McDowell, Roger Johnson of Bevinville, Russell Hamilton Jr. of Hi Hat, Michael "Sam" Newsome of Weeksbury, Glennis Ray Caudill of Melvin and Donald Meade of Drift.

In other races for magistrate, only District 1 did not see any new candidates.

In District 2, Bob Hackworth of Martin will run for magistrate against six others. He faces Jackie Edford Owens of Hueysville, Bobby Whitaker of Hueysville, Bert Layne of Eastern, Danny W. Martin of Garrett, David Stumbo of Langley and Curtis R. Holbrook of Langley.

For District 4 magistrate, Stacy Hall of Grethel began his campaign this week. He enters the most crowded race on the ballot running against Paul D. Tackett of Teaberry, current District 3 Commissioner Erial

Tackett of Harold, Derek Kane Hale of Betsy Layne, Marty Keith Hamilton of Betsy Layne, Vickie Hamilton Bryant of Beaver, Den Hunter of Harold, Gary Ray Jarrell of Dana and Lennix Cola Ray Akers of Harold.

Constable

There were three new filings in constable races this week.

Sam Duncan of Garrett and Terry L. Hill of Wayland both entered the District 2 constable race, where they will face James Hoover of Eastern and Gary Nelson of Wayland in the Democratic primary.

In District 4, Aaron "Ernie" Conn of Honaker filed to run for constable. He faces John Kidd of Harold, Mona Case of Betsy Layne, Troy Jarrell of Dana, Logan Tucker of Beaver, Alfred "June Bug" Newsome of Grethel and Arnold Bob McKinney of Harold.

Deadline questions

As it stands now, the deadline for candidates running in the primary is Jan. 29, but that could change.

As the General Assembly continues to debate redrawing congressional and legislative districts, the likelihood grows that the election deadline, and perhaps the election itself, will be moved back.

Last week, Senate President David Williams and House Speaker Jody Richards both said they could see no way around lengthening the election deadline.

Guest

but it technically falls to the General Assembly to write the state spending plan for the two fiscal years beginning July 1, 2002.

Historically, the House and Senate both undertook hearings on the budget simultaneously, then drafted versions of their spending plans that wound up in a conference committee.

Two years ago, the Republicans newly in charge of the Senate chose instead to wait for the House to complete its work, then complained about how late it was. That situation led to a tax increase on long-distance telephone calls, a scenario unlikely to be repeated.

So without new money, and

few places to look for it that have not already been scraped clean, legislators will be faced with few alternatives.

Patton administration officials are concerned that the legislature may not pass a budget during the regular session that is scheduled to end April 15. That carries a potentially huge political price. Legislators could be blamed for shutting down government or raising the threat of it.

As much as everyone dislikes the budget, Patton's fiscal plan could end up a political fait accompli.

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Budget balanced on top of money that won't be back

by MARK R. CHELLGREN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton acknowledges his budget proposal spends more money than the state expects to take in during the coming two years but insists it's the best that could be done.

"Our concern is to get through this next two years," Patton said Tuesday during a briefing on his spending proposal.

From a fund to pay for removing leaky old underground gasoline tanks to money set aside for older workers' compensation claims and health insurance for those unable to get it on the open market, the budget plan takes nearly \$200 million from one-time sources to pay the ongoing expenses of state government.

"We are structurally imbalanced and we've preached against that for six years," said budget director James Ramsey.

Even with all the warnings about the budget, though, few agencies actually experience a cut in funding in the budget proposal.

The budget does cut back on the way things have been done in the past.

Public employees who have received 5 percent annual raises would get 2.7 percent increases. And Patton would cut the number of state employees on the payroll by 4,500 to about 42,500. There is no new money for new capital construction.

Even with the temporary measures, Patton said he expects the state to fall \$200 million short of what is needed for Medicaid spending in the 2004 fiscal year.

If there is a Medicaid shortfall, Patton said the Cabinet for Health Services could cut services or recipients that are not required by the federal government.

"There's no smoke and mirrors here," Patton said. "This is as honest a budget as we know how to write."

Some initiatives are not sacrificed. The higher education scholarship fund for Kentucky students who get good grades in high school gets an additional \$25 million in fiscal 2003 and another \$16 million the following year.

Universities would share another \$120 million for research endowments, but the money would be raised through the sale of bonds rather than a direct cash appropriation.

Some universities, notably the University of Kentucky and Louisville, would get less money in state appropriations next year than they were originally supposed to get this year.

The Patton administration has been forced to cut \$523 million from its spending plans this year because of the faltering economy.

Still, Patton said his plan to spend \$14.4 billion in General Fund money for the two fiscal years that begin July 1 keeps

the course on some important work. "This is not a good budget in the context of moving Kentucky forward," Patton said.

Local schools bear some of the brunt of the lack of money.

Patton's plan would require school boards to give a 2.7 percent raise to all their employees without an increase in state funding. He also tried to head off criticism sure to come.

"They're better off than any other state-supported agency and I say that without any, any reservation," Patton said.

While the legislature has the ultimate responsibility to appropriate the state's money, the administration plan sets what amounts to a baseline for the General Assembly to work from.

The final version of the plan will likely not be put together

until the waning days of the session, which must end by April 15.

During his briefing, Patton said the proposed budget does not envision any new money, though he said the case for it is clear.

Some new money is raised.

The Kentucky Supreme Court last week raised the cost of filing various court cases, a move that was revealed on

Tuesday. Ramsey said the fees would mean an additional \$1.5 million annually starting July 1.

The Cabinet for Health Services also plans to increase some fees, such as for health inspections.

Patton insisted the fee increases were modest and only enough to cover costs. These are not great big increases to cover the revenue shortfall," Patton said.



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Col.
Bradley's
collection
of 34
medals.

Angel

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Bradley was serving as a front line U.S. Army nurse in Korea on the day 100,000 Chinese soldiers overran American troops and started closing in on her hospital tent.

"I was overwhelmed," said Bradley.

"They were going to take me out first but I got behind something and stayed," she said. "I was the last one out."

She stayed and loaded the sick and wounded onto the plane that was sent for her and jumped aboard just as her ambulance exploded from an enemy shell.

"You get out in a hurry when you have somebody behind you with a gun," she recalled.

Bradley had shown courage by being in Korea to begin with.

She had volunteered to work the front lines as a nurse in Korea only a short time after her release from the Santo Tomas Internment Camp.

Col. Ruby Bradley is the nation's most highly decorated female veteran. She earned 34 medals and citations for bravery, including two Bronze stars.

She was attending the unveiling of the POW-MIA stamp at the White House when, according to a release from the Office of the Press Secretary from May 29, 1995, President Bill Clinton acknowledged Bradley during a speech.

"We are especially fortunate to have a number of former prisoners of war joining us here today," said President Clinton. "They represent a half-century of commitment to the principles that our nation has stood for throughout the world. They embody a level of devotion and service almost unimaginable."

Clinton went on to recognize several former POW's before acknowledging Bradley.

"When the Philippines were attacked in 1941, Ruby Bradley had already been an Army nurse for seven years," said President Clinton. "She was captured just days after Christmas, and her internment lasted until 1945."

"Ms. Bradley," said Clinton,

who then paused for applause. "Thank you."

Among the 34 medals that have been awarded to Bradley are three Bronze Star medals, the National Defense Service Medal, The World War II Victory Medal, and the Presidential Unit Emblem.

After retiring from the Army in 1963, Bradley continued to work as a nurse in Spencer for the rest of her working life.

According to Bradley, she never married or had children of her own, but she enjoyed helping her sister with her children.

"I love small children," said Bradley.

When giving an account of her feelings regarding the days she spent in the Santo Tomas Internment Camp, she expressed satisfaction for the opportunity to care for children.

"It was the children, said Bradley, "I was glad to help the children."

After serving as a nurse in two wars, helping to console and aid countless suffering souls, and continuing to work as a nurse after her retirement from the army, Bradley has led an honorable and exciting life that almost anyone would be proud of.

She has been awarded 34 medals and many other honors as recognition of her contribution to the preservation of human life. Yet Col. Ruby Bradley humbly related her experiences, showing an eagerness to share without accrediting herself as a hero.

"You just go to work and do what you can," said Bradley.

Bradley expressed appreciation for the medals that have been awarded to her despite her understanding of what the medals represent.

"I appreciate them, but I don't really know what they are," said Bradley.

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- Veterans. Money to open and operate nursing homes in Perry and Hopkins counties.
- Knott County Arts and Crafts. \$250,000 annually.
- Richmond Arts Center. \$100,000 annually.
- Trover Clinic. \$1 million annually.
- Gubernatorial candidates. \$9 million for public financing of elections.
- Retired teachers: \$6 million to finance cost of living raises for retirees and to sweeten future retirement so teachers can include unused sick leave.
- Sheriffs: \$8 million for providing court security.
- Crime lab: 37 additional people.
- Corrections: Open new prison, add parole officers.
- Higher education: \$120

million in bonds for research endowments.

Ties

- Budget reserve trust fund: More money IF there is a budget surplus.
- Local schools: No money cut, but additional funding requirements. Additional state spending in fiscal 2004.
- Coal counties: More money from coal severance tax, but most of it earmarked for larger projects rather than individual payments.
- State employees: 2.7 percent raises annually; slightly less direct appropriation for retirement.

Losers

- Governor's office: Funding cut \$500,000.
- Petroleum underground storage tank fund: \$91.5 million taken to make up budget shortfall.
- Kentucky Access: High-risk insurance pool loses \$49 million in state aid.
- Workers' Compensation Special Fund: \$38 million less in state aid.

Indictment

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possession of three bottles of OxyContin pills as well as allegedly having a "Quick Mart bag full of pills" stuffed down his shirt. Conn also testified that Perkins had allegedly admitted during taped questioning that he assisted in the break-in, but did not enter the facility.

Other drugs mentioned in the burglary, according to a list provided by the county attorney's office, were Lortab, Lorcet, Xanax, Percocet and Valium, among others.

Perkins was initially charged with third-degree burglary and criminal mischief and later charged with theft by unlawful taking following his arraignment.

After the case was heard in district court, Perkins was additionally charged with criminal possession of a forged check which belonged to his father, public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia. Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said Perkins was in possession of a hypodermic needle, spoon and rubber tie at the time of his arrest.

The case was finally referred to the grand jury during court proceedings on December 5 by Floyd District Judge James R. Allen, who said at the time that he "hoped the grand jury would take a good look at it," considering the "serious" nature of the case.

In his indictment Tuesday,

Perkins was charged with a total of eight counts, half of which were felonies, including third-degree burglary and first-degree criminal mischief, both class D felonies, in connection to the alleged November 22 burglary of the Down Town Drug Store.

In addition to those counts, the grand jury also referred six more counts to the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office to be considered for prosecution — criminal possession of a forged instrument and first-degree possession of a controlled substance, both class D felonies, as well as the misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, public intoxication, second-degree possession of a controlled substance and third-degree possession of a controlled substance. These counts all stemmed from Perkins' arrest the following day, on November 23.

Perkins was indicted for first-degree possession of a controlled substance for knowingly and unlawfully possessing OxyContin and Percocet, while the second-degree possession charge came in relation to the drugs Lorcet, Lortab and Vicadin. The grand jury's decision to indict Perkins on a single count of third-degree possession of a controlled substance was for allegedly having in his possession the drugs Valium, Diazepam and Xanax.

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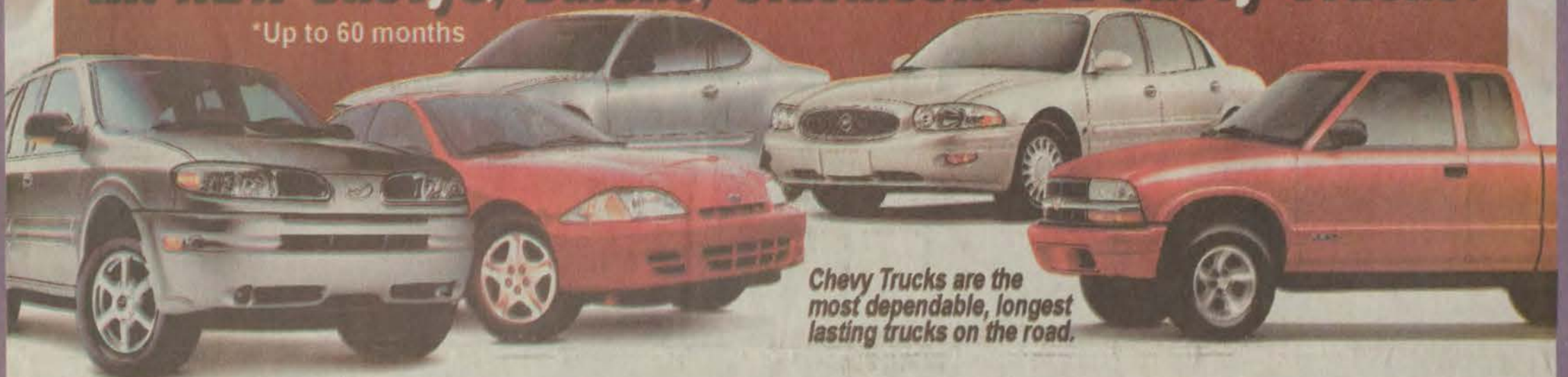
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2000 Chevrolet S-10 LS Blue, V6, Auto, Air, Local Trade, Only 4,915 miles, LOADED!!!	2T792A	\$15,995	\$12,995	1998 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer LS4X4 Red, 4 door, LS package	2T758A	\$17,995	\$14,995
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2000 Buick Regal LS Silver, Aluminum wheels	GM146	\$18,995	\$14,995	1997 GMC Jimmy 4X4 4 door, White, SLS package	GM842B	\$16,995	\$13,995
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For the love of the game?

by BILLY REED
TIMES COLUMNIST

Some stories are so troubling that they linger with you longer than others, which is why I can't get the hockey-dad tragedy out of my mind. This wasn't one of those remote stories where you think, "That couldn't happen here." It could just as easily have happened in



Somerset or Corbin or any Main Street, U.S.A., community where there are parents who take their kids'

sports far too seriously.

When I was growing up in the 1940s and '50s, organized youth sports were in their infancy. We played mostly on playgrounds or undeveloped pieces of real estate, known as "sandlots." Our uniforms were T-shirts and jeans. We served as our own umpires and referees. There wasn't an adult in sight.

But then came Little League, which spawned copycats in every sport.

Players were issued uniforms, practices and games were rigidly scheduled, and adults served as managers, coaches, and officials. It all was modeled after the professional and college sports that came into virtually every America home via TV.

Not to denigrate the worthwhile, admirable volunteer work done by parents and other adults, but the more the kiddie sports became organized, the more fierce the competition became. Parents saw their little Johnny or Joanne as

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Alice Lloyd

ALC Lady Eagles challenge Scots, Lions

TIMES STAFF REPORT

The Alice Lloyd College Lady Eagles flew into Lookout Mountain, Ga. to challenge the Covenant College Lady Scots, on Friday, eventually leaving victory with their opponents, 81-73. On the way back home, the Lady Eagles made a stop in Lady Lion territory, challenging Bryan College in Dayton, Tenn., eventually leaving victory with the host Lady Lions 85-57.

Leah Whitley led the way for Alice Lloyd in the Friday night setback to Covenant, scoring 19 points. Lady Scot Clair Lowe led Covenant College with 19 points. Necha Combs had 14 points and Delores Jenkins added 10 for the visiting Lady Eagles. Allen Central grad Shannon Sizemore finished with eight points in the loss. Lowe's teammates Laura Kaufmann and Summer

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Honors

Collins takes third top player honor

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Pikeville College junior Amanda Collins was named the Mid-South Conference Player of the Week on Monday.

It was the third time Collins, a 5-10 forward, has taken the award this season.

Collins helped Pikeville

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Balanced attack leads Magoffin Co. girls past P'burg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

SALYERSVILLE — The host Magoffin County Lady Hornets celebrated a big 15th Region on Monday night. The Lady Hornets' victory came at the hands of preseason region favorite Prestonsburg — a team many region opponents have set their collective sites on since the

season began in late-November.

Visiting Prestonsburg led Magoffin County 13-8 at the end of the first quarter and 24-21 at the half before the wheels came off in the third quarter and the visiting Ladycats suffered a 54-47 loss. The loss to Magoffin County was the first such loss to the Lady Hornets in the program's history.

Jamie Adams connected on a

three-pointer in the third quarter and four other Lady Hornets scored to lead Magoffin County out to a 12-4 third quarter run. The eight-point third quarter victory would give Magoffin County the cushion it needed heading into the fourth period. Kelli Montgomery added a three-pointer in the final period and Whitney Lovely scored six fourth quarter points on three

field goals to solidify Magoffin County's bid for what many would call a mild or not-so mild upset, depending on who you're talking to.

Adams led Magoffin County in scoring with 18 points. Montgomery added 12 points and Lovely finished with 10. Calloray Howard and Ashley Howard both had five points apiece in the Magoffin County

triumph. Amanda Shepherd and Michaela Howard rounded out the Magoffin scoring with three and two points, respectively.

Prestonsburg's Ramanda Music was the game's leading scorer with 19 points. Sophomore Heather White finished with 13 points for Prestonsburg and eighth-grade

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Betsy Layne 61, Allen Central 60

The Betsy Layne Ladycats, pictured in action against Phelps, beat the host Lady Hornets and edged Allen Central to claim the 15th Region All 'A' Classic Championship. Look for more information on next week's Girls' All 'A' Classic State Tournament in Friday's edition.

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Jamie Howell



Betsy Layne girls win 15th Region All 'A'

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Moving on to State

■ Complete set tickets can be purchased by writing: Touchstone Energy All 'A' Classic, Athletic Ticket Office, McBrayer Arena, EKV, Richmond, Ky. 40475.

■ Tickets for specific sessions can be purchased for \$8.00 a session at the EKV ticket windows on the day of the game.

■ Questions regarding tickets or other information should be directed to Brian Herald, EKV Ticket Manager, 859/622-2122.

PHELPS — For the Betsy Layne Ladycats, Saturday night was a dream come true. Betsy Layne, the new team to the 15th Region All 'A' Classic this season, proved it wasn't beginners luck as it held on to beat Allen Central in an very competitive 60-61 championship game final Saturday night in Phelps.

Although the weather outside was very frightful with up to 10 inches of snow in some Eastern Kentucky locations, the Betsy Layne Ladycats and the Allen Central Lady Rebels didn't seem to mind the wintry weather as they went on to play

an all-important basketball game which had a trip to the state tourney going with it.

Betsy Layne and Allen Central stood tied at 60 with :14 left to play in the final period of play when the Lady Rebels were unable to inbound the basketball under their own basket. On the next possession, Betsy Layne's Tabetha Witt missed on a shot, but Tabitha Mitchell was there for the rebound and the putback. Mitchell was fouled on the putback shot and went to the line with just five seconds remaining in the game. She would hit one of the two free shots from the line after being

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Betsy Layne Ladycats crush Phelps in All 'A' semifinals

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

PHELPS — The Betsy Layne Ladycats have the best record in the 15th Region in girls' basketball, and established themselves as the favorite to win the girls' 15th Region All 'A'

Classic. On Friday night at Phelps the Ladycats took a giant step toward that title with a blowout win over the host Phelps Lady Hornets.

The game had nine players dent the scoring column for Betsy Layne.

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photo by Jamie Howell

The Allen Central offense went for a shot against South Floyd in the All 'A' Classic. (See Friday's Edition for game summary)

JCHS gets hot in OT, goes away with win over Bobcats

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

Betsy Layne head coach Brent Rose has seen his Bobcat boys' basketball team play well and not so well this season. Friday night the Bobcats, hosting, met up with the

(See JCHS, page six)



Brian Roberts netted 14 points in Betsy Layne's 84-77 overtime loss to Johnson Central.

Lady Raiders topple Elkhorn City

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

ELKHORN CITY — In the past, the South Floyd Lady Raiders struggled to find wins in girls' basketball play, but not in these days. Coach Melinda Osborne and assistant Gary Hopkins have turned the Lady Raiders into a very competitive team, as well as a team that expects to win every time out. South Floyd

(See TOPPLE, page six)

Early success carries Lady Bears to win

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — The Pikeville College Lady Bears jumped out to leads of 11-1 and 23-7 en route to an 80-67 win over Union College Saturday afternoon.

Junior Teecoa Gallion had seven in the opening stretch for a 10-point lead less than four minutes into the game. When freshman Ashley Melvin followed a jumper with a layin on consecutive trips, the lead was 23-6 with 12:03 to play.

Pikeville (10-9, 3-3 in the Mid-South Conference) built a 23-point lead (38-15) when junior

Amanda Collins hit consecutive free throws with 8:09 left in the half. Union got within 12 late in the half before going to the break behind 47-32.

The lead never got into single digits in the second half as the clubs split 70 points down the middle.

Collins had 14 points to lead Pikeville College in both categories. Gallion finished with 11. Collins and freshman Selena Williams has seven rebounds each as Pikeville easily won the rebounding battle 48-27.

Union (6-14, 0-6) was led by Michelle Lewallen, who had 18

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Bears beat Union to end losing streak

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — No. 19 Pikeville College blistered the nets for 55.6-percent shooting in rolling to a 98-77 win over Union College Saturday night.

The win ended Pikeville's three-game losing streak, a stretch that began the night senior Cedric Taylor sprained his right shoulder. The Bears are now 14-5 on the season, 3-3 in the Mid-South

Conference. Pikeville opened the game quickly, scoring seven straight to take a 14-5 lead with 14:41 to play. The lead ballooned to 53-

32 with 2:25 left when junior Travis Allen, a Magoffin County High School product, hit a three. It was 55-37 at the half.

Pikeville maintained its lead throughout the second half, stretching it to 26 in the final minute of play before Union finished the game with five straight to settle the decision at 21.

Michael Thomas led the Bears with 13 points, as four players

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■ Allen

Briefs

BASEBALL

NEW YORK — The New York Mets pulled off a three-team, 11-player trade, acquiring Jeremy Burnitz from Milwaukee and sending Glendon Rusch to the Brewers and Todd Zeile to Colorado.

The Mets completed an offseason overhaul of their offense, getting the slugging outfielder they had been seeking after being spurned by free agent Juan Gonzalez. Burnitz will fit into a lineup with newcomers Roberto Alomar, Mo Vaughn and Roger Cedeno.

New York also received pitcher Jeff D'Amico, infielder Lou Collier, outfielder Mark Sweeney and cash from Milwaukee. The Mets got two minor leaguers from Colorado: infielder/outfielder Ross Gload and pitcher Craig Hogue.

The Brewers, who saved money by dealing Burnitz back to his original team, added a left-handed starter in Rusch. They also obtained outfielder Alex Ochoa from Colorado and infielder Lenny Harris from New York.

The Rockies filled their third base hole with Zeile and added outfielder Benny Agbayani. The Mets will pay about half of Zeile's \$6 million contract.

TENNIS

MELBOURNE, Australia — Martina Hingis advanced to the Australian Open semifinals by beating 83rd-ranked Adriana Serra Zanetti 6-2, 6-3.

Hingis now has lost just 14 games in five matches. On the men's side, only four of the top 26 remain.

No. 16 Thomas Johansson advanced with a 6-0, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over fellow Swede Jonas Bjorkman, who had beaten No. 6 Tim Henman, No. 12 Guillermo Canas and No. 24 Thomas Enqvist.

Johansson will meet the winner of No. 26 Jiri Novak and unseeded Stefan Koubek in his first Grand Slam tournament semifinal.

The tournament turned into one more disappointment for Pete Sampras, whose winless streak now stretches to 21 events.

Marat Safin hurt Sampras with his power game early and then held off a late comeback bid by the Grand Slam king to advance to the quarterfinals with a 6-2, 6-4, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (8) victory.

Safin next plays Wayne Ferreira, a 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 9-7 winner Monday over Albert Costa in a match that took 4 hours, 10 minutes.

In another quarterfinal match, seventh-seeded Tommy Haas, the highest-ranking player still in the tournament, will play former No. 1 Marcelo Rios, the 1998 Australian runner-up.

Haas beat No. 11 Roger Federer 7-6 (3), 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 8-6 Monday, and Rios defeated No. 23 Nicolas Pietrangeli 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.

SOCCER

PASADENA, Calif. — The United States team could hardly have played a more dominant — and closer — game.

The Americans kept steady pressure on Cuba, held a 16-5 edge in shots, and still scored only once, on a penalty kick. It still turned out to be enough, as Brian McBride's first-half goal carried the United States to a 1-0 victory over Cuba in the CONCACAF Gold Cup.

OLYMPICS

LONDON — Increased roles for U.S. Olympic officials and a new high-profile post for former marketing chief Dick Pound were among the commission appointments announced by IOC president Jacques Rogge.

U.S. Olympic Committee president Sandra Baldwin and new chief executive Lloyd Ward were given significant roles, a sign of Rogge's desire to strengthen relations with the powerful American body. Baldwin and Ward were both named to the marketing commission. A third American, Jim Easton, was reappointed to the panel.

Baldwin and Anita DeFranz, the IOC's senior American member, were appointed to a new commission which will review the reforms enacted after the Salt Lake City bid scandal.

Pound was appointed chairman of the Olympic Games Study Commission, a new panel charged with finding ways to reduce the spiraling size and cost of the Olympics.

SALT LAKE CITY — Sting will share the same stage with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir at the opening ceremony of the Salt Lake City Olympics.

The Feb. 8 event also will feature the Dixie Chicks, country singer LeAnn Rimes, former member of "The Band" Robbie Robertson, and Rita Coolidge.

Other performers will be cellist Yo-Yo Ma, the six-man a cappella group Eclipse and Utah's Desert String Band, which played cowboy tunes at the 1998 Nagano Games.

FOOTBALL

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Baltimore Ravens quarterback Randall Cunningham, who planned to make this his final season, is considering returning for one more year.

Cunningham, 38, played in seven games this season as a backup for Elvis Grbac. He went 54-for-89 for 573 yards and three touchdowns and was 2-0 as a starter.

He entered the season claiming it would be the last of his 16 years in the NFL, but said that he would reconsider if coach Brian Billick wants him to return.

HOCKEY

SUNRISE, Fla. — Florida defenseman Robert Svehla of Slovakia and Sandis Ozolins of Latvia were cleared by the Panthers to play against each other in an Olympic qualifying game.

Svehla and Ozolins will play in a Feb. 10 preliminary round game leading up to the Salt Lake City Olympics.

BASKETBALL
DETROIT — A former NBA player died from complications of a stab wound to the stomach.

George Trapp, 53, died at Sinai Grace Hospital, where he was being treated after being stabbed by his roommate Jan. 11, police said. Trapp played two seasons for the Atlanta Hawks and four with the Detroit Pistons.

Trapp, who was nicknamed "Instant Heat," spent two seasons with the Atlanta Hawks before the Pistons gave up their 1973 first-round draft pick to get him. He quickly became a crowd favorite with his long jumpers and electrifying drives and averaged 8.8 points in his career.

SPORTSBOARD

Basketball

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
New Jersey	27	13	675	-
Boston	24	16	600	3
Orlando	21	21	500	7
Washington	19	19	500	7
Philadelphia	19	21	475	8
New York	14	25	359	12 1/2
Miami	13	26	333	13 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Milwaukee	26	13	667	-
Toronto	24	18	571	3 1/2
Indiana	22	21	512	6
Detroit	19	20	467	7
Charlotte	19	21	475	7 1/2
Atlanta	14	26	350	12 1/2
Cleveland	13	28	317	14
Chicago	8	32	200	18 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	30	10	750	-
San Antonio	27	11	711	2
Dallas	29	12	707	1 1/2
Utah	22	19	537	8 1/2
Houston	13	28	317	17 1/2
Denver	12	28	300	18
Memphis	12	28	300	18

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Sacramento	31	9	775	-
L.A. Lakers	28	9	757	1 1/2
Seattle	21	19	525	10
L.A. Clippers	21	21	500	11
Phoenix	20	20	500	11
Portland	20	20	500	11
Golden State	13	27	325	18

Sunday's Games

No games scheduled

Monday's Games

Charlotte 111, New York 68	Atlanta 95, Houston 91
Dallas 109, Philadelphia 98	Milwaukee 97, Detroit 79
Dallas 113, New Jersey 105	Indiana 93, Chicago 81
Utah 101, Golden State 99	Minnesota 105, Washington 101
Miami 95, Cleveland 93, OT	Boston 106, Toronto 97
Sacramento 112, Memphis 98	L.A. Clippers 102, Denver 89

Last night's games

Chicago at Miami	Atlanta at Orlando
Phoenix at Milwaukee	Philadelphia at Washington
Dallas at Houston	New Jersey at San Antonio
Denver at L.A. Lakers	Sacramento at Portland

Tonight's games

Indiana at Boston, 7 p.m.	Seattle at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.	New York at Toronto, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Utah, 9 p.m.	Memphis at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.	

AP college men's poll

Record	Pts	Pv
1. Duke (72) 16-1	1,800	1
2. Kansas 15-2	1,711	4
3. Maryland 14-3	1,576	3
4. Cincinnati 17-1	1,569	7
5. Florida 15-2	1,553	2
6. Oklahoma 14-2	1,428	5
7. Virginia 12-2	1,233	10
8. Kentucky 12-4	1,194	12
9. Illinois 14-4	1,184	11
10. Arizona 13-4	1,044	15
11. Oklahoma St. 15-3	950	6
12. Syracuse 16-3	949	8
13. UCLA 13-4	927	9
14. Alabama 16-3	820	16
15. Georgia 15-3	728	20
16. Gonzaga 16-3	658	13
17. Stanford 11-4	558	19
18. Missouri 14-4	483	21
19. Oregon 14-4	459	23
20. Ohio St. 14-2	453	-
21. Wake Forest 13-5	448	14
22. Miami 17-2	424	24
23. Southern Cal 14-3	405	18
24. Texas 13-4	198	-
25. Connecticut 12-3	159	-

Conference Championships

Sunday, Jan. 27

AFC Championship
New England at Pittsburgh, 12:30 p.m.

NFC Championship
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 4:15 p.m.

Super Bowl

Sunday, Feb. 3
At New Orleans
AFC Champion vs. NFC Champion, 6 p.m.

Bettis, Holmes expect to play in AFC championship game

by ALAN ROBINSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Jerome Bettis had the most unusual afternoon of his NFL career — no pain and no gain.

That's why he won't get a precautionary painkilling shot before the AFC championship game Sunday.

Bettis, the Pittsburgh Steelers' Pro Bowl running back, wishes that he didn't get a shot just before Sunday's playoff game against Baltimore. The injection apparently struck a nerve and caused one of Bettis' legs to go numb, preventing him from playing.

Bettis has taken painkilling shots before without a reaction, and he has no idea why this injection went wrong.

Bettis has been out since Dec. 2 with a groin injury, but practiced for three weeks before the Ravens game and fully expected to play. He insisted he didn't need the shot to play, and got it only to mask any potential discomfort in his groin.

"I knew there would be a lot of pain associated with the injury and I just wanted it to feel better," he said Monday. "The scar tissue still has to tear, and it is nowhere near as strong as regular tissue, so there's going to be pain."

"It's nothing that will keep you from playing. It's just something you have to deal with."

Offensive tackle Wayne Gandy estimated about half the Steelers get painkilling injections before a game, but said most get nothing more than the equivalent of 3-to-4 over-the-counter painkilling tablets.

"It's nothing but liquid Advil, but it doesn't tear up your stomach," he said. "You have to understand it's a game of pain. It's a hard, reckless game, and if (the shot) is really just to smooth those little irritating things that come up."

The Steelers went on to beat the Ravens 27-10 without Bettis. He insists he will play Sunday against New England, saying, "I could have played about 5 or 6 o'clock (Sunday) after the shot wore off."

Amos Zereoue ran for 63 yards and two short touchdowns as Bettis' replacement. However, Bettis' presence would give the Steelers a difficult-to-defend asset that perfectly accompanies their dramatically improved passing offense.

Before he was hurt, Bettis was averaging nearly 100 yards through 11 games.

"He'll definitely be the freshest man in the playoffs when he comes back," Gandy said. "For a man like him who is driven, who already is a hard runner, if he gets a chance to play Sunday, he'll be running 100 miles per hour."

The Steelers got some welcome medical news when tests showed no ligament or cartilage tears in linebacker Earl Holmes' sore left knee. Holmes also expects to play Sunday.

"The doctor said it will be sore for a couple of days, but other than that, everything came back great," said Holmes, the Steelers' leading tackler.

Holmes was injured Sunday, but not in the customary way — safety Brent Alexander jumped on his back in celebration after Holmes caused a fumble.

"He caught me off guard, and that's when I got a little whinge in there," Holmes said.

Women's

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Jan. 20, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking.

Record	Pts	Pv
1. Connecticut (45) 20-0	1,125	1
2. Tennessee 16-1	1,080	2
3. Stanford 18-1	1,026	4
4. Oklahoma 15-2	960	3
5. Duke 15-3	921	6
6. Vanderbilt 16-3	899	7
7. South Carolina 17-2	806	8
8. Louisiana Tech 12-3	79	10
9. Wisconsin 16-2	773	5
10. Purdue 14-3	744	11
11. Kansas St. 17-2	628	9
12. Texas Tech 11-5	624	15
13. Texas 13-3	606	12
14. Iowa St. 14-4	532	14
15. Baylor 14-3	469	13
16. Virginia Tech 15-2	357	21
17. Georgia 13-4	354	16
18. Florida 13-5	375	18
19. Colorado St. 15-3	273	20
20. Colorado 13-6	296	17
21. North Carolina 14-4	219	22
22. Auburn 14-4	175	19
23. Minnesota 14-3	168	-
24. Boston College 14-3	126	25
25. Old Dominion 11-5	115	24

Others receiving votes: LSU 67, Arizona St. 55, Iowa 37, TCU 25, Illinois 24, Tulane 18, UNLV 12, Saint Joseph's 7, New Mexico 6, Drake 5, Notre Dame 5, DePaul 4, Michigan St. 4, Mississippi St. 4, Cincinnati 2, Michigan 2, Santa Clara 2, Missouri 1.

High school polls

LOUISVILLE — The top teams in the Kentucky Associated Press high school basketball polls, with first-place votes, records, total points and previous rankings:

Boys	Rank-School	FPV	Recd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Male (7)	15-7	88	1		
2. Lex. Catholic (1)	15-2	68	2		

3. North Hardin	16-4	65	2		
4. Lou. Ballard	15-4	53	4		
5. East Jessamine	14-1	46	5		
6. Rose Hill	15-0	40	8		
7. Paducah Tighman	14-4	28	6		
(tie), Scott Co.	12-2	28	7		
8. Shelby Co.	15-1	24	9		
10. Muhlenberg North (2)	16-1	22	-		

Girls

Rank-School	FPV	Recd	TP	Pvs
1. West Carter (4)	16-1	80	1	
(tie), Holmes (4)	14-2	80	2	
3. Lou. Sacred Heart (1)	16-1	69	3	
4. Lex. Catholic	15-2	57	4	
5. Muhlenberg North (1)	13-4	42	6	
(tie), Jackson Co.	15-2	42	5	
7. Christian Co.	14-0	33	7	
8. Clinton Co.	15-3	30	8	
9. East Carter	17-3	25	9	
10. Newport Catholic	16-0	21	10	

Others receiving votes: Hart Co. 11, Dawson Springs 9, Lex. Henry Clay 8, Lou. Mercy 8, Lou. Butler 7, Lou. Assumption 7, Boone Co. 6, Scott Co. 4, Shelby Co. 3, North Hardin 2, Woodford Co. 1, Marshall Co. 1.

Boys

Jan. 18

Adair County 51	Washington County 49
Apollo 74	Bricklinridge County 62
Ashland Blazer 76	Greene County 35
Augusta 79	Denning 59
Balfry 58	Prestonsburg 53
Bell County 72	Knox Central 60
Bishop Brossart 83	Newport 69
Bowling Green 79	Barren County 69
Boyd County 46	Lawrence County 46
Bullitt East 56	Bullitt Central 56
Butler 88 Holy Cross	(Louisville) 55
Calloway County 56	Lone Oak 54
Casey County 56	McCree Central 55
Cavema 79	Green County 69
Cawood 86	Evarts 67
Central 70	Southern 57
Christian Aca.-Louisville 50	Beth Haven 49
Christian Co. 100	Hopkins County Central 76
Cordia 78	Leslie County 62
Covington Catholic 84	Campbell County 51
Crittenden County 81	Lyon County 68
Danville 79	Western Hills 71
Dayton 78	Heritage Academy 77
DeSales 75	Iroquois 62
Dois 63	Fairdale 57
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Prestonsburg native Brown still dancing

New Jersey Storm dancers add to the excitement

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EAST RUTHERFORD, NJ — Adding to the already exciting sport of indoor lacrosse, the New Jersey Storm Dance Team can be found throughout the Continental Airlines Arena working just as hard as the players do. Founded in May of 2001, the New Jersey Storm is one of the newest teams in the indoor National Lacrosse League. As the player roster developed, team owner and former Nets All-Star Jayson Williams paid close attention to the game entertainment elements,

including team's dancers. Williams is quick to point out the importance of the dance team. "I feel that the dance team helps to get the fans involved and keeps everyone excited during stoppages in play," said Williams. "I want it to be like you're having a party and a lacrosse game broke out."

Question: Is Floyd County, or any of the surrounding counties very familiar with the sport of lacrosse? No, absolutely not, but that doesn't mean one Prestonsburg High School alum isn't dancing her way into the hearts of many New Jersey lacrosse fans' hearts.

Jilleyn Lee Brown is a member of the New Jersey Storm Dance Team. Originally from Prestonsburg, Jilleyn, as she is known by her fans and

Storm fans, has a degree in dance from Louisiana College in North Carolina and is currently pursuing a career in dance and acting.



■ Jilleyn Lee Brown

Brown's latest accomplishments include being the lead dancer in B3's music video. The music video will be seen on the new India.Aire video. Before coming aboard with the Storm, Brown was a cheerleader for the now-defunct XFL's NY/NJ Hitmen last season.

The Storm dance team began to take shape under the direction of Natasha Baron, who is the Director of Game Entertainment for the Storm. The search for the team began with a two-day October tryout held in New York City. After the tryout, Baron narrowed the field down to

20 girls from all over the world including: New Jersey, New York, Kentucky, and even Japan. The girls' experiences are equally varied, ranging from former New Jersey Nets and New York Knicks dancers to dancing with Michael Jackson and Busta Rhymes.

On game nights, the girls work hard, but have plenty of fun. Aside from performing before the game and between quarters, the girls work very hard during play. Performing on their stage behind the one of the Nets, they dance team can be found dancing throughout the game to the music playing over the loud speakers during game play.

"It gets to be quite a workout and we are all exhausted after the game, but it is so much fun," says Storm dancer Tricia, who also happens to be a New Jersey native and has been cast in many shows in Atlantic City. When they are not dancing, the girls are part of such events as the "Storm Party Zone", the "Storm Lucky Row of the Night", and Storm T-shirt giveaways that usually include the use of a water-balloon

slingshot. Kentucky native, Jilleyn, particularly enjoys these events as it gives the dancer "a chance to go out into the stands and get people even more excited and involved. It's also great to see kids faces when they win a prize like a T-shirt or lacrosse stick."

Thus far, the New Jersey Storm Dance Team has proved to be a hit with the fans and is a big reason why the Storm fans are some of the loudest and most enthusiastic crowds in the league. "The fans have been so involved in the games that they've even started waves throughout the entire arena," cites Natasha Baron, "We're really happy with the way the dance team has turned out." Aside from performing at the Continental Airlines Arena at all New Jersey Storm home games, the Storm dance team held a photo shoot/media day on Monday, Jan. 14. Officials with the Storm deemed the event an enjoyable success.

For New Jersey Storm information log on to www.njstorm.com, or call 1-866-NJ STORM.

■ NASCAR

Stewart outruns Doty for Chili Bowl win

TULSA, Okla. — Tony Stewart said Saturday night that he will put his Chili Bowl Winner's Trophy, a bronzed replica of the Driller outside the indoor Tulsa Expo Raceway, on his shelf at home next to his Dale Earnhardt helmet. That is what winning Saturday night's 50-lap championship main event at the 16th Annual Chili Bowl Midget Nationals meant to one of Winston Cup racing's top stars.

Stewart won a race-long battle with Kevin Doty as the two swapped the lead six times over the race's final 16 laps with Stewart taking the lead for good on Lap 49. Stewart pocketed more than \$22,000 for his efforts, which included the \$10,000 winner's share for the purse, more than \$1,000 in lap bonus money and an \$11,000 bonus for winning with a Mopar engine.

Doty finished second, with

Cory Kruseman third, Critter Malone fourth and Dave Darland fifth.

But it was the chance for Stewart to return to his open-wheel roots and race against guys he raced against prior to his Winston Cup career that helped make this victory special.

"I miss racing with these guys 'cause it's fun," Stewart said. "This style of racing is fun because you come here and unload your car and you race. You go out have dinner together and drag down the road to the next place and do it all over again next week. There is no politics. You didn't once here anybody (Saturday) complaining about his body style had more downforce and less drag than anybody else. That's why it's fun. You don't hear anybody complain about anything, you just go race."

And Stewart did, along with

the rest of the 24-car field in the main event in what some were saying was one of the most exciting Chili Bowl race's ever. But early in the race it looked Tracy Hines was going to drive his Wilke Pak entry to a victory by taking the lead from his teammate, Doty, on the first lap from outside the front row. Hines led the first 19 laps, until

■ High School

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12. Rose Hill
13. Oldham County
14. Warren Central
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16. Muhlenburg North
17. Elizabethtown
18. Henderson County
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- 1st Region:.....None
- 2nd Region:Christian County
- 3rd Region:Daviess Co., Apollo, Ohio County
- 4th Region:Todd County Central
- 5th Region:Larue County
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- 9th Region:Saint Henry
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9. University Heights
10. Paintsville

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- Jackson County
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- Danville
- Ballard Memorial
- Brossart
- Lyon County
- South Floyd

■ Top 25

Duke is unanimous No. 1 again

by JIM O'CONNELL
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Once again, it's all Duke. The Blue Devils received every first-place vote from the national media panel Monday to remain No. 1 in The AP men's college basketball poll.

Duke (16-1) had been a unanimous No. 1 for five consecutive weeks earlier in the season before losing to Florida State and falling to second.

The Blue Devils dropped down for only one week before going back on top. One week later, following impressive wins over Maryland and Wake Forest, the Blue Devils again got all 72 first-place votes.

Kansas (15-2), which was No. 1 the week Duke wasn't on top, moved from fourth to second following wins over Oklahoma State and Oklahoma last week. Maryland (14-3), which rebounded from the loss to Duke with a win over Clemson, stayed third.

Cincinnati (17-1), which holds the nation's longest winning streak at 17 games, entered the poll five weeks ago. The Bearcats have moved up every week and this was no exception as they went from seventh to No. 4, their highest ranking since being No. 1 in the next-to-last poll of the 1999-2000 season.

Florida (15-2), which lost to Georgia on Saturday, dropped from second to fifth and was followed in the Top Ten by Oklahoma, Virginia, Kentucky, Illinois and Arizona.

Oklahoma State, which lost to Texas Tech as well as Kansas last week, dropped from sixth to 11th and was followed in the Second Ten by Syracuse, UCLA, Alabama, Georgia, Gonzaga, Stanford, Missouri, Oregon and Ohio State.

The last five ranked teams were Wake Forest, Miami, Southern California, Texas and

Connecticut.

Ohio State, Texas and Connecticut were all newcomers this week, replacing Iowa, Boston College and Indiana.

Ohio State (14-2) has won eight straight since losing consecutive games to Louisville and Pittsburgh. The Buckeyes, who are 5-0 in the Big Ten, were ranked for one week last season.

Texas (13-4) was ranked No. 23 in the preseason poll but lost its opener to Arizona. The Longhorns returned to the rankings on a six-game winning streak and are 4-0 in the Big 12.

Connecticut (12-3) is also unbeaten in conference play, winning its first five Big East games. The Huskies, whose only loss in their last seven games was to Oklahoma, were ranked for the first 12 polls last season before falling out for the rest of the year.

Iowa (13-7), which was ranked No. 9 just three weeks ago, dropped out from 17th after losses to Illinois and Northwestern last week made the Hawkeyes 1-4 in their last five games.

Boston College (14-4) fell out from 22nd. The Eagles' loss to St. John's last week was their third straight at home following a 25-game winning streak at Conte Forum.

BC gets a chance to improve its standing in its next game — at home against Duke.

Indiana (11-6) had moved back into the rankings at No. 25 last week after being out of the poll for four weeks. The Hoosiers lost to Ohio State in their only game last week.

Texas gives the Big 12 five ranked teams, matching the Pac-10 for most in the Top 25. Those two leagues along with the Atlantic Coast Conference (4), Southeastern Conference (4) and Big East (3) account for all but four of the teams in the current poll.

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from Our Readers to Their Loved Ones.

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Wednesday, February 13

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Tennessee Tech men hang on to OVC top spot

Shooting 12-of-13 from the field, Tennessee Tech junior Damien Kinloch scored a career-high 28 points Thursday night to help the first-place Golden Eagles to a 74-67 victory over the Austin

Peay Governors. Tech, now 11-4 overall and 4-0 in the Ohio Valley Conference, got 15 points and six assists from Cameron Crisp, seven points and nine rebounds from DeAntoine

Beasley and six points off the bench from Greg Morgan. As a team, the Golden Eagles shot 50 percent from the field, hitting 28 of 56 attempts.

Austin Peay, now sporting an 8-

11 overall record and a 3-2 slate in the conference, was led in scoring by senior standout Nick Stapleton with 34 points. Adrian Henning chipped in with 12. The Governors shot 43 percent from the field, connecting on 25 of 58 shots.

The Golden Eagles won the battle of the boards, 36-31, outrebounding their 14th opponent this season. Beasley led Tech with nine caroms, while Kinloch and Jason Harrell added seven each.

Adrian Henning was tops for the Governors with eight rebounds, while Josh Lewis had six and Anthony Davis had four.

In other OVC action from Thursday night, Eastern Illinois put itself in sole possession of second place by coming from behind to gain an 88-86 win at Murray State.

EIU junior guard Henry Domicant, the nation's second-leading scorer, finished with a game-high 34 points and 10 rebounds in 39 minutes of action.

The Panthers (12-7, 4-1 OVC), who had been behind most of the game, got a three-pointer from Craig Lewis with seven seconds remaining that gave EIU the two-

point win. Lewis had a career-high 27 points in the game.

Murray State (8-9, 2-3 OVC), which entered the game with three players unavailable due to injuries, led by as many 14 points at 70-56 with 12:46 to go in the game but still lost their third straight conference game.

Senior guard Justin Burdine led four Racers in double-figures with 21 points on 8-of-15 shooting from the field. Junior guard Antonio Henderson had 17 points, junior forward Antione Whelchel added 16 points and junior guard Kevin Paschel had 14 in the losing effort.

Elsewhere around the conference, Tennessee-Martin opened the home portion of its Ohio Valley Conference schedule on a successful note as all five Skyhawk starters tallied in double figures to lead the way to an 89-

73 victory over Southeast Missouri Thursday night.

UT Martin junior forward Joey Walker scored a career-high 24 points and point guard Jair Peralta scored 12 and dished out 10 assists. UTM improves to 11-5 overall and 3-1 in the OVC. The Skyhawks had opened the OVC schedule with three road games.

UT Martin opened a 24-point lead on a pair of occasions in the second half, matching its largest lead at 58-34 with 14:24 remaining. The Skyhawks converted 33 of 58 field goals from the floor for 57 percent.

Jeremy Sargent scored 14 points and had five blocked shots while Brian Foster scored 12 and Jermi Hampton added 11. UT Martin led 46-29 at halftime.

Derek Winans led Southeast Missouri (3-13, 1-4) with 17 points. Kenny Johnson added 16.

UDTRA Notebook...

WOODSTOCK, Ga. — United Dirt Track Racing Association officials announced today that Roanoke, VA-based Advance Auto Parts will be named "The Official Auto Parts Store" of the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series.

Advance Auto Parts will also sponsor the \$150 Best Advance Award at all 2002 UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series events.

The \$150 Best Advance Award will be presented to the main event driver that improves his position the most from his assigned starting position at the beginning of the race to where he finishes at the end of the race.

"Advance is excited to be working with the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series and its 2002 television package," Advance Auto Parts Sports Marketing Manager Wendy Delano said. "We had the opportunity to see UDTRA in action first-hand last year when we sponsored the race at Bristol Motor Speedway and were very pleased with the series, drivers and fans."

UDTRA President Mike Swims said Advance Auto Parts and the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series were a good fit for each other.

"Advance Auto Parts is a great company, and like UDTRA, is growing immensely," Swims said. "We are just ecstatic to have them as a part of the UDTRA family."

Rolling Impressions Marketing President Doug Bland,

whose agency represents UDTRA, said Advance Auto Parts joining UDTRA is an indication that the series is gaining popularity among Corporate America.

"When companies like Advance Auto Parts and Lucas Oil recognize the value of the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series," Bland said, "it just solidifies the UDTRA as a viable platform for Corporate America to market their goods and services."

Advance Auto Parts is publicly traded on the NYSE under the symbol (AAP). Advance operates 2,400 stores in 38 states. After its November 2001 acquisition of the Florida-based Discount Auto Parts, Advance Auto Parts became the second largest auto parts retailer in the nation. To obtain additional information about Advance Auto Parts, or to find a location near you, log on to their official web site at www.advanceautoparts.com.

IMPROVED TRACK SURFACE AWAITS UDTRA COMPETITORS AT SEASON OPENER: When the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series opens its 2002 season on February 2 at Golden Isle Speedway in Brunswick, GA, the top dirt late model drivers in the country will see an improved track surface on fast oil-based 5/8-mile dirt oval.

Track owner Arlene Pittman has stated that the track has been resurfaced and finely graded for

better racing. Mrs. Pittman also said the inside berm in turns one and two has been cut down to offer more side-by-side racing.

The 2002 UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series season opener will be a daytime event with a 50-lap \$10,000-to-win main event. The pit gate is scheduled to open at 9 a.m., and hot laps are scheduled for 12 noon.

The defending UDTRA Champion Rick Eckert of York, Pa. has had a great deal of success at Golden Isle Speedway. Eckert won two straight races at Golden Isle Speedway to open the 2000 UDTRA season, and was one of the fastest cars at the track last year.

The 1996 UDTRA Champion Freddy Smith of Knoxville, TN dominated the field last year with fast time honors, and the main event win.

(See UDTRA, page five)

MSU tops Eastern

MOREHEAD — The Eastern Kentucky University men's basketball team dropped a tough contest to Morehead State tonight by a final score of 84-71. The Colonels move to 4-13 on the year and 0-6 in Ohio Valley Conference play with the loss, while the Eagles improve to 9-7 overall and 3-2 in the OVC.

MSU opened the game with a 5-0 run, but the Colonels answered with an 11-0 run, led by Shawn Fields with nine of those 11 ECU points. The Colonels continued to pull away and pushed the lead to as many as 13 (23-10) when Michael Haney nailed a layup with 9:45 remaining in the opening set. The Colonels went cold from the floor and were outscored 15-0 as the Eagles tied it at 23-all with 7:54 on the clock. The lead changed hands three more times in the final seven minutes with the last tie coming at 31-31 with 3:24 till halftime. MSU ended the half on an 11-3 run to take an eight-point lead (42-34) to the lockerroom.

The second half was all MSU as the Eagles opened the half on a 19-2 run to push the lead to 61-36 with 12:37 left in the game. The Colonels answered with a 6-0 run, led by Richard Sadler with a pair of layups, making the score 61-42 with 10:58 remaining. MSU would not back down and took control of the game from that point on, building its lead to as many as 26 (77-51) with 5:34 to go in the game. ECU outscored the Eagles 20-7 the rest of the way to close the gap, but dropped the contest by a final score of 84-71.

"Morehead State picked up the intensity level and just bypassed us tonight," said ECU head coach Travis Ford. "I am disappointed in our team tonight because I felt like we got outplayed and we didn't challenge MSU. We gave up layups and dunks and we allowed them to take us out of our offense."

"I was pleased with the way Richard Sadler played tonight," added Ford. "He was one of the bright spots and he played well for us."

Shawn Fields led the Colonels with a team-high 28 points. Richard Sadler was impressive for ECU, tallying 15 points and grabbing five rebounds on the night. Haney finished with just four points, but notched a team-high six rebounds and dished out three assists.

EKU returns to action tomorrow night when it takes on Tennessee-Martin at McBrayer Arena. Game time is slated for 7:30 p.m.

ALC

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Brown had 10 points apiece.

On Saturday, the Lady Eagles challenged the Bryan College Lady Lions. Lady Lion Liz Bass scored 22 points to lead the way, followed by Becky Blesch with 21. Jenkins led the way for ALC in the road loss to Bryan, tossing in 17 points. Kelly Turner added 13 points in the loss to the Tennessee school.

The Lady Eagles were back in action last night on the road in Grayson against Kentucky Christian College. Results from that game were unavailable. The Alice Lloyd women continue on the road tomorrow night, heading south to Tennessee for a game against Mulligan College in a matchup slated for a 7:30 p.m. start. The Lady Eagles return home on Saturday, playing host to Tennessee Wesleyan at 4 p.m.

Grade school

Allen C-Team beats Mullins

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

The Allen Grade School C-Team scored a 32-21 win over the Mullins Mustangs in recent youth basketball action. The AGS C-Team put two payers in double-digits scoring led by Brenner Case and an 11-point effort. Adam Gearheart scored 10 points for Allen in the win. Both players, Case and Gearheart, started and played from guard positions.

Forward Frankie Stanley scored six points for the Eagles and Blake Foley added four points. Dustin Collins rounded out the AGS scoring with a fourth quarter free-throw.

Allen led Mullins 8-6 at the end of the first quarter and 18-14

at the half before exploding for the win in the final two quarters of play.

McKinley Brunty led the way for Mullins with eight points. Jonathan Ray added six points and Webster Brynt five for the Mustangs. Justin Prater rounded out the Mullins scoring with two points which came on a first quarter field-goal.

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High school

JBS rallies for win over Runnin' Rebs

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

Shawn Newsome went into last Friday night's game against The June Buchanan School as the state's leading scorer, averaging 30.5 points per game. However, Newsome, a senior, was held to just five points before halftime and ended the game with 19 as the Crusaders came from 16 behind to post the win.

The June Buchanan pressure proved to be too much for the Runnin' Rebels. Allen Central committed 12 second-half turnovers to help the Crusaders in their bid for the victory. The Crusaders were able to turn most of the AC miscues into

points. The win improved June Buchanan to 7-7. Allen Central slipped to 9-6.

Allen Central led 25-16 at the end of the first quarter and 44-28 at the half.

Senior guard Josh Begley led June Buchanan in scoring with 19 points. Sparkman added 15 points and Josh Cook 13.

Daniel Sazabo tossed in 14 points for Allen Central while teammates Neil Allen and Mike Slone ended the game with 10 markers apiece.

Allen Central returns to play in the 15th Region All 'A' Classic this week while June Buchanan takes the court in the 14th Region All 'A'.

NAIA

Campbell's double-double leads ALC men past Covenant

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

LOOK OUT MOUNTAIN, Ga. — After leading 45-37 at the half, the Alice Lloyd College Eagles outscored Covenant College 27-24 in a close second half of play to post a 72-61 win. The visiting Eagles, coached by Gary Gibson, were playing without the services of leading scorer and rebounder Jason Collins. Collins was sick and missed Friday night's game.

Kent Campbell lead the way for Alice Lloyd with a double-double performance of 18 points and 10 rebounds. Nick Samons also contributed nicely for the Eagles, just missing a double-double, scoring 14 points and

pulling down nine rebounds. Samons also dished out four assists and recorded two steals. Brandon Layne scored 11 points, grabbed six boards and threw out five assists for the Eagles. Layne five assists was a game-high.

Alice Lloyd won the rebounding battle, outrebounding the host Scots 42-28. ALC held Covenant to just five offensive rebounds.

Calvin Jackson scored a game-high 22 points for Covenant. Jeremy Mason added 13 points for the Scots. Brian Johnsey pulled down a team-best six rebounds for the Scots, while adding eight points.

Jason Knott and Shannon Akers both had eight points for Alice Lloyd.

Covenant struggled at the free-throw line, hitting on just 10-of-20 charity tosses. Alice Lloyd finished the game shooting just over 70-percent from the free-throw line, hitting 19-of-27 attempts.

Host Prestonsburg scores 83-69 win over Betsy Layne

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg Blackcats got big games from juniors Chris Kidd and Justin Allen Tuesday night en route to getting back on the winning track. The Blackcats hosted 58th District rival Betsy Layne and came out on top, 83-69.

Kidd led Prestonsburg in scoring with a team-best 22 points. Allen hit the books for 20 points. Jeremy Clark hit for 12 points while Joey Willis and freshman Trevor Compton both added eight.

Center Jeremy Daniels led Betsy Layne in scoring with a game-high 24 points. The host Blackcats showed few signs of their sluggish play of late by coming out in the first quarter and going ahead 16-9 by quarter's end. Betsy Layne outscored Prestonsburg 23-22 in the second

period but still went into the half trailing 38-32. Prestonsburg outscored the Bobcats in each of the final two quarters (16-15, 29-22) to post the win.

Sophomore Nicholas Jamerison, who is in his first season of varsity basketball play, scored seven points for the Blackcats. Brad Bevins finished with four points and T.C. Hatfield added two for victorious Prestonsburg.

Brian Roberts finished with 12 points in the setback for Betsy Layne. Bobo Hamilton had 13 points for the second-best Betsy Layne scoring effort. Point guard Wes Seters added six points in the losing effort.

The win keeps Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne fighting to advance in the 58th District. The win upped Prestonsburg's season mark to 5-9. Betsy Layne fell to 6-9.

Betsy Layne came into the Prestonsburg game following a district loss to Allen Central last Friday night.

Allen Central, 9-5 overall and 3-1 in 58th District play, led Betsy Layne 59-54 heading into the final quarter before posting a 72-69 win

Daniels had a team-best 24 points in the Allen Central game.

Shawn Newsome, who entered the Betsy Layne game as the state's leading scorer at 30.5 points per game, poured in a game-high 33 to lead Allen Central.

Allen Central, which won for the fifth straight time, after downing Betsy Layne also got 10 points from Brian Paige and nine more from Mike Slone. Senior center Daniel Sazabo and sophomore guard Rossi Samons chipped in with three and one point, respectively.

Betsy Layne's Hamilton finished with 14 points against Allen Central.

Both Betsy Layne and Allen Central are gearing up for next week's 15th Region All 'A' Classic.

Correction

Prestonsburg junior Justin Allen was misidentified as Josh Allen in an article which appeared in Friday's edition. The article runs again today with the correct name inserted. Josh Allen is a member of the Betsy Layne boys' varsity basketball team.

High school

Blackcats tripped up by Pirates

by STEVE LeMASTER SPORTS EDITOR

BELFRY — Prestonsburg and Belfry football teams are no strangers to one another. The two have met several times. The two have met several times in both regular season battles and playoff showdowns. So have the two school's boys' basketball teams. And they met again on Friday night, this time in a regular season meeting, which meant no less or no more than a 15th Region win or loss.

Prestonsburg went into Friday night's game fresh off a 58th District/Floyd County Conference victory over the Betsy Layne Bobcats. Belfry jumped out to a 12-6 lead over the Blackcats by the end of the first quarter. The Pirates held a slight 24-23 lead at the half before holding on for a 58-53 win.

Senior Adam Reed led the way for Belfry with a game-high 18 points. Sophomore Paul Howard added 13 for Belfry while senior Boo Hager managed 11 points.

Prestonsburg outscored Belfry

17-12 in the second period to go into the halftime break trailing by a single point. The Pirates, however, won the final two quarters — 15-13, 19-17 — to secure the win.

Prestonsburg got 14 points from Justin Allen and 10 from Jeremy Clark. Chris Kidd and Brad Bevins both had eight points apiece while Matt Slone finished with seven. Joey Willis, Nicholas Jamerison and Trevor Compton all had two points apiece.

Belfry improved to 8-5, while Prestonsburg dropped to 5-10.

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Cincinnati has nation's top streak at 17

by JOE KAY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Rick Pitino has been to the Final Four. He's won a national championship. He knows the look of a team that can be very dangerous in the NCAA tournament.

Cincinnati, which moved from seventh to No. 4 in the latest poll, has the look.

"They're going to be a hell of a tournament team," Pitino said, after Cincinnati beat Louisville 77-50 on Saturday.

Pitino, who went to four Final Fours with Providence and

Kentucky and won the national title with the Wildcats in 1996, got a firsthand look at the nation's hottest team.

The Bearcats extended the nation's longest winning streak to 17 games by going on a 17-point run in the first half, then keeping poor-shooting

Louisville (11-5, 2-3 Conference USA) at arm's length the rest of the way.

Since an opening loss at Oklahoma State, the Bearcats (17-1, 5-0) have won 17 games by double digits, a stretch unmatched by a Cincinnati team since the school's glory days in the early '60s.

The 1960-61 Bearcats won their last 22 games and the national title; the 1961-62 team won its last 18 games and the national title; the 1962-63 team won its first 19 games and lost in the national championship game.

That's pretty impressive company.

"We don't think about it as much as people think we do," said Steve Logan, who scored

21 points and led a 17-0 run in the first half.

Everyone else is starting to think that coach Bob Huggins' latest team might be one of his very best. The reason: It knows how to shut down opponents.

Cincinnati's half-court, man-to-man defense is holding opponents to 35.7 percent shooting from the field and 56.7 points per game, making it one of the most formidable in the country.

Huggins thinks this team is among his best at stopping opponents with half-court defense. The Bearcats trapped and pressed on their way to the Final Four in 1992, then made it to the final eight a year later with an approach much like the one this season.

"I thought in 1992-93 we

defended really well in the half-court, too," Huggins said. "These guys have been really good."

Louisville has problems against any defense. The Cardinals missed 24 of their first 28 shots Saturday, including 13 in a row while Cincinnati went on its 17-point run.

Most of the shots came from within a few feet of the basket. The Cardinals did a nice job get-

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UDTRA

Other former UDTRA winners at Golden Isle Speedway include Jack Pennington of Winston, Ga. (1999), Skip Arp of Georgetown, Tenn. (1996), four-time UDTRA Champion Scott Bloomquist of Mooresburg, Tenn. (1995), Mickey Gibbs of Gadsden, Ala. (1994) and Mike Carter of Blackshear, GA (1993).

Other top UDTRA entries expected are 2001 UDTRA Championship Runner-up Steve Francis of Ashland, 1999 UDTRA Champion Dale McDowell of Rossville, Ga., Wendell Wallace of Batesville, Ark., Ray Cook of Brassstown, N.C., Dan Schlieper of Pewaukee, Wis., Jimmy Mars of Elk Mound, Wis., Randy Korte of Highland, Ill., and the 1997 UDTRA Champion Billy Moyer of Batesville, Ark.

The Fairfield Inn Marriott in Brunswick, GA will be the Official Host Hotel for the event. The Fairfield Inn Marriott is located off I-95 at exit 38 and is minutes from the track, major shopping areas, and the beaches.

Fairfield Inn Marriott Manager Bruce Dixon and his friendly staff

will offer UDTRA fans and competitors a special discount rate of \$55 per night for a standard room, and \$65 per night for a deluxe room with refrigerator and microwave. To make reservations call (912) 264-2060 and ask for the special UDTRA discount rate.

Along with the UDTRA Pro DirtCars, the Golden Isle Speedway UMP Modifieds, Late Model Dwarfs, Pure Stocks, and Mini Stocks will also be in action. Persons holding rain checks from last year's UDTRA rainout at Golden Isle Speedway, they will be honored at this event. For ticket information call (912) 565-8042. Golden Isle Speedway is located 14 miles west of I-95 at exit 29 on U.S. Highway 82.

TANKERSLEY NEWEST LUCAS OIL ROOKIE OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE: Shane Tankersley of Morganton, Ga. is the newest candidate for the 2002 \$20,000 Lucas Oil Rookie of the Year Award. Tankersley comes to the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series from the Southern All-Star Series where he was the championship runner-up in 2001.

Tankersley will wheel the family-owned and sponsored Tankersley Motorsports Stinger "House Car" from J.T. Kerr Racing Equipment in Rockford, Tenn. The car will be powered by a Race Tech engine.

"I'm excited about this deal and the challenge of competing for the UDTRA Lucas Oil Rookie of the Year Award," Tankersley said. "I'm thankful to Lucas Oil for giving drivers like myself the opportunity to compete with the UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series. I also need to thank Stinger Race Cars for helping me with this deal and hopefully we can give them the national exposure they deserve for having a fine product."

Tankersley joins Billy Ogle Jr. of Knoxville, Tenn. and John Anderson of Omaha, Neb. has drivers that have officially announced themselves as Lucas Oil Rookie of the Year candidates. The top rookie in 2002 points will receive \$10,000 from Lucas Oil, and then be eligible for up to an additional \$10,000 in awards during the 2003 UDTRA Pro DirtCar Series season.

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■ Pikeville College

Hall of Fame inductions set for Saturday



Baird



Kitchen



Preece

PIKEVILLE — Three well-deserving friends of Pikeville College will be inducted into the school's athletics Hall of Fame during a ceremony scheduled for Saturday.

William J. Baird III, John Kitchen and Allyson Preece will be added to the elite list at noon Saturday in Booth Auditorium. Also, three new members of the honorary hall of fame will be announced, and a former team will be recognized for its accomplishments as well.

The ceremony will be preceded by a brunch at 11. Following the events on campus, the attention turn to the Pikeville College Gym. The Lady Bears will play Southern Virginia (Va.) College at 2 p.m., with the Bears playing Knoxville College at 4 p.m.

Between games, the honored guests will be introduced. At halftime, Pikeville College's representative in the Mountain Laurel Festival will be announced.

All events, including the games, are open and free to the public.

Hall of Famers

Bill Baird became interim softball coach during the 1994 season, and then was the head coach from 1995-2000. During his tenure, he accumulated a record of 157-168, coaching 12 all-conference players and 11 academic all-conference members.

Baird has overseen the construction of Paul Butcher Field, home of the Lady Bears, and the Pikeville College baseball field as well. After stepping down as head coach, Baird has continued in the role of assistant coach.

A local attorney, Baird says of all his accomplishments, he is

most proud of his position as co-huddle coach of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a position he has held since 1995.

After a dazzling career at Phelps High School where she helped the school to two 15th Region championships, Allyson Preece had a brilliant four years at Pikeville College. She left the school third on the all-time scoring list for women's basketball with 1,791 points. She is the school's career leader in three-point shooting percentage, having hit 38.1 percent, and is second in career free throw shooting hitting 79.8 percent.

Without a doubt, Allyson's best game was on Feb. 1, 1996, when she set an NAIA Div. I record by hitting 12 three-point shots in a game against Spalding University. The feat has been tied once, but as of her induction, still stands as the national record.

A gifted two-sport athlete, John Kitchen helped Knott County Central High School to two 14th Region basketball championships and chalked up one regional singles title and one runner-up finish in tennis, sending him to two state tournaments in each sport.

At Pikeville College, John's teams won 80 games in four seasons, including a 23-11 season during his senior year that saw the team finish one game from the national tournament. He finished with 983 points and 456 rebounds, and is the career leader in assists with 756. He also holds the single-season record for assists with 300.

Also, he was a two-time all-conference performer in men's tennis, reaching the semifinals of the KIAC tournament as both a junior and senior.

Honorary Hall of Famers

Bryan Crager: During his 15-year career as sports director at East Kentucky Broadcasting, Crager showed tireless dedication to Pikeville College athletics. Through his work to ensure that Pikeville College basketball games would be broadcast and his promotion of events and contests through his sportscasts, Crager has made many outstanding contributions to Pikeville College.

Jeanette and Ed Elder: The Elders have shown a tremendous commitment to Pikeville College athletics, particularly the cheerleading program. The Elders are known statewide as among the most influential people involved in cheerleading, and that has been most evident through their efforts at Pikeville College.

Walter May: The owner of the East Kentucky Broadcasting Network, Walter May has provided a home for Pikeville College basketball and baseball games for nearly half a century. Through thick and thin, Mr. May has clearly shown his dedication and commitment to Pikeville College.

Honored Team

This year, we are pleased to honor the 1950-51 Pikeville College Bears for their outstanding season.

The team, coached by Robert Houchin, finished 19-9 and took the regular-season championship of the KJCAC. The Bears were runners-up in the KJCAC tournament, and also finished second in the Southeastern Conference of Junior Colleges tournament, held in Americus, Ga.

Team members and cheerleaders have been invited to take part in Saturday's ceremony.

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Johnson Central Golden Eagles. The end result would be an 84-77 overtime win for the visiting team.

the host Bobcats came out to lead 20-15 by the first quarter's end before being outscored in the second and third quarter

before battling back in the final period to tie the game in regulation and send it into an overtime period.

Johnson Central took control in the overtime period, outscoring Betsy Layne 18-11 en route to the seven-point win. For

Johnson Central head coach Les Trimble, it was his team's fifth win of the season. That equals Johnson Central's number of wins for all of last season.

Sophomore Mike Walters led the way for Johnson Central with a game-high 27 points — which was matched by the total of Betsy Layne senior center Jeremy Daniels. Johnson Central senior Dock Johnson tossed in 22 and Chad Carroll added 14. Junior point guard Chris Hurt flipped in eight points and freshman Josh Stapleton added four for the Golden Eagles.

Betsy Layne got 17 points from Brent Newsome and 14

points from Brian Roberts. The Bobcats came into the game against Johnson Central just after a district loss to Prestonsburg.

Wes Senters scored eight points, Brent Hamilton six, Jordan Kidd four and Wes Meade three to round out the Betsy Layne scoring. The Bobcats returned to action last night in the first round of the 15th Region All 'A' Classic. Betsy Layne was scheduled to open play in the All 'A' against host Allen Central. Results from the first round of the tournament were unavailable and will appear in Friday's edition.

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Topple

was returning to regular season play on Monday night as they took on the Lady Cougars from Elkhorn City and came away with a 73-67 win.

The Lady Raiders were coming off a good showing in the recently completed girls All 'A' Classic in which they made it to the semifinals before falling to Allen Central.

The Lady Raiders fell behind by double digits early before rallying to nearly pull off the win.

South Floyd likes to push the ball up and down the floor and look to get the ball in the middle to Kandice Mitchell.

The Lady Cougars would start fast and build an early lead on Coach Osborne's squad but the

Lady Raiders showed no panic and regrouped after trailing 22-16 at the end of the first quarter.

South Floyd's Ashley Johnson and Kandice Mitchell would lead their teams comeback with some good play in the paint by Mitchell and the outside shooting of Johnson. The duo of Mitchell and Johnson led the Lady Raiders with 21 and 19 points, respectively.

South Floyd would apply the tough defense in the second quarter and hold the Lady Cougars to only 11 second quarter points as the Lady Raiders pumped in 22 second quarter points to take a 38-33 half-time lead.

In the third quarter the two teams would play even basketball as both would score 16 points in the period.

South Floyd was led by Brandi Anderson in the second half as she scored most of her 15 points in the second half, also giving Osborne some quality minutes were Megan Ousley and Tabitha Berger as the two netted eight and seven points, respectively.

In the final stanza the Lady Raiders would hold their lead by good ball movement and making

their free throws down the stretch. The Lady Raiders would outscore Elkhorn City 19-18 in the fourth quarter to come away with the win.

SOUTH FLOYD SCORING: Kandice Mitchell 21, Tabitha Berger 7, Megan Ousley 8, Ashley Johnson 19, Sheree Hopkins 2, Brandi Anderson 15.

Honor

go 2-1 this week with wins over Montreat (N.C.) College and Union College and a loss to Cumberland College. Pikeville is now 10-9 on the season and 3-3 in the MSC.

On Monday, Collins scored 21 points on 6-of-9 shooting and hitting all nine of her free throws. She also had 10 rebounds, three assists and a steal in the 92-79 win over Montreat. In Thursday night's loss to Cumberland, she was 10-of-15 from the field and 7-of-9 from the stripe to finish with 27 points. She added eight rebounds, two steals and an assist.

The week ended with Saturday's win over Union, where Collins was 5-of-9 from the floor and made all four tries

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Region

iced on the first chance after an Allen Central timeout. Allen Central's next inbound went astray and Betsy Layne senior point guard Devon Reynolds recovered the loose ball to secure the 61-60 victory.

Betsy Layne had different players shine throughout the championship game against Allen Central, and throughout the entire tournament. Sophomore Whitney Lykens ended the tournament with 67 points on 58-percent shooting from the field and 79-percent shooting from the free-throw line, while grabbing 26 rebounds and handing out 13 assists. Lykens helped lead the way in the championship

game, scoring 24 points, pulling down 10 rebounds and dishing out seven assists.

Natasha Stratton had 12 points in the championship game. Reynolds finished the tournament with 28 points, 19 assists and just seven turnovers from her point guard position.

Witt finished the Allen Central game with a team-best eight rebounds for Betsy Layne.

Freshman Megan Harris turned in a productive night for Allen Central head coach Cindy Halbert. Harris finished the championship game with 16 points. Erin Majakey netted 11 points and Jessica Isaac added 10.

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Ladycats

and the Ladycats went to the free throw line 48 times in the contest.

The Ladycats would now

Bears

points and six rebounds. Amanda Vance and Mindy Wynn had 11 points each, while Johnna Collins added 10.

Union got 10 assists from Tiffany Vice.

Melvin added nine points for Pikeville while teammates Courtney Mercer and Michelle Stanley each finished with eight points. Charity Burke and Nicole Stanley each flipped in six points for the Lady Bears. Williams and Jill Kimberlain each contributed five points. Ashley Damron and Caitlyn

await the winner of South Floyd and Allen Central in the other semifinal which would make the final an all 58th district championship. The game against Phelps would prove to be all Betsy Layne from the start as the Ladycats raced out to a 13-7 lead after the first period and Phelps would not prove to be a threat in the second half. Betsy Layne would lead 25-16 at the half behind the play of point guard Devon Reynolds, her fiery play in the first half would spark the Ladycats as she tossed in nine first half points.

In the second half Phelps would send the Ladycats to the free throw line 38 times and Betsy Layne would connect on 23 of those attempts as the free throws alone outscored Phelps in the second half.

The pressure defense by Betsy Layne forced many Phelps turnovers and propelled the Ladycats to a commanding 47-30 lead after three quarters of play. Whitney Lykens began to heat up in the third quarter as she poured in nine third quarter points, and Devon Reynolds added seven more points to her total. The duo of Reynolds and Lykens combined to lead Betsy Layne, both scoring 18 points each in the contest. Natasha Stratton had the big fourth quarter for Betsy Layne scoring ten points in the period and connecting on 4-of-6 from the line.

Phelps was led in scoring by Nikki Smith with 13 points in the game, but it would not be nearly enough to keep the final score close as the Ladycats would outscore Phelps 25-9 in the fourth quarter and pull away for the 72-39 win and a spot in Saturday's championship game for a trip to the All 'A' State Tournament.

Betsy Layne had compiled a 12-4 record heading into the finals played this past Saturday with some big wins coming as of late. Scoring for the contest was as follows: Betsy Layne — Devon Reynolds 18 points, 7-of-8 from the line; Whitney Lykens 18 points, 4-of-5 from the line; Natasha Stratton 12 points, 4-of-6 from the line; Tabitha Mitchell 8 points, 4-of-11 from the line; Kim Tackett 6 points, 2-of-4 from the line; Tiffany Meade 3 points, 3-of-8 from the line; Phelps — Nikki Smith 13 points, Sherri Plymate 8 points, 2-of-3 from the line; Hope Wolford 5 points, 1-of-2 from the line; Lyndsey Schwartz 6 points, 0-of-1 from the line, Carrie Coleman 4 points, 4-of-4 from the line, Ashley Riffe 3 points, 3-of-6 from the line.

Betsy Layne hit 29-of-48 free throws. Phelps connected on 10-of-16 free attempts.

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Reed

extensions of themselves. Fun was diminished. Failure was considered to be some kind of reflection on the parents. Good sportsmanship suffered at the hands of the parents' desire to win and be in control.

You know what I'm talking about if you've ever been to a youth game where parents cursed the coaches or umpires, got into heated arguments with each other, or acted disgusted if their child struck out or fumbled or missed a wide-open shot. When my younger daughter was in high school, she dated a football player whose father roamed the sidelines, ranting at the officials and generally making a spectacle of himself.

The young man lost his zest for football and eventually quit, even though he was good enough to receive some college scholarship offers.

These days more and more strangers are in attendance at middle-school and high-school games. These are the recruiting "gurus," street agents, and other parasites who try to ingratiate themselves with talented youngsters at an early age so they can profit off them when it's time to go to college or turn pro.

Many parents read the stories about how Earl Woods devel-

oped his son Tiger into the world's greatest golfer, or about how Arnold Spitz drove his son Mark into becoming a multi-gold-medal Olympic.

But it takes more than hard work or total dedication. It takes the sort of talent that only a few youth athletes have. The rest, it can only be hoped will take the positive lessons that sports teach and incorporate them into their value system.

Which brings me back to the hockey dads.

The tragedy happened at a rink in Massachusetts. A couple of dads got into a heated argument about the goals of a practice. One said it was supposed to be non-contact, the other disagreed. After a scuffle in the arena, one of the dads tried to round up his kids and take them home.

But when he went back inside the arena to find his son, he got into it again with his antagonist, whom he outweighed by 100 pounds. The bigger man wrestled the smaller one to the floor, then punched him and banged his head on the hard surface. The smaller man went into a coma and died the next day. The kids saw it all.

The bigger man was tried and convicted of involuntary

manslaughter. So now there are two sets of kids without dads — one in prison, the other dead.

And it all was the result of a stupid squabble over a youth hockey practice.

To be sure, this is an extreme example of sports parents losing control.

Yet at every venue in the country where kids play sports, the potential for trouble always is lurking in the background.

Every community needs to identify adults whose values are warped and whose behavior is unacceptable. Report them to authorities who perhaps can help them get anger-management training. It's dangerous to kids, both mentally and physically, when they have to deal with adults who want to emulate Bobby Knight, Vince Lombardi, or other coaching icons.

Sports should be fun for all concerned. Winning isn't as important as learning to play by the rules, to practice good sportsmanship, to respect your opposition, to understand your strengths and weaknesses, to deal with both success and failure, to learn discipline, and to be an unselfish team player.

Adults should be role models — part of the solution instead of part of the problem. If they're not, then sports can literally become a matter of life and death. It happened in Massachusetts. It can happen in your town, too.

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P'burg

guard Darcey Hicks added six tallies. Abby Shafer tossed in four points. All four of Shafer's points came in the first half. Megan Hyden and Chanel Music finished the Prestonsburg scoring with three and points, respectively.

The Prestonsburg girls were scheduled to be back in action last night at Piarist. The Lady Hornets are scheduled to return to action later this week.

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Streak

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ting the ball inside against Cincinnati, which was trying to take away the perimeter shot.

Once Louisville got the ball inside, all the Bearcats could do was put up their hands and hope the Cardinals missed. Most of the time, they did.

"Once they got it inside, we just tried to make them shoot over us," said Jamaal Davis, who had 10 rebounds.

After starting 11-1 under Pitino, the Cardinals have lost four of six, primarily because of poor shooting. They shot only 27.4 percent against Cincinnati and finished with their lowest point total of the season.

Their previous worst came in an 82-62 loss to Kentucky, a team that reminds Pitino of Cincinnati.

If the two played, which would win?

"I couldn't pick that game because they're too similar. Nor would I, because I'm too smart," Pitino said, smiling.

He didn't conceal his admiration for the way the Bearcats took his team apart.

"They just overpowered us in a lot of different areas," Pitino said. "Hopefully, someday our guys will get to that level."

When fear was not an option

by CLYDE PACK
COLUMNIST

I was flipping channels last weekend and came across Coal Miner's Daughter. I guess I've seen that movie more than a dozen times, but it nearly always gets me to thinking about my own father. He truly loved coal mining, and one of the ironies regarding that fact is that he was adamantly against his five sons following in his footsteps.

From as far back as I can remember, until the early 1960s, Dad mined coal every waking hour. If he wasn't actually doing it, he was talking about it to some fellow miner, or anyone else who'd listen...except of course, his sons.

I really think that, even without knowing it, Dad was proud of the job he did for the Northeast Coal Company. He spoke of his duties and accomplishments in a tone totally opposite Tennessee Ernie's pessimistic "Sixteen Tons." Dad's demeanor indicated that his crew was as good as any other crew in the mine... and he was as good as any man.

Although poorly educated (he became sole breadwinner for a large family of siblings at age 14), I think he was also aware of the broader picture, too; that the job he and his fellow workers were doing was of vital importance. The coal they scratched and clawed to the surface and loaded onto coal gons, bound for Ohio and Pennsylvania to make into steel, was important stuff. I think he knew that if coal failed, steel failed, too. He knew that if steel failed, this country failed.

While insisting that the conditions under which my father and his fellow workers labored needed vast improvement, United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis continually reminded the world of the importance of what they were doing. He may not have convinced everybody, but he sure convinced my dad.

Despite Dad's wishes, however, three of my older brothers did become miners; one for a little while, the other two for life. The closest I ever came was when I was about 10 years old, and on a double-dog dare, walked about 25 or 30 feet back into an abandoned shaft near the old Number One Pond, where we swam away the days on those long, hot, dog-day summers in the 1940s. The vine-and-branch covered entrance was high enough for me to stand, but I can remember the darkness that lay ahead and the damp odor that eeked from its depth. And, I much preferred the bright blue sky to the ceiling of sandstone that threatened to pop loose at any second and crush me into smithereens. Actually, I made two trips into that old shaft that day: my first and my last. I was terrified.

But of all the discussion I ever overheard, not once did

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Snowfalls blowing in on the heels of the current new year have brought to mind thoughts of "old time winter's" - the kind that "ma and pa" often told of.

This and That...

Old Timer's Winter

I often hear individuals older than myself saying that we don't have winters like we use to. Well, the weather we had beginning January 6, just two weeks into winter must have been an "Old Timer's" winter. Some areas had 10 inches or more of snow, while others had less.

I could see Old Man Winter biting into the windows and hear the Old North Wind blowing with such a mighty force. The cold, icy fingers of winter were scratching at my face and hands.

The green pines were bending from holding their heavy burden of the beautiful white snow. I gazed at icicles and watched as they became broader and longer, trying to reach the very ground. Old Man Winter graciously laid down a carpet of white snow with which to clean our lands, much the same as Mother Nature sending the warm spring rains that make everything all around smell clean and fresh.

The forest floor was bare of nuts and acorns, due to the many forest fires that our area suffered during recent months. It is sad to know that many of these fires were intentionally started. A great number of young rabbits and gray squirrels have likely died due to a lack of their usual dining fare. I saw that even a red fox, an animal known for its skillful cunning, was killed on the highway, searching for road kill, a most pitiful meal for such an accomplished hunter. I saw owls, dead on the highways, also having come close in search of a meal. Our creeks were frozen over and covered with a blanket of snow, making even pausing for a drink of water a challenge to our wildlife.

Deer tracks, and the tracks of wild turkeys (the kind that don't live in a bottle) were noticed in the snow. Some sighted the tracks of elk. Even

one of these large creatures was killed while foraging in the highway at night.

The cold ice covered, and frosty nights will kill, large numbers of insects that many have long waited to see biting the dust. Hopefully, we can see some of the dried shields of the lady beetles, pine beetles, and the crawling box elder worm. Perhaps some of the moles that have been ravaging and tunneling underneath the lush summer grass of my lawn in search of insect larva will move on over to my neighbor's lawn as a result of scant food supplies. Oh, what a day that

will be, when those varmints move out of my neighborhood.

I spent some leisurely time trying to get a glimpse of the beavers that have

been recently reintroduced into our area. They have now made the streams of Beaver Creek and Jones Fork Creek well populated with their kind, after being killed off more than a century ago. I saw the beaver splash dams, but the gentle creatures must keep a keen eye out for the stalking eye of the camera. These creatures, sadly, have been busy doing their share of destroying the apple trees of homesteaders that live along the creek banks.

The beautiful red feathers of Kentucky's state bird, the Cardinal, were very noticeable as he was searching along the snow for seeds, accompanied by an anxious Blue Jay, who was jumping from branch to branch twisting his head this way and then that, and then finally driving home his beak as he picked up a seed from a burning bush.

I am through with winter, although I know I still must wait on the groundhog next month to tell me how far off

is my beloved spring. I will wait for the sweetness of young lovers on Valentine's Day when "sallit peas" are traditionally planted. I will also wait until the "dark night of March" when potatoes should be planted, so that they will not work to the top of the ground and get sunburned. The desire of my heart is to say, "Good-bye, winter, and hello spring." I guess we all will have to wait until March 21 for spring to begin, if we are not fooled on April 1.

I am now looking forward to all the benefits of an "Old Timer's Winter." I can expect in May, to not to see box wood worms; in July, no Japanese beetles; in the beauty of fall I will note the absence of the locust, and also of the pine insects.

I guess this could be the beginning of an "Old Timer's Winter" after all.

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by Bill R. Francis
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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Although heavy snowfalls can create hardships in the way of travel, they also tend to bring out the playful side of folks, both young and old.

Small World

Mechanic on call

by AILEEN HALL

An automobile can be a lot like people. It can develop quirks and traits that you just have to learn to cope with. But once you learn, it can be a happy experience.

Several years ago I was passing the Music-Carter-Hughes dealer-

ship in Prestonsburg one day when I spotted a car on the lot that I thought I couldn't live without. It was a 1965 brown Buick Electra. I came home and told my husband about this treasure, thinking he would be excited too.

Just as he has always done, he tried to explain all the reasons I didn't need that car. He took me to look at more moderate models and would point up their good points, but I couldn't be impressed. I had fallen in love with the Buick. Seeing my determination, and wanting to see a little peace, he bought the car, and I still remem-

ber it as one of my all time favorites.

But after several months, I was out on some errand and, when I started to return home, the car wouldn't start. As much as I have driven over the years, the only way I know to "fix" a car problem is to call someone who can help.

Walter brought his boat mechanic and they poked around under the hood until they could see it had just flooded. The mechanic spotted a little valve which he pressed down and asked one of us to turn the key. It started right off, and I was very observant about

what valve he pushed.

It was a good thing I learned this quirk because, from time to time, it would happen again. If I was alone at the time, I would just hail someone to come and hold my valve down and I would soon be on my way again.

One afternoon I had gone to Pikeville on some business. Coming out of town on Cline Street, now Hambley Boulevard, there was a McCowan's Grocery Store, and it was a handy place to stop for those items you always needed in the kitchen. I had gathered up some milk, bread, and a

few canned foods and, as Mr. McCowan was checking me out, a lady stuck her head in the door to tell him that her car wouldn't start. She asked if he would come see if he could help her.

He gave me my change and went ahead of me out the door. I put my purse on my left shoulder and lifted the groceries in my right arm. To reach my car, I had to pass hers, which had the hood raised and about five men standing round, looking at the engine. The car was exactly like mine except for

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AILEEN HALL
Columnist

School Happenings

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

■ Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.

■ 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.

Allen Central Middle School and Youth Service Center

■ School is currently collecting Food City receipts. Students may turn them in to their home-room teachers.

■ Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. Call 358-0134 for more information.

Allen Elementary Family Resource Youth Service Center

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

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

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Clark Elementary

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■ After School child care hours are 3:00 - 5:30 p.m., school days.

■ FCHD nurse in the center on Thursdays. Please call the center at 886-0815, to schedule an appointment. Appointments are currently being scheduled for Hep B immunizations and 6th grade physicals for the 2002 fall school term.

■ MCCC services are available at the center. Call for more information, or to schedule an appointment.

■ The Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. Center is located in the Clark Elem. school building. Hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Office phone is 886-0815.

May Valley Family Resource Center

■ Jan. 25 - Nutrition Program, 5th grade.

■ Each Wednesday - Health Dept. Nurse. Services offered: WIC, blood pressure checks, immunizations, TB skin tests, and Head Start, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and well-child physicals. Must call center at 285-0321 for appointment.

McDowell Family Resource Center

■ Floyd County Health Department nurse, Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday. Services provided include: immunizations, T.B. skin tests, school physicals (Head Start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), WIC appointments, prenatal and postpartum care and others. If you are in need of an appointment, call 377-2678 to schedule.

■ GED classes each Monday and Wednesday - 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructor - Linda Bailey, of the David School.

■ McDowell Family Resource Center hours are 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you are in need of assistance, call the center at 377-2678.

Mud Creek Family Resource Center / John M. Stumbo Elem.

■ The Bridges Project will be at the center each Wednesday and Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and each Friday from 12:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

■ Center is open weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Telephone: 587-2233.

Piarist School

■ The Piarist School is currently collecting Food City receipts to be used toward the purchase of school equipment and technical tools. You may send your receipts to school with any Piarist School student, or you may mail them in to the following address:

The Piarist School, Highway 80, Box 870, Martin, KY 41649.

Call 285-3950 for further information.

Prestonsburg Elementary and Family Resource Center

■ MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.

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

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

■ Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

■ Feb. 25 - Nutrition classroom presentations.

■ Feb. 25 - CPR classes.

■ Adult education classes available.

■ Walking track open to public.

■ The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 135.

The David School

■ Adult Education Class Schedule - Fall 2001:

■ Monday and Wednesday: McDowell Family Resource Center, 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Call 377-2678.

■ Monday and Wednesday: Morehead Big Sandy Campus, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405.

■ Tuesday and Thursday: Betsy Layne High School

Family Resource Center, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389.

■ Tuesday: Cliffside Housing Project Community Center, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Call 886-9860.

■ Wednesday: Floyd County Detention Center, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

■ Thursday: Auxier Lifetime Learning Center, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Call 886-0709.

■ Thursday: St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 - 7:30 p.m. Call 886-8046.

■ Friday - The David School, 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Call 886-8374.

W.D. Osborne Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center

■ Center now accepting new applications for cleaning supplies.

■ Little Eagle Basketball now in progress.

■ "Clothing Closet" available to all students.

■ Rainbow Junction Family Resource Center is located in the W. D. Osborne Elementary School. Hours of operation - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or later by appointment. Call 452-4553 and ask for Cissy or Karen.

Our Yesterdays

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

Ten Years Ago (January 22 and January 24, 1992)

A civil suit, filed January 17, alleges that a Pikeville bank used insider information to acquire a failed Floyd County savings bank. The suit, filed in Floyd Circuit Court by First Guaranty Corporation, claims that Pikeville National Bank and Trust Company used confidential information provided by First Guaranty Corporation to acquire ownership of United Federal Savings Bank in Prestonsburg...Although four new Wheelwright Council members took office in January, at their first meeting, Thursday, council conducted business like old pros. In what appeared to be a move to clean house, council voted to replace three members of the utility commission, which brought a verbal resignation from a fourth member...Kentucky Congressman Harold Rogers announced, Tuesday, that he is seeking re-election to a seventh term in the United States House of Representatives. Speaking at Hazard and Pikeville, which are among the communities that have been added to the Fifth Congressional District, the veteran Republican lawmaker promised to continue his efforts to create jobs, promote family values and help people in need...Customers of the B & H Gas Company, which services the Ivel, Mare Creek, Betsy Layne and Stanville areas, will see soon an increase in their utility bill. The Public Service Commission granted the gas company increased rates in the amount of \$13,100 annually. Rates will increase for the average residential customer from \$48.40 monthly to \$62.83...A 31-year-old Hazard man, arrested Monday morning, is the prime suspect in a month-long investigation to find a truck driver who has allegedly been exposing himself to passing female motorists. Floyd County Sheriff's deputy Homer Neeley arrested Edward Gayheart at approximately 9 a.m., on Route 114 traveling toward Magoffin County. Gayheart was stopped after Neeley noticed the truck driver was apparently trying to get an automobile to stop, said chief deputy Linzie Hunt...A fire at Drift, Saturday morning, hospitalized one man and caused two children to be treated for minor burns. The home of Mose Meade was razed in the blaze which is still under investigation by the Left Beaver Volunteer Fire Department, fire chief Derek Thacker said Monday...Unless an 11th-hour rush occurs early, next week, at the Secretary of State's office in Frankfort, the only dogfight in Floyd County for the May Primary election will be a race for district judge. Although no candidates had formally filed for the Seventh Judicial District race, Thursday, three candidates have announced their candidacy...State education leaders ousted three members of the Harlan County School Board, Wednesday, after finding them guilty of official misconduct. It is the first time in Kentucky's history that local board members have been removed from office by state officials...A political dynasty that spanned four and a half decades will come to a close at the end of this year, when the current term of U.S. Congressman Chris Perkins expires. Perkins announced

Wednesday that he would not seek a fifth, two-year-term as Eastern Kentucky's representative in Congress, citing the adverse effects of politics on his personal life as the reason for his decision. Perkins was first elected in 1984, largely by acclamation, to succeed his father, Carl D. Perkins, who died after representing the now non-existent 7th Congressional District for 35 years. The younger Perkins faced no serious challenge to his family's hold on the congressional seat until 1988, when he won re-election by getting just 59 percent of the vote over GOP challenger Will T. Scott...Local reaction to U.S. Representative Chris Perkins' decision to not seek re-election to Congress has been mixed, but many Floyd Countians agree that Eastern Kentucky will feel the loss, and that is certainly a sad end to a 44-year political dynasty. Chris Perkins' contributions to Eastern Kentucky cannot be denied by many area residents, officials, and business leaders who are well aware of the strides made by Perkins for improved black-lung benefits; healthcare and nutrition programs for the poor; money secured for roads, water and sewer projects for the 7th District; and his efforts to raise the minimum wage rates while in Congress. His decision, however, to not seek re-election drew reactions state-wide and locally...Downtown Prestonsburg has been targeted for revitalization by city planners and, by the end of 1992, area residents should be able to detect a marked difference visually, historically, and hopefully, economically in the downtown central business district. Last year the city received a \$250,000 state grant for downtown revitalization, because Prestonsburg was recertified as a Kentucky Main Street City in 1991, and also due to the efforts of State Representative Greg Stumbo and Senator Benny Ray Bailey...There died: Rev. Rudolph Lewis, 77, of Banner, Thursday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Della Blankenship Jones, 81, of Teaberry, Monday, at the residence of her daughter, Ollie Hall; Rose Annie Hamilton, 89, of Stanville, Thursday, at The Albion Community Hospital, Albion, Michigan; Kevin Harris, 31, of Springboro, Ohio, formerly of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at his residence; James Thornsberry, 25, of Kite, Saturday, at Kite from injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Windell Tackett, 51, of Lucasville, Ohio, Saturday, at Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital in Ashland; Edgar Bartley, 82, of Pikeville, Saturday, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home; Ben Sellards, 73, of Rush, formerly of Endicott, Friday, at Veterans Administration Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia; Minnie B. Conley, 98, of Garrett, Wednesday, at her residence; Shirley M. Caudill, 63, of McDowell, Thursday, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington; Hattie Little Vaverek, 62, of Chicago, Illinois, formerly of Weeksbury, Sunday, at her residence; Evelyn Castle Fraley, 71, of Drift, Monday, at her residence; Lovada Brown Damron, 88, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Lillie Hamilton, 91, of Fellsmere, Florida, formerly of Banner, Sunday, at The Humana Hospital in Sebastian, Florida; Tommy Kendrick, 62, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Henry Edgar Harmon, 94, of Pikeville, Tuesday, at

Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Hazel Music Howell, 62, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Bonanza, Saturday, at the Community Hospital in Indianapolis; Elizabeth Martha Damron, 66, of Pikeville, Wednesday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Twenty Years Ago (January 27, 1982)

A trailer fire claimed the life of Charles Edward Justice, II, 19 years old, when the trailer of his parents caught on fire. Justice and his sister were at home alone. His sister received only minor burns...A Mink Branch mine blast claimed the lives of seven, Jack Hamilton, 36, Burnis Hamilton, 31, Wade Hamilton, 23, Donald Ray Hamilton, 39, Palmer McKinney, 26, Thurman Reynolds, 25, and Ronnie Hall, 25, on Wednesday. The funeral for the seven miners killed in the blast will be Sunday...Governor John Y. Brown named three Floyd County men to a deep mine safety panel due in part to the recent blast that killed seven men...There died: Donald R. Martin, 41, of Printer, last Tuesday en route to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Margaret Salyer, 73, of Paintsville, Sunday, at Paintsville Hospital; Haze "Rex" Reynolds, 48, of Ypsilanti, Michigan, formerly of Floyd County, January 14, in St. Joseph Mercy Hospital; Edna McKinney, 59, of Printer, last Tuesday, at U.K. Medical Center, Fay A. Wright, 70, of Ashland, Sunday at her home; Ransom Marcum, 84, of Columbus, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Monday in Columbus; Roxanne R. Hall, 15, of Galveston, Monday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Lewis Conley, 73, of Wheelwright, Saturday, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Pearl G. Crum, 74, of Prestonsburg, last Thursday at St. Joseph Hospital; Ernest Baldrige, 86, of Ashland, formerly of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Elmwood Village Nursing Home; Rinia M. Hall, 62, of Dwale, last Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago (January 27, 1972)

* The City of Prestonsburg and its municipal water and gas commission moved jointly Monday toward compliance with a Kentucky Water Pollution Control Commission directive demanding that Prestonsburg build and have in operation by December, 1975, a secondary sewage treatment plant...Congressman Carl D. Perkins wired The Times, Monday, reporting that President Nixon, in his budget submitted to the Congress, asked for an additional \$200,000 for construction of the local flood protection project at Martin...Influenza has not reached epidemic proportions in this county, but it's here, and the worst may be yet to come, it was said this week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Edward Webb, of Prestonsburg, a son, Johnny Edward Webb, Jr. December 10; to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Lyons, of Paintsville, a daughter, Angela Lea, Jan. 19...There died: Mrs. Nannie Hamilton Hughes, 78, of

Prestonsburg, Friday, at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Rebecca Centers, 66, of the Auxier Road, last Thursday, here; Noah Lee Collins, 31, formerly of Printer, Jan. 6, at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Mrs. Dona Wiley, 66, of Betsy Layne, last Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Andrew Porter, 61, of Allen, last Tuesday, at General Hospital, Louisville; Samuel Howell, 77, of Toler Creek, last Wednesday at his home; Burnice Stone, 64, last Monday, at his home at East McDowell; Hasadore (Man Hoss) Martin, 88, of Drift, Friday, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Beckham Stumbo, 71, of Wayland, Sunday, at Veterans Hospital, Huntington, W. Va.; Rebecca H. Scutchfield, 65, of Water Gap, Tuesday at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Ollie Mullins, 46, formerly of Boldman, last Thursday at his home at Wyandotte, Michigan.

Forty Years Ago (January 25, 1962)

Custom Car Carpet Company Inc., began operation this week in the former York Furniture Company Warehouse Sale building here...Charles Clark, of Floyd County, was the only county school superintendent in the United States to appear by invitation on the panel discussion following President Kennedy's address at the National Conference on Milk and Nutrition in Washington, D.C., Tuesday...Reviewing the financial condition of the City of Prestonsburg in a talk to the Community Development Council here, Wednesday, Mayor George P. Archer said, "There's the news, and its all bad, but there's nothing so bad it can't be straightened out"...IGA advertised ground beef at \$.49 a pound, sirloin steak at \$.89, and round steak at \$.69...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Cloyd Johnson, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Lisa Renee, January 21, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Leach, of Prestonsburg, a son, Glen Carter, January 6...There died: Ed Evans, 56, of Grethel, last Wednesday at Pikeville Memorial Hospital; Mrs. Mary Goines, 62, formerly of Drift, last Wednesday at Willard, O.; Russell Adkins, 42, formerly of Allen, last Wednesday, at his home at Marshall, Mich.; Bernice G. Rice, 70, Friday, at his home at Estill; Mrs. Thelma Reedy Spivey, 34, formerly of Left Beaver, last Thursday at Ann Arbor, Michigan; Andrew J. Goble, 65, formerly of Justell, January 14, at Cincinnati; Mrs. Minery Spears, 42, of Banner, last Wednesday, at Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago (January 24, 1952)

A 58-year-old Branham's Creek man, accused of the torture and rape of an orphaned girl, remained a fugitive this week, hidden in some mountain vastness in the vicinity of his Branham's Creek home, or sheltered by relatives elsewhere...To the mounting number of

Birthdays



Kaitlyn is seven!

Kaitlyn Marie Caudill turned seven years old on January 17, 2002. She celebrated her special day with a "Scooby-Doo" theme birthday party held at her home on Sunday, January 20. A host of family and friends attended the party and everyone enjoyed lots of cake and birthday surprises!



Gavin is two!

Gavin Dwayne Slone celebrated his second birthday with a "Monsters, Inc." theme birthday party held Saturday, January 12, 2002, at Pizza Hut. Gavin is the son of Kimberly and Dwayne Slone, of David. He is the grandson of Janis Prater, of David, and the late Don Prater, and Joan and Malcom Slone, of Prestonsburg. He is the great-grandson of Bernice Prater, of David, and the late Arnold Prater, and the late Henry and Sally Arnett, as well as Elmer Slone, of Salyersville, and the late Irene Slone, and Ernest and Margalene Mitchell, of McDowell.



Reece is one year old!

Reece Weston Rodriguez, the son of David and Tish Rodriguez, celebrated his first birthday on January 9, 2002, with a "VeggieTales" theme birthday party. Reece is the grandson of Bertee and Deziray Kidd, of Betsy Layne, and Paul and Susan Smith, of Lexington. He is the great-grandson of Mathew Dump Kidd, of Harold, and the late Jean Kidd and Otis and Jewel Kidd, of Canel City. The Rodriguez' reside in Richmond.

From Grandpa's church to the big stage... Teddi Leigh signs up for a big career

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

Editor's Note: This story appeared in this past Friday's edition of our paper, however, the ending was inadvertently cut off, therefore it did not run in its entirety. We are running the text again as a courtesy to Teddi Leigh and her family.

It was truly a "family affair" as folks gathered from near and far to be present as Teddi Leigh (Pack) Frasure and her family realized a dream come true this week at the Mountain Arts Center.

Teddi Leigh, a native of McDowell, signed a major recording contract with Family Tree Entertainment this past Tuesday afternoon. Family Tree Entertainment is an independent record label that features southern gospel music and artists from the Kentucky, Ohio, and West Virginia tri-state area. Their home office is based in neighboring Ashland.

"We are delighted to have Teddi Leigh," said Angelia L. Clark, vice president of Family Tree, "we look at it that our organization is one big family and now Teddi, and her family, are joining our family. We couldn't be happier. Teddi is an outstanding performer."

"We discovered Teddi through a contest," Clark continued, "we held a contest inviting gospel singers to

audition and Teddi showed up with her mother, who actually ended up accompanying her on the piano, a beautiful, big grand piano that happened to be in the music hall. It was a wonderful performance. Teddi didn't actually win that particular contest, but when we saw Teddi, we saw a 'winner' just the same."

According to Peggy Pack, Teddi's mother, her daughter has been singing since the age of 3. "Teddi started singing in her grandfather's church when she was about three years old," she said. "From there, she went on to be chosen for the Kentucky Opry All-Stars, from there, she made it to the Junior Pros and then on to the "big" (Kentucky) opry."

Teddi attended McDowell Elementary and South Floyd High School where she was active in cheerleading and various other school activities, as well as keeping busy with her Opry performing schedule. While with the Opry family, Teddi had the opportunity to perform for several dignitaries, among them Kentucky Governor Paul Patton and United States President Bill Clinton. She has also performed at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Amphitheatre, the Kentucky State Capitol and the Kentucky Horse Park.

For Billie Jean Osborne, the catalyst behind the area's rising stars, seeing Teddi Leigh, whose talent

and first discovered during one of Billie Jean's tours of area elementary schools, sign a recording contract thereby launching what will hopefully prove to be a successful recording career, is a great boost and wonderful payoff to all of her own hard work. Osborne has long been aware of the hidden talent within the Eastern Kentucky region and, as she posed for photographs with "one of her own," Teddi Leigh and her family knew she meant it when she looked at Teddi and said, "Honey, I am so proud of you."

"I love to sing," Teddi said Tuesday afternoon, "and I'm so happy about this contract and that all these people that I love so much have come out to celebrate with me and my family. Singing gospel music is just one way that I can share with others that God is real and that He loves us all."

Teddi invited all in attendance to mingle with one another and to share in the luncheon buffet of finger sandwiches, salads, fruits, and drinks. Afterwards, she treated the guests to her own beautiful renditions of two gospel tunes, "Jehovah," and "I'll Fly Away."

"These are two of my most favorite songs," she said, "and I hope you all will enjoy them. If you know the words, just sing along with me."

As Teddi's crystal clear voice rang out through the halls, more

than one guest in attendance paused to wipe a tear from their eye. "This is a dream come true for our family," said Peggy Pack.

Musical talent runs in Teddi Leigh's family. "My dad, he plays guitar, fiddle, mandolin," she said. "And my mom, she plays the piano, and we all sing. We have all always gotten together to sing and play music together."

In addition, Teddi Leigh's sister, JoJo, has also been contacted about a recording contract. "We're all just so happy," the newly signed artist said with a ravishing smile across her face, "I'm just so happy."

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the color.

Shifting my grocery load to my left arm, I edged my shoulder between two men and reached to that familiar little valve. "Would somebody turn the key?" I asked, and of course the car started right off.

I stopped at that grocery store several times after that, and always Mr. McCowan would ask, "How is our mechanic today?" I was always afraid he would recommend me to someone, for he had no idea I had practiced the only mechanical expertise I knew.

Yesterdays

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slot machines confiscated over Kentucky within the week by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, were added Tuesday, 22 from Floyd County...The Mothers March in Floyd County will be launched in two sectors—Prestonsburg and Maytown—at 6:30 p.m., next Tuesday in the war on polio as a dramatic climax to the month-long March of Dimes...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stumbo, of Minnie, a son, Tommy Devain, January 17; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Boyd, of Tram, a daughter, January 16...There died: Mrs. Mertie S. Hicks, 54, Floyd County native, Sunday, during funeral services for her sister-in-law at Mousie; Mrs. Margaret Hicks Tackett, 73, at her home at Dony; Mrs. Polkie Halbert Barnett, 74, last Thursday, at home on Buck's Branch; Fred Gearheart, 32, Sunday, at his home at Price; George Stanford, 71, Monday, at his home at Wheelwright; Thomas A. Spradlin, 75, Friday, at home at Bonanza.

Sixty Years Ago (January 29, 1942)

Suspected of blasting a 16-inch pipeline, which supplied gas to a plant engaged in defense work, two Little Paint men faced probable federal prosecution after the grand jury of the Floyd Circuit Court failed, Wednesday, to vote an indictment against them...Ray "Fuzzy" Lewis, 20-year-old Weeksbury miner was fatally wounded, Saturday night, as a tragic

Poison

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I ever detect fear in Dad's voice. Even when he'd mention that this section had bad top, or that section had gas, there was no trace of fear. Such reports were merely statements of fact, in much the same way one would report the weather. While it appears that fear was not an option for him, and even though he knew he was doing important work, he did indeed fear for his children

I guess that's just the way parents

New Arrivals

Highlands New Arrivals

Jan. 10, 2002
A daughter, Aaliyah Hope Nelson, to Tawana & Jimmy Nelson

Jan. 08, 2002
A daughter, Johnna Danielle Rudder, to Johnny & Kimberly Rudder

Jan. 11, 2002
A son, Dustin Alexander Hiromato, to Linda Gail Staniford

Jan. 09, 2002
A son, Donald William Delong, to Donald & Michelle Delong

Jan. 11, 2002
A daughter, Makayla Grace Ousley, to Sean & Stacey Ousley

Jan. 09, 2002
A son, Kagan Reece Bentley, to Melinda and Jody Bentley

Jan. 13, 2002
A daughter, Samantha Annette Conley, to Romana & Robert Conley

Jan. 09, 2002
A daughter, Syrvelvia Ann Clark, to Stacy Lynn Carroll

Jan. 14, 2002
A daughter, Madison DeShae Arnett, to Melissa & Ellery Arnett

Jan. 09, 2002
A daughter, Chloe McKinzie Grace Mills, to Jennifer Mills

Jan. 14, 2002
A son, Dalton Gregory Marshall, to Glenda & Gregory Marshall

Jan. 10, 2002
A son, Johnathan Ray Stanley, to Don & Ellen Stanley

Jan. 14, 2002
A daughter, Avaryonia Carl Ann Skeens, to Miranda Skeens

Organizations



Judy Looney, Mullins Middle School Band Director and a few members of her band. Looney presented a Christmas program for the Drift Woman's Club in December.

Drift Woman's Club holds annual Christmas program

The KFWC Drift Woman's Club met at the Viola Bailey Community Center Building on December 17, 2001 for their annual Christmas program. President Ruby Akers welcomed members and their guests.

Alice Osborne was hostess to a Christmas buffet dinner. Home Life Chairman Ruby Damron presented her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Looney, Band Director of Mullins Middle School, Pike County. Looney sang a beautiful medley of Christmas songs and led the assembled group in Christmas Carols.

Members and their guests enjoyed their dinner, then exchanged gifts. Ruby Akers, Donna Allen, Roney Clark, Brooksie Gearheart, Celia Little, Alma Mosley, Gloria Salisbury, Geraldine Ward, and Alice Osborne were attending members. Guests included Loretta Bolin, Marie Hall, Judy Looney, Marinda Looney, Sherry Hall, and Chris Stumbo.

The Drift Woman's Club meets on a monthly basis. For information about joining the club, contact any member.



Children attending Stairway to the Stars, Karen's Kare, on Armory Road, took time out to pose for a group picture during the busy holiday season. The friends enjoyed many holiday activities together at the center.

B u s i n e s s / P r o f e s s i o n s

A year-end discussion with Pioneer



Chris Bormes, McDowell ARH employee of the month for January, 2002.

John Carey, Head of U.S. Portfolio Management at Pioneer Investment Management Inc., offers insights on the forces that shaped this year's markets—including the impact of September 11—and thoughts on what may lie ahead for investors in the U.S. and abroad. Carey is also the portfolio manager of Pioneer Fund, Pioneer Equity Income Fund, and Pioneer Tax Managed Fund.

The tidal wave of excess capital spending that began receding a year ago left behind an overextended economy undercut by slumping corporate profits. Along with technology firms, internet and telecommunications companies led the earnings collapse as demand shriveled and inventories piled up on their shelves and on the shelves of their suppliers. Earnings contracted in most sectors as an inevitable slowdown followed the spectacular economic expansion of prior years. Profit shortfalls and diminished expectations led to large layoffs in a range of industries, delivering a blow to business and consumer confidence that was abruptly amplified by the horrifying events of September 11.

As we draw near year-end, the initial impact of September 11 on the markets, if not on the national consciousness, seems to have been mostly absorbed. The initial phases of the war are also past and investors now seem to be thinking more about

the timing and strength of a possible recovery, and less about renewed terrorist threats. The attacks on our country may have pushed recovery somewhat further into the future, but their effect on the broad, long-term picture may not be as profound as initially thought. And since we can't know the dimensions of that effect, the markets seem to have decided that the wise course is to position portfolios for any rebound by getting back into stocks.

It's too soon to state that we are approaching the end of this recession, now officially acknowledged to have begun in March. However, the recovery, when it comes, may be more vigorous, because it has been delayed. Interest rates and energy prices are lower than they were, widespread layoffs have moderated labor costs, and prices for many raw materials have dropped. All of these factors may feed bottom-line growth when business conditions turn positive.

On the other hand, if investors become disheartened again, for example by disappointing holiday sales figures, then markets may drift lower and an economic recovery may be pushed off a few more months. But barring the unexpected, we remain optimistic and believe that an economic rebound is not far off. For investors who can look beyond the next couple of quarters, investments in equities may bring strong returns down the road.

As always, earnings will show the way. With actual earnings likely to remain sluggish for a while, investors will be examining profit forecasts closely for encouraging signs.

The last business upturn was boosted by capital spending. There is now plenty of capacity to meet existing demand and then some. So capital spending will probably lag in a recovery and we believe consumer sectors could lead the rebound this time around. With the combined stimuli of lower taxes, lower interest rates and added discretionary income in the pockets of homeowners who refinanced their mortgages, consumer confidence may rebound quickly. More optimistic consumers imply better results for retailers, furniture makers and manufacturers of household products.

In addition to consumer sectors, healthcare is also an area of focus in several of our funds. The argument for healthcare is underpinned by the demographic imperative of an aging population in the U.S. and by demand for improved healthcare standards worldwide. The primary beneficiaries are likely to be the major pharmaceutical companies; their earnings streams are larger and more predictable than those of hospitals, hospital management companies or nursing homes.

Near-term expansion for technology companies is likely to be very difficult. As we have throughout the technology run-up, we are being very selective in our approach, emphasizing industry leaders in certain sectors as the best candidates to prosper in any business rebound. These include semiconductor-related sectors, computer services, software, and select PC makers, despite sluggish sales in that area. The troubled telecom equipment sector has little appeal just now, but we see good value in some of the entrenched telecommunications service providers.

The fixed-income markets currently present a mixed picture. Treasury yields have fallen significantly as investors avoided corporate issues and stocked up on full-faith-and-credit government obligations, for possible protection in a recessionary environment. Even with low bond yields, today's very modest level of inflation opens up several good fixed-income opportunities. Ten-year treasuries yielding about 4.75 percent present attractive real (after inflation) returns and unquestioned quality for savers whose CDs and money market accounts are offering the lowest payouts in years.

Investors seeking still higher income can look to non-treasury sectors. We think investment grade corporates are priced low enough to provide a buffer even if rates rise when the economy turns stronger; BBB issues selling at approximately 225 basis points over comparable maturity treasuries are a good example. And as always, when the economy appears poised for recovery, high-yield bonds offer the greatest potential for total return.

Like the United States, developed and emerging market economies are working their way out of periods of stress.

Nevertheless, our emerging markets specialists are very optimistic about recovery prospects in the markets they cover. The basis for their optimism is slow growth in the developed world. The need to boost earnings in a slow-growth environment may mean an expansion of outsourcing initiatives, as cost-sensitive companies look to nations like Mexico, China, Philippines and Indonesia for opportunities to cut manufacturing expenses. Outsourcing to overseas markets is a well-established trend. What's interesting now is that developing markets have gained an increased share; more than 40% of the manufacturing done by foreign affiliates of American companies now takes place in emerging markets (Source: Morgan Stanley Dean Witter).

In addition, equity valuations in many emerging markets are near ten-year lows. In the past, such periods have turned out to be exceptionally favorable entry points. Emerging market equities have historically functioned best as diversifiers for U.S. equity portfolios when positions are established at the low points of economic cycles. We are most optimistic on the prospects for China and India. We believe the economies in these countries are attractively valued. As for sectors, we still favor domestic-oriented sectors such as the financial, consumer and telecommunication sectors. Many emerging markets have had depressed consumption in recent years due to the economic difficulties that began in 1997. We believe this pent-up demand will provide the underpinnings for economic growth and corporate earnings growth over the next several years.

SBDC to host small business tax workshop

MOREHEAD — "Taking Care of Taxes" is the subject of small business workshop in February co-sponsored by Morehead State University's Small Business Development Center.

The workshop will be held Wednesday, Feb. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Lees College Campus of Hazard Community College.

Tax compliance is an essential part of business management and participants in this workshop will become familiar with procedures and forms that are required to report sales and payroll tax liabilities.

Seating for the workshop is limited, so advanced registration is necessary. There will be a charge of \$15 per person.

Training programs sponsored or co-sponsored by SBDC are available to all individuals without regard to race, color, sex, creed or national origin. Special arrangements for those with disabilities will be made if requested in advance.

Additional information on the workshop or registration is available by calling MSU at Jackson at (606) 666-2800 or toll-free at 1-800-729-5225.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 01-CI-00968 CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK PLAINTIFF

VS. WARREN COLE and DEBBIE COLE; ADVANTA NATIONAL BANK; and FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 13th day of December, 2001, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$57,600.00, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 24th day of January, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at Abner Fork, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A tract of land located on Abner Fork, Floyd County, Kentucky, to wit: Beginning at a planted marked stone at upper side of new public highway; thence left up hill with the line of Willie Johnson's line to top of knob to the line of H.C. Akers; thence left down the hill with top of hill to a planted stone marked; thence left down the point to a marked chestnut oak; thence on down hill with Lurena Johnson's line to a marked white oak; thence a straight line on down the hill to a planted stone marked; thence left up running up highway with new road to the beginning, so as to include all land in said boundary con-

taining 15 acres, more or less.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. P. Franklin Heaberlin 119 East Court Street Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 606/886-1615

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT

DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 01-CI-00257

MANUFACTURERS AND TRADERS TRUST COMPANY TRUSTEE FOR SECURITIZATION SERIES 1998-1, AGREEMENT DATED 03/1/98 1 M & T PLAZA NEW YORK, NY 14203-239 PLAINTIFF **VS. ROBERT SETTLES, LADONNA SETTLES, and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 14th day of December, 2001, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above

styled action, in the principal sum of \$47,404.60, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 24th day of January, 2002, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 45 South 2nd Street, Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract of land lying at Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being more particularly described as follows: That certain tract of land, lying and being on the waters of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River, in Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, in the new addition of the Town of Allen, Kentucky, and being Lot No. 7, Box No. 3, in the said addition, as shown by plat of said addition filed in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed to Robert Settles and LaDonna Settles from James Settles by deed dated April 26, 1996, and recorded in Deed Book 394, Page 590, in the office of the Clerk of Floyd County, Kentucky.

There is excepted from this property the oil and gas rights to Deed Book 186, Page 233, in the office of the Clerk aforesaid.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall pay \$5,000.00, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, and City of Allen, Kentucky, real estate taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Allen, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL:

Hon. Melissa J. Whalen Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss 120 East Fourth Street 8th Floor Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-4007

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to Application No. 836-5290

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Beech Fork Processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely Kentucky 41231, has applied for Phase II Bond Release on Increment 1 of permit number 836-5290, which was last issued on 10/27/97. The application covers an area of approximately 20.15 acres, located 4.5 miles northeast of Prestonsburg in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 2.46 miles southeast from Kentucky Route 3's junction with Long Branch Road, and located 0.3 mile southwest of the intersection of Johns Creek and Daniels Creek.

The bond now in effect for increment 1 is a surety bond for \$24,900.00. Approximately 25% of the original bond amount of \$48,200.00 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed to date includes: backfilling and grading; soil sampling and testing; fertilizing, seeding and mulching, completed fall 1996; tree setting completed spring 1997; and the establishment of an adequate vegetative cover.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by 03/04/02.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 03/05/02 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by 03/04/02.

For Final advertisement in the series, the following sentence should be inserted as the first sentence of paragraph (7): This is the final advertisement of the application.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on January 25, 2002, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 05/20/00.

1999 Pontiac Bonneville, S/N 4504 All items are sold "as is where is."

Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller.

Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Call Mike Haney for location, 606-886-2321. First Commonwealth Bank 311 N. Arnold Ave. Prestonsburg, KY 41653

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on January 25, 2002, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 05/17/99.

1999 Mazda Pickup, S/N 2423 All items are sold "as is where is."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on January 25, 2002, at 11 a.m., to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed 07/12/00.

2001 Honda 600 Motorcycle, S/N 0617 All items are sold "as is where is."

Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements made with the seller.

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HON. KEITH BARTLEY FLOYD COUNTY ATTORNEY

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that V and M Mining Company of Paintsville, Inc., P.O. Box 989, Ashland, KY 41101, has applied for Phase II and III bond releases on Permit No. 858-5100, which was last issued on Dec. 18, 1997. The permit covers an area of approximately 1.75 surface acres, and underlies an additional 122.00 acres. The operation is located approximately 3.0 miles northwest of Harold in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 2.0 miles northwest of the junction of KY 987 and KY 1426, and located just north of Prater Creek.

The current bond (Certificate of Deposit) is \$6,900.00. Approximately 100% of the original bond amount of \$10,800.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan, and the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601 by March 8, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 11, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 8, 2002.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Brass Ring Mining Co., Inc., P.O. Box 989, Ashland, KY, 41101, has applied for Phase I and II bond release

on Permit No. 858-5035, which was last issued on Sept. 28, 1998. The permit covers an area of approximately 2.00 surface acres, and underlies an additional 340.08 acres. The operation is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Blue Moon in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.75 miles west of the junction KY 2030 and the Mud Creek Road, and is 0.1 miles north of Morgan Fork.

The current bonds (Certificate of Deposit) is \$10,800.00. Approximately 80% of the original bond amount of \$10,800.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in fall 1996. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by March 8, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for March 11, 2002, at 9:00 am, at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by March 8, 2002.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Housing Authority of Martin is accepting Proposals for Management Consultant for a Capital Grant Modernization Program in the amount of \$234,325.00. For more information, please contact Bruce Coleman, Housing Authority of Martin, P.O. Box 806, Martin, KY 41649, or phone 606-285-3681. All proposals must be in current HUD format and received by 2 p.m., local time, January 25, 2002. The housing authority reserves the right to refuse any and/or all proposals.

FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT

INVITATION FOR BID

The Floyd County Fiscal Court will receive sealed bids for the re-roofing of the existing RND building (Floyd County Community Center), Route 80, Martin, Kentucky. Bids will be received at the office of the mayor of Martin, Martin City Hall, located on Main St., Martin, Kentucky. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids must be received on or before 6:00 p.m., January 22, 2002, local time, at the Conference Room at the Martin City Hall, at which time they will be opened and read aloud. Plans are available from Architect. A pre-bid conference at the location of the renovation shall be held at

2:00 p.m., on January 18, 2002. Contractors are urged to attend.

Copies of plans, Specifications, Contract Documents, and Form of Proposal (in specifications) must be ordered from, and deposit checks sent to, the office of the Architect, Randall Burchett, 233 West Court St., Suite 200, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, (606) 886-3929. Plans will be distributed from the office of the Architect. Deposit must be received by Architect before Contract Documents can be obtained. A complete set of plans and specifications require a deposit of \$50.00.

Plans and specifications may be examined at the office of the Architect and Engineers, office of the owner.

1. F.W. Dodge Corp., 2525 Harrodsburg Rd., Lexington, Ky.
2. Dodge Plan Room, 405 Capital St., Suite 509, Charleston W. V. 25301.

Proposals shall be accompanied by a certified check or cash or bidder bond, executed by the Bidder and Surety Company, IN THE SUM OF NOT LESS THAN TEN PERCENT (10%) OF THE AMOUNT OF THE BASE PROPOSAL. The bid security is required as a guarantee that if the proposal is accepted, Contract will be immediately entered into, and the performance of it property secured. A cashier's check is not considered proper bid security.

Proposal Forms must be filled out and submitted in duplicate. No qualifying letters or statements will be considered. No bidder may withdraw a bid submitted for a period forty five (45) days after the date set for the opening of bids.

In the event the Bidder to whom the Contract is awarded fails to execute a satisfactory Contract and Bond, he shall be eliminated and shall forfeit his certified check, cash of his Bid Bond, and shall be liable for the loss occasioned by the Owner by such failure.

Any bid which is not received on a timely basis, or in the proper form, shall be returned unopened. The Owner reserves the right to accept any or reject any, and all Bids, and to waive any informalities therein.

FLOYD COUNTY FISCAL COURT

ACCEPTING BIDS

The David Fire Department is now taking bids for a 40' x 80' x 14' metal building. The job will be in separate proposals:
Proposal #1 - Foundation (materials and labor)
Proposal #2 - Building (materials only)
Proposal #3 - Building (labor only)
Proposal #4 - Total Package.
Bid sheets may be picked up at fire dept, or from Russell Shepherd, 69 Open Door Church Rd., David, Ky 41616, 606-886-6601
The fire dept. has reserved the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Bid deadline is Jan. 27, 2002.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on February 8, 2002, at 11:00 a.m., at First Guaranty Bank, 36 Main Street, Martin, Kentucky.

1998 Chevrolet Malibu
Serial number: 1G1ND52M6WY112 554

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

First Guaranty Bank
36 Main Street
P.O. Box 888
Martin, KY 41649

NOTICE

The City of Wheelwright will be taking sealed bids for a 1992 Grey Ford Crown Victoria. There will be a minimum bid of \$1,000.00. Bids will be accepted until February 21, 2002. Bids can be delivered to the City Clerk, or mailed to the City of Wheelwright, P.O. Box 365, Wheelwright, KY 41669.

David Sammons,
Mayor

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Prestonsburg Zoning Commission has scheduled a hearing for a zone change request for February 12, 2002, at 11:30 a.m. in the council chambers at city hall. The purpose of the hearing is a request submitted by Mr. Greg Stumbo to change the zoning for his property at Stone Crest Golf Course from P-2 to R-1. This would allow the construction of a dwelling on the property.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Micheal S. Osborne and Susan C. Justice, Osborne Investments, mailing address, P.O. Box 87, Prestonsburg, Ky 41653, hereby declares intention to apply for a beer license no later than January 21, 2002. The business to be licensed will be located at 3490 Kentucky Rt. 321, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653, doing business as City Limits.

The Owners are as follows: President, Micheal S. Osborne of 412 2nd Street, Paintsville, Ky 41240; Vice President, Susan Justice of 412 2nd Street, Paintsville, Ky 41240. Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license by writing the Department of Alcohol Beverage Control, 1003 Twilight Trail, Suite A-2, Frankfort, Ky 40601, within 30 days of the date of this legal publication.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Cross Gates Mining Co., Inc., P.O. Box 989, Ashland, KY, 41105, has applied for Phase II and III bond releases on Permit No. 836-5197, which was last issued on Nov. 07, 2001. The permit

covers an area of approximately 4.50 surface acres, and underlies an additional 290.78 acres. The operation is located approximately 1.0 mile west of Woods, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1.4 mile east of the junction of KY 194 and KY 1428, and located just south of Cow Creek.

The current bond (Letter of Credit) is \$5,700.00; 100% of the original bond amount of \$14,200.00 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in 1995. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan, and the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by February 18, 2002.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 19, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 18, 2002.

This is the final advertisement of this application; all comments, objections, or requests for a hearing or informal conference must be received by the Director of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601, by February 18, 2002.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 00-CI-00564

UNITED COMPANIES LENDING CORPORATION PLAINTIFF

VS. RICHARD CONN, a/k/a RICHARD ALAN CONN, MICKEY LEE BOLDEN, a/k/a MICKEY BOLDEN, UNITED CREDIT CARD BANK, N.A., A NATIONAL BANK DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 26th of December, 2001, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$35,050.31, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 195 Gas Fork Road, Allen, Floyd County,

Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Gas Fork of Beaver Creek, more particularly described as follows: Being Lot Nos. 95 and 96 in the Hatcher Addition to the town of Allen, Floyd County, Kentucky, a plat of which is on file in the office of the Floyd County Clerk for further reference.

Being the same property conveyed to Richard Alan Conn, single, by deed dated the 4th day of December, 1990, of record in Deed Book 343, Page 465, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall pay \$5,000.00, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Allen, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Allen, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Shawn R. Ryan Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss 120 East Fourth Street 8th Floor Cincinnati, Ohio 45202-4007

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 01-CI-905 COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS fka AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER PLAINTIFF

VS. PHILLIP GENE BOOTH and ANNA SLONE BOOTH DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 26th of December, 2001, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$40,573.92, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 609 Main Street, Wheelwright, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, and described as follows: Being Lot No. 450 in the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, as evidenced by the Wheelwright Sub-Division map, filed as Map No. 348, in Floyd County Court Clerk's Office on February 3, 1984.

Source of Title: Deed of Conveyance from Jeff Boyd, Jr. and Shelby Boyd, his wife, to Phillip Gene Booth and Anna Slope Booth, his wife, dated April 21, 1999, of record in Deed Book 432, page 629, Floyd County Clerk's office.

TERMS OF SALE:

(a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall pay \$5,000.00, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of

the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes assessed against the real estate.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 01-CI-00447

FIRSTAR BANK, N.A. PLAINTIFF VS. TAMMY FRANCIS DEFENDANT

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Default Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 28th of December, 2001, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$54,791.18, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 7th day of February, 2002, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following real property, located at Copperas Lick Branch of Abbott Creek, Prestonsburg, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

TRACT I: A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky on Copperas Lick Fork of Abbott Creek being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a twin poplar, corner between Part No. 1 and No. 2; thence running to a white oak, thence up the hill in a westerly direction to the top of the point, thence running with the ridge to Milt Stanley's line, thence down the ridge with Stanley's line to Jim Hackworth's line, thence running with said line to Jim Hill's line, thence down the hill with his line to a stake, thence a straight line, running with the cemetery fence to the branch, thence down the branch to the poplar the place of beginning. There is excepted from this conveyance the cemetery which is bounded by the fence referred to above.

TRACT II: A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky on Copperas Lick Fork of Abbott Creek and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin at the northeast corner of Chuck Hilton lot and street R/W line, thence with

said Hilton Line S71 degree 21'W 105.22' to an iron pin; thence continuing in same bearing S71 degree 21'W to center of point, thence in a southeasterly direction up center of point to Rick and Charlotte McFall (3.72 AC Survey) line; thence with said McFall line S36 Degree 11'55"W117.10' to a plastic stake, thence S35 degree 17' 48" W 289.85' to a plastic stake; thence leaving said McFall line and continuing in a south-westerly direction with center of point to top of ridge and Harold Green line, thence with the fence being the line of said Green line in a westerly direction with the ridge to Curtis Hackworth line, thence leaving said Green's line and running with said Hackworth line and fence down the hill in a northeasterly direction to a fence post near top of creek bank of Copperas Lick Branch; thence down center of said branch with its meanders in a southeasterly direction to a stake opposite the point of beginning; thence leaving said Copperas Lick Branch S71 degree 21' W approximately 30' to place of beginning, containing approximately 12 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to first party from Jerry Alan Patton, by deed bearing date May 15, 1998, and recorded in deed book 418, page 664, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or 10% of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days, and required to execute a bond with good surety thereon for the unpaid purchase price of said property, if any, bearing interest at the rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum from the date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(b) The property shall be sold subject to any easements and restrictions of record in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and such right of redemption as may exist in favor of the United States of America and/or the record owners thereof.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes for the year 2001, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County and City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(d) In the event the Plaintiff is the purchaser of the above described property for an amount equal to, or less than, its first lien, it shall take a credit against said lien for the amount of the bid and no bond shall be required of the Plaintiff, and it shall only be obligated to pay court costs, the fees and costs of the Master Commissioner and any real estate taxes

assessed against the real estate. Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Septimious Taylor 4830 Towne

Square Court Owensboro, Kentucky 42301

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P. O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

LEGAL NOTICE

Due to the proposed construction of the Minnie-Harold Connector (KY 979); project officially designated as Floyd County; Item No. 12-301.00; Project No. FD040366376501R; the Commonwealth of Kentucky; Transportation Cabinet; Department of Highways has deemed it necessary to relocate a number of known and unidentified graves located in four(4) cemeteries, more fully described as follows:

AKERS CEMETERY - PARCEL NO. 44

Located 0.2 miles east of KY 979 (mile post 16). This cemetery is located on the greater

tract of Parcel 19 owned by Flora Akers. Access to the cemetery is through a gated road that lies on and below the left side of said cemetery. Fourteen graves or more (14) have fieldstone markers but no inscriptions.

YATES-MOORE CEMETERY - PARCEL NO. 47

Located approximately 0.25 miles east of KY 979 (milepost 17). This cemetery is located on the greater tract of Parcel 27 owned by Emmitt and Jennifer Branham. The cemetery lies on and above the left hand side of the road and is enclosed with fencing. Of the fourteen or more (14) graves three (3) are unidentified. Two graves are marked but the next of kin need to be located. These two graves are identified as follows: Grave # 9- John E. Blanton- 1/11/1940-? (possibly recent) Grave # 15- A. J. Yates- 9/10/1828- 2/2/1895

The Department of Highways hereby requests information from anyone having knowledge of the identity for the unknown graves, the next-of-kin of any grave or any family member having a legal interest in the graves to be relocated.

PLEASE CONTACT:

KYTC-Department of Highways Division of Right of Way 109 Loraine St.-Pikeville, KY 41501 Lannie Damron or Harry Smith (606)433-7791 ; Ext. 261 or 308

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