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One dies in U.S. 23 crash

Times Staff Report

PAINTSVILLE — An Auxier woman was killed Sunday evening along U.S. 23 near Paintsville when a coal truck struck her as she was pulling onto the highway.

According to reports from Kentucky State Police, Greta Branham, 67, of Jockey Hollow at Auxier, was pulling onto U.S. 23 from Route 1428 when she pulled into the path of a loaded 18-wheel coal truck driven by Garner L. Crum.

Police said the truck struck Branham's 2001 Ford Tempo and then overturned along the southbound shoulder of U.S. 23. Branham's vehicle also came to a rest along the southbound shoulder following the collision, police said.

Branham was transported to Paul B. Hall Medical Center after the wreck. She was later pronounced dead.

In addition to the state police, other agencies assisting at the scene Sunday included the Johnson County Sheriff's Department, the Paintsville Police Department, the Paintsville Fire Department, officials with Kentucky Vehicle Enforcement and the Kentucky Department of Highways.

The accident is still under investigation by KSP Det. Eddie Crum.

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High: 40 • Low: 29

Thursday



High: 47 • Low: 34

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Illness shuts down county schools

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

Floyd County Schools Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning effectively canceled school for the remainder of the week following a steady increase of absences due to illness, saying he hopes classes can

resume by Monday.

"This illness, flu, virus, whatever you want to call it, got started last week along the Right Beaver area and it started this week moving through the rest of the attendance areas," said Fanning. "As of late this morning, we had about 79 percent attendance."

Fanning said the 79 percent attendance rate varied from attendance area to attendance area, steadily "spreading" causing the number of students and staff members on hand for work to continue "dropping."

Schools will still be at least partially staffed, according to Fanning, who said essential staff members will be kept on

hand across the county. But he added that a full staff would be difficult because many teachers and other workers had recently missed days due to illness.

"Hopefully we'll have time to get through the run of it and get some type of

(See ILLNESS, page three)



West Prestonsburg resident Eunice Shepherd, seated, and Juanita W. "Boots" Adams were two local residents who addressed the Prestonsburg City council on Monday with concerns regarding the Section 202 Project, a flood protection project being orchestrated in Prestonsburg by the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Some residents in uproar about proposed floodwall

But officials see it as rare opportunity

by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Discussion of a flood protection project orchestrated in Prestonsburg by the U.S. Corps of Engineers was met with animosity during a city council meeting on Monday, as the council addressed concerns of several residents during the meeting.

One resident, Juanita W. "Boots" Adams, told city council members that she specifically requested to be put on the city

council meeting agenda, but her request was denied by a city secretary, who allegedly told her that the council would not discuss the issue until January.

"I have numerous concerns," said Adams, "and since you did not want them talked about tonight, I have put them in the form of a letter ... I feel like these people have had two years in planning for this project, that nothing was ever talked about, obviously, in the council because I asked for copies of any minutes that included this floodwall, project 202. They couldn't find any."

While addressing the council, Adams gave members copies of the letter outlining her concerns about the project, concerns she said would have been mirrored in comments by "numerous" other people who would have come to the meeting, had they been aware the topic would be open for dis-

cusson.

In the letter, Adams noted that she has lived on North Arnold Avenue for 42 years and has never been flooded.

"I do not feel it is fair for you to ask us to give up our homes, the best residential property in Prestonsburg, when we have not been flooded," she wrote.

During the meeting, Adams reiterated several concerns described in the letter, such as the possibility that construction of a floodwall in Prestonsburg would force several people to move from the area, which would lead to the loss of revenue in Prestonsburg. Another concern addressed by Adams was that "an ugly floodwall" might affect tourism dollars for the city of Prestonsburg.

"I do not think we or our tourists will enjoy an ugly floodwall and the riverbank returned to

(See FLOODWALL, page three)

Shooting suspect in custody

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — Velma Glee Miller, the 43-year-old Arkansas Creek resident accused of shooting and killing Ronnie Curnutte, 40, at her home last week, surrendered to authorities late Friday night and is now being held in custody on a \$100,000 cash bond.

Miller, who contends the shooting was an accident, was charged with Curnutte's murder after being taken into custody on an arrest warrant by investigating officer Phil Bowersock of Kentucky State Police just before midnight Friday.

According to state police, Curnutte was killed on the evening of Dec. 3 at approximately 9:45 p.m. following a single shot to the face from a .32 caliber handgun.

Representatives with the Floyd County Sheriff's

Department said Miller placed a series of 911 calls informing police that a man had been shot and was believed to be dead.

She later said she shot Curnutte, believing he was trying to break in on her at her home along Cane Fork Road.

Curnutte, who officials listed as having a Wheelwright address, but later said he had since moved to Lawrence County, had previously dated Miller, according to police. Miller's relationship to Curnutte was listed as "girlfriend" on the state police citation filed by Bowersock after her arrest.

Repeated attempts to reach Det. Bowersock for comment about Miller's surrender were unsuccessful.

Miller pleaded innocent to one charge of murder in Floyd District Court Monday morning. She is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing today, Wednesday, at 1:30 p.m.



Velma Miller

Fatal Garrett fire victim identified

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

GARRETT — Authorities have identified the victim of a house fire at Garrett last Wednesday as Ricky Turner, a local man whose death officials have been investigating for the past week.

Officials first mentioned the

possibility of foul play in the blaze when noting that the Garrett residence where Turner's burned body was discovered was without utilities such as electricity.

Also, firefighters have told authorities that after responding to the scene of the fire they

(See VICTIM, page three)

Martin police don't find humor in burglary 'gag'

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

MARTIN — Police arrested a Martin man Sunday after he told authorities his theft of several items from a neighbor's apartment was just an elaborate joke.

Robert S. Miller was arrested by Martin Police Officer Brian

Prater just before 4 p.m. Sunday afternoon beneath the Route 80 bridge at Martin where Prater found him and later questioned him about the stolen items.

According to Prater's filed report, Miller had allegedly been helping an unnamed neighbor at a nearby apartment Sunday afternoon when, after finishing a cup

of coffee, he was left the key to the door and told to lock the apartment before leaving.

According to police reports, Miller locked the front door of the apartment, but did not lock the back door. He later returned when no one was home, according to Prater, and allegedly took a Playstation 2, a VCR and a CD

player, carrying them from the apartment in a black garbage bag.

Miller then allegedly took the garbage bag and hid it beneath the bridge where Prater later caught up with him for questioning.

After the questioning, Prater took Miller into custody and

charged him with second-degree burglary, criminal trespassing and theft by unlawful taking. Miller contended in police reports that he "did it only as a joke."

Miller pleaded not guilty to the charges at his arraignment Monday morning and will next appear for a preliminary hearing on Dec. 16.

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The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Jennifer Walterscheid was amazed that all but one of the 30 \$100 bills that fell out of her purse and blew all over a suburban shopping center were returned. And when she told her story to a newspaper, the last bill came back, too.

"Doesn't that blow your mind?" she asked Milwaukee Journal Sentinel columnist Jim Stingl.

"I have to tell you, if I found

a \$100 bill on the ground, my first thought would not be, 'I should take this to the police station.'"

Stingl wrote about the happenstance in Friday's paper and later that day got a message from a reader.

"That undiscovered \$100 bill is in our safe in our house," said Donna Roche of Cedarburg. "My son found the money. He's 13 years old."

Roche then went and handed over the final bill to police.

Larry Glines saw some of the bills on the ground and others tumbling in the wind.

"You kind of get this good angel and this bad angel on your shoulders," he said.

He picked up eight of them and wondered if it was part of a gag.

"I was waiting for somebody to start pulling on the string and I'd be chasing the \$100 down the sidewalk," he said.

He noticed a nearby jewelry store, Unique Designs, and figured someone with that kind of money might shop there. He gave his name and phone number to owner Lorraine Paradinovich, and went home with the cash.

Paradinovich thought the money might belong to Walterscheid, who had been in the store earlier in the day. The jewelry store owner had her son call Walterscheid.

"I thought he was kidding," said Walterscheid.

She checked her purse and found that the bank envelope containing the money was indeed gone.

She figures it flew out of the pocket of her purse when she flung it from her shoulder into

her car.

She called Glines and contacted Greendale Police, who told her that other people had been turning in money.

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. — Arvin Mayor Juan Olivares had just one request of a Kern County sheriff's deputy during a traffic stop — "Don't call me dude."

Olivares planned to file an official complaint with the sheriff's department, seeking to have the deputy fired for what he called disrespectful behavior.

"I asked him five times, 'Please, officer, don't call me dude.' I'm not a dude. I'm 41 years old, I'm a businessman, I'm a Christian and I consider myself a gentleman," Olivares said Monday.

Olivares is mayor of Arvin, a

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Today in History

The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Dec. 10, the 344th day of 2003. There are 21 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 10, 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt became the first American to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, for helping to mediate an end to the Russo-Japanese War.

On this date:

- In 1817, Mississippi was admitted as the 20th state.
- In 1869, women were granted the right to vote in the Wyoming Territory.
- In 1898, a treaty was signed in Paris officially ending the Spanish-American War.
- In 1931, Jane Addams became a co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, the first American woman so honored.
- In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.

One year ago:

President Bush selected William H. Donaldson, an investment banker with ties to Wall Street and the Bush family, as chairman of the besieged Securities and Exchange Commission. Former President Jimmy Carter accepted the Nobel Peace Prize for his diplomacy in the Middle East in the 1970s.

Today's Birthdays:

Actor Harold Gould is 80. Former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter is 73. Actor Mako is 70. Actor Tommy Kirk is 62. Actress Fionnula Flanagan is 62. Pop singer Chad Stuart (Chad and Jeremy) is 60. Actress-singer Gloria Loring is 57. Pop-funk musician Walter "Clyde" Orange (The Commodores) is 56. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ralph Tavares is 55. Rhythm-

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Ten years ago:

South African President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela accepted their Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway. The crew of the space shuttle Endeavour deployed the repaired Hubble Space Telescope into Earth orbit.

Five years ago:

PUBLIC NOTICE

The counties of the Big Sandy Area Development District, which include Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin, and Pike, are having a Regional Water Management Planning Council meeting, in order to establish a Regional Water Management Plan, as required by KRS 224A and by SB 409. The meeting will be held on the 18th day of December 2003, at the Office of the Big Sandy Area Development District, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, at 11:00 a.m.

The Regional Water Management Council will work toward the completion of the Big Sandy Regional Water Management Plan. The Regional Water Management Council will also identify specific water and wastewater projects for 2004.

A working meeting of water and wastewater service providers will precede the Regional Water Management Council Meeting, at 10:00 a.m.

Public attendance is welcomed. Further meetings concerning planning goals and objectives will be scheduled and publicly announced.

For further information, please contact Neil Parsons, at the Big Sandy Area Development District, at (606) 886-2374.

Magoffin dispatcher sues over dismissal

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

PIKEVILLE — A Magoffin County 911 dispatcher who was fired from her job when the county claimed she did not follow procedure during mandatory drug testing has filed suit against the county's fiscal court and Magoffin County Judge-Executive Bill May, saying the dismissal was because she reported May's niece to police when she allegedly discovered her intoxicated a week before being fired.

Ramona Collinsworth, who

had been employed by the Magoffin County Fiscal Court as a 911 dispatcher for nine years prior to being fired on Oct. 24, said the dismissal came the day after the court advised her that she would have to take part in a drug test.

According to Collinsworth's lawsuit, filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Pikeville, Collinsworth claims she disputed the drug testing procedure as unsanitary and asked that she be allowed to take the test at a nearby doctor's office. Collinsworth says in her suit that Magoffin County Deputy

Judge-Executive Donna Adams informed her she could take the test at the Paintsville office of Dr. Scott Arnett.

Filed along with her lawsuit Monday, Collinsworth's attorney, Ned Pillersdorf, included copies of Collinsworth's drug test results which showed no drugs in the former dispatcher's system.

But Collinsworth claims that her dismissal stemmed, not only from the drug testing procedure, but also from an event that occurred one week before.

On Oct. 16, Collinsworth says she reported to police that Magoffin Judge-Executive Bill May's niece, Leslie Helton, who worked as a dispatcher with Collinsworth, was allegedly "in an intoxicated condition" in a parking lot adjacent to the 911 dispatch center in Salyersville where the two worked.

Collinsworth says she reported the incident to her supervisor because Helton was supposed to have been on duty on that particular day, and also to Kentucky State Police Trooper Craig Stalker, as well as Magoffin County Sheriff Randal Bob Jordan.

The lawsuit says, however, that "for reasons that are unclear ... Leslie Helton was not processed through the criminal court system in Magoffin County."

The fiscal court's implemen-

tation of a zero tolerance drug testing policy a week later was in direct retaliation to her reporting May's niece to police, Collinsworth claimed in her lawsuit Monday, and also in response to her complaining about the unsanitary and unfair manner in which the drug testing took place.

The day after she was fired, Collinsworth retained Pillersdorf as her attorney and on that day, Oct. 25, the Prestonsburg attorney penned a letter to the Magoffin County Attorney Don McFarland outlining the same claims brought forth in Monday's lawsuit, seeking response. However, as of Monday, Pillersdorf says his office has received no response to the correspondence, which ventured that the actions had "clearly" violated Collinsworth's equal protection rights.

"It is my opinion that the

ordinance enacted by the Fiscal Court clearly violates equal protection considerations, in that it inexplicably excludes elected officials from such drug testing," Pillersdorf wrote in the Oct. 25 letter. "I am also concerned that Ms. Collinsworth complains that her treatment was apparently motivated by the fact that she reported the Judge Executive's niece to law enforcement authorities."

In addition, Collinsworth is

claiming that the conditions of her dismissal violate her federal civil rights of freedom of speech and due process, also contending that she has claims under relevant whistleblower statutes.

Collinsworth is asking for \$1 million in punitive damages against May; judgment against the Magoffin County Fiscal Court, a trial by jury, and compensation for humiliation, suffering, lost earnings and legal fees.

Victim

noticed a padlock on the front door of the home. However, despite extensive searching, police have not been able to confirm this information.

Two men, Jeff Turner, who is reportedly Ricky Turner's brother, and Larry Anderson, were arrested during the blaze that killed the Garrett man. Sheriff's deputies took Turner and Anderson into custody and charged both of them with alcohol intoxication and disorderly conduct.

The two were later taken to the Floyd County Detention Center, but state police officials have said the charges against them had nothing to do

with the fire or Turner's death. As of late last week, police spokesman Scott Hopkins said the two had not been questioned in connection to the fire. He did not say if either was a suspect.

Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson said preliminary autopsy reports returned from Frankfort over the weekend revealed that Turner had died of smoke inhalation. Officials said they determined Turner's identity through his medical records consisting of x-rays and dental records.

Further lab tests are still pending before the autopsy is complete, Nelson said.

Floodwall

horse weeds as it was when I moved here in 1961," she wrote.

Additionally, Adams addressed concerns about the effect the building of a floodwall would have on the Bert Combs Bridge, Prestonsburg High School, residents of West Prestonsburg, and businesses like the Prestonsburg Woman's club, of which she is a member.

According to Tammy Conforti, project manager, who met with The Floyd County Times prior to the city council meeting, issues such as those raised by Adams have been prominent, bringing in comments and questions from several residents, who have also contacted Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson and city council members with their concerns.

"We've had a lot of flack from people who don't understand what's going on," said council member Hansel Cooley during the city council meeting.

According to Conforti, nearly 14,000 postcards have been sent to residents in the area requesting comments and information regarding the proposed flood project. Currently, the Corps is working on a social cohesion survey, targeting 400 homes with questions relating to more specific concerns, many of which are similar to those addressed by Adams during the city council meeting.

"People ask why we don't just dredge the river," she said, "but they don't see that it would only be a temporary fix."

In explaining this proposal, Ted Hamm, hydraulic engineer with the Corps of Engineers, equated the river to a conveyor belt, saying that dredging the river would create a "pocket" for sediments to settle back into.

During the interview, Conforti said the proposed Section 202 flood project, which will extend throughout Floyd County, was initiated through special legislation that was passed after the April 1977 flood. That legislation, she said, gave the Corps of Engineers "permission" to provide flood protection and to investigate ways of minimizing damage from future floods.

Legislation was passed in 1980, Conforti said, to do a total basin study of the Levisa Fork and Tug Fork of the Big Sandy. This is the same program used in recent flood protection renovations in the city of Martin.

Currently the Corps is investigating several alternatives to

provide flood damage protection, including the construction of a floodwall system and non-structural flood proofing techniques such as raising property or constructing smaller ring walls. One proposal includes the construction of a floodwall which runs from sewage treatment plant near the Prestonsburg Campus of Big Sandy Community and Technical College to First Commonwealth Bank near the Bert T. Combs Bridge. Another option being explored, according to Conforti, includes a nonstructural elevation of property with a miniature floodwall. The floodwall, she said, would be no more than three feet high and could be constructed decoratively.

"This fiscal year will be a critical year," Conforti said. "The Corps will be looking for ways to define alternatives and then provide a general cost for each of those alternatives. We can protect a lot of structures here with a very small wall ... Our goal is not to disrupt the community, that's why we're looking at several ways to minimize the impact."

According to Lon May, director of the Floyd County Division of Public Protection and Homeland Security, the study being conducted by the corps of engineers will help the community in several ways. During an interview Monday, he said that the study will help the county update current formation maps and aerial photographs which could help with other disaster relief planning.

He also said that constructing a floodwall would increase property value and alleviate the necessity to request permits in order to build or add on to property within city limits. Additionally, he noted that such construction would also eliminate the necessity for people to carry flood insurance for their property.

"It's either now or never," said Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson during an interview Monday. "This is the prime opportunity for Floyd County to get flood protection and a way to get floodplain and floodway maps redone in the process."

Mayor Jerry Fannin, who noted that construction of a floodwall may provide an avenue to fix sewage lines within the city, said during the city council meeting that public participation is voluntary with this project.

According to Conforti, the current study of the Section 202 project is scheduled to be complete by Sept. 2007. She noted that several avenues will be available for the public to continue to provide input.

"The best thing they can do is take part in the surveys," said

Conforti. "By participating, they are making a clearer picture so that we can make an more informed decision later on. If we don't get all the detailed information, we have to guess and get on a more conservative side. The more accurate the information we can collect, the more accurately we can lay out our recommendations."

Mayor Jerry Fannin noted that the project will be put on the city council's agenda in February. Anyone with questions regarding the project may contact Tammy Conforti at (304) 399-5834.

During the meeting, the council also:

- Discussed the appropriation of \$149,470 in funds accessed from Frankfort for road projects within city limits.

- Discussed the approval of \$250,000 in funding to be received from the federal government for the Mountain Arts Center.

- Held the first reading of Ordinance No. 12-2003, which stipulates that regularly city council meetings will be held at 12 noon on the second Monday of each month and at 6 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month.

- Held the first reading of Ordinance No. 13-2003, relating to the personnel policies of city employees.

- Approved a resolution requesting a pre-application to apply for \$240,000 to add a recreational room to the new Prestonsburg Senior Citizens Center. The city will be required to match 10 percent of the amount granted for the project.

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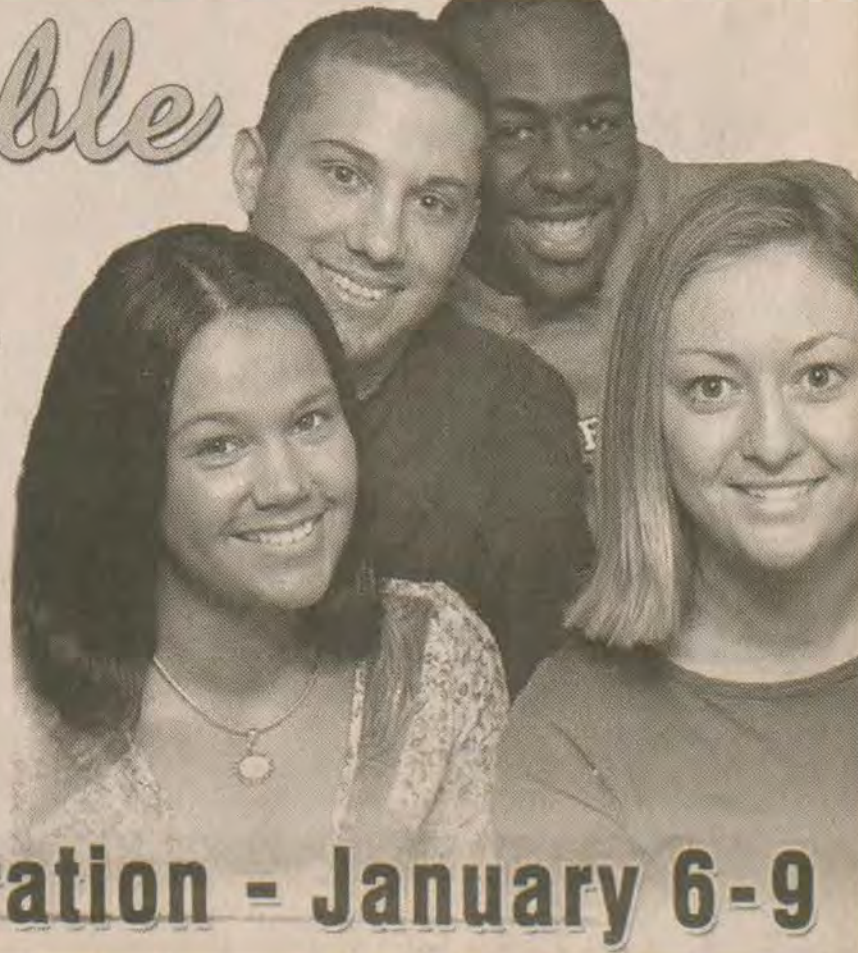
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Viewpoint

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Worth Repeating ...

"All natural talk is a festival of ostentation... each accepts and fans the vanity of the other."

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Guest View

Pig ears

Clearly, when the Founding Fathers inserted the words "promote the general welfare" into the preamble of the Constitution, they intended for the federal government to teach kids how to play golf. With that in mind, the House on Monday appropriated \$3 million for "First Tee," which uses golf to teach "the lessons of life" to children in 38 states.

This is how you know that Republicans are in charge of the government. Democrats spent money on midnight basketball. Republicans spend it on golf.

The "First Tee" appropriation was part of the \$820 billion omnibus spending bill the House passed Monday. The money — 37 percent of the entire \$2.2 trillion federal budget — will finance the work of 11 of 15 cabinet departments for the current year. Some \$447 billion of the spending will be on entitlement programs like Medicare and Medicaid, with the \$373 billion balance devoted to discretionary spending that needs congressional approval.

There's little argument about most of the discretionary spending. Employees and pensions must be paid, election systems updated, research conducted, borders patrolled, AIDS combated. But the bill also contains some sneaky provisions tacked on to avoid legislative scrutiny. Among them, a major change in overtime rules for white-collar workers and a requirement ginned up by the National Rifle Association to make the FBI destroy background checks on gun buyers within 24 hours.

Also buried within the bill are 9,000 special appropriations for pet projects "earmarked" by members of Congress. It's hard to choose the most egregious example of pig-eared spending.

Is it the \$50 million indoor rain forest for Coralville, Iowa? The \$150,000 restored mule barn in Dresden, Ill.? The \$10 million to promote Alaska seafood? The \$225,000 for a swimming pool in Sparks, Nev.? The \$725,000 for the "Please Touch" Museum in Philadelphia?

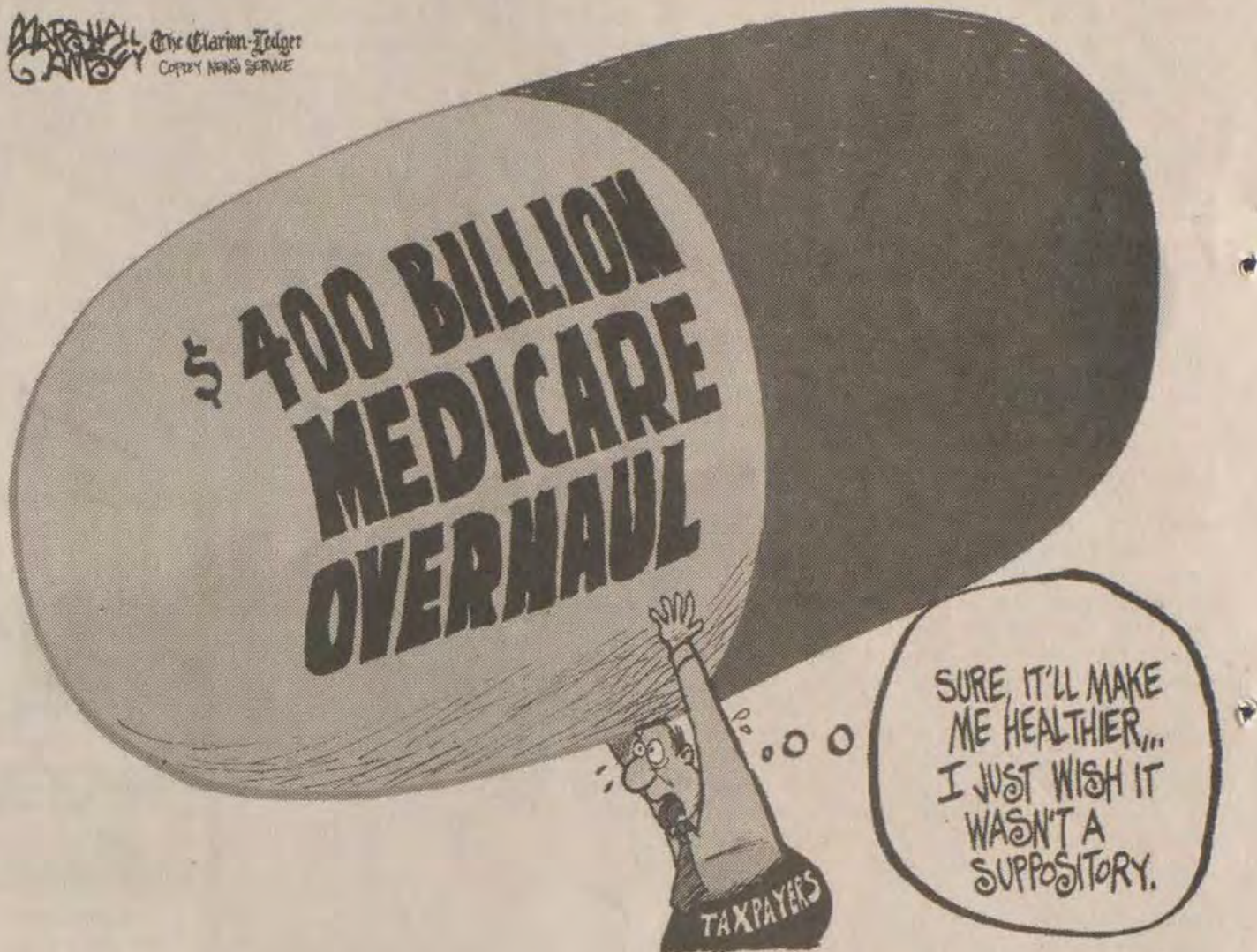
Closer to home, there's an apt \$1 million in pork for the Missouri Pork Association; \$12.4 million for a plant to turn turkey carcasses into energy in southwest Missouri, and \$21,000 worth of porcine magic for the Magic House in Kirkwood.

And then there's the \$75,000 for the North Pole, Alaska, Transit System. North Pole is a Fairbanks suburb where they ride buses, not reindeer.

Pork knows no party. "Republicans ridiculed this forever," Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., told the Los Angeles Times. "But now we're in and we see how much fun it is. There's no shame anymore."

—The St. Louis Post-Dispatch

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Sticks & Stones

The worst time for a 'job action' is now

In my last column I said, in a few more words, that I don't agree with teachers considering a strike, or job action, over a time-related issue with the pressure our school system is currently enduring.

This stand, which I maintain today, afforded me several phone calls and emails from teachers across every area of this county, all of whom I sincerely thank for honoring me by reading this column.

The majority felt the need to explain to me that teachers do not get "paid vacation" as many of us would think. Instead, they explained that they are workers contracted by the day.

The basic teacher contract is 185 days, and these 185 days are broken down into 175 instructional days, with

four holidays, four professional development days, opening day and closing day. Of these days, one teacher was quick to explain that she received paid vacation only for the four holidays, mentioning that she also received 10 sick days and three personal days each year.

None of this time is "paid", she says. Instead, she says the payment is for days that have already been taught. Many teachers then have their salaries divided into 24 checks that include the three months during the summer when they are not working.

But herein lies my point. As mentioned before, no one is saying teachers don't put in a tremendous amount of hours, so much so that if it were calculated at an hourly rate, the result would be very depressing.

However, I agree with a colleague of mine who said that teachers were aware of this fact when studying to earn their degrees in education. Obviously, such as with newspapering, it's not about the money for teachers. Allow me to interject a heartfelt ... Bravo!

But this issue is not primarily about money, it's about time. And not just early Wednesdays, according to some.

Although early Wednesdays have been taken into consideration, according to some of the teachers I have corresponded with this past week, the issue of "banking time" apparently shares the spotlight, as well.

The total amount of time teachers are "banking" is the equivalent of 14 instructional days. These will be days that students will receive credit for in

(See STICKS, page six)



SHELDON COMPTON

Letters

Teachers working without pay

Recently there has been a lot of publicity concerning a pending job action by the teachers of Floyd County. I want to reassure you that the teachers of Floyd County have no desire to disrupt the education of the children of Floyd County with a strike. A job action can be many different things. We do not want a strike. A strike would not be beneficial for anyone, especially the students of Floyd County. However, regretfully, unless the board begins to work with the teachers, we will have to do some type of job action to get our message across.

For almost six months, we have tried to get the board to work with us on a resolution concerning the extra time teachers are working.

Teachers work 185 days. Their salary for those 185 days is divided over 12 months. During the summer, they attend school, work for free at school and attend numerous meetings, many without pay.

This school year, the board extended the school day by 30 minutes. This will allow students to bank up to 14 days in case school is called because of weather. However, teachers are not only working the extra time each day, but they will also have to work the 14 days the students are banking. In essence, as it stands, each teacher will be giving the board 14 free days.

Ask yourself this: Would you work an extra 14 days for your boss without pay?

All we are asking is that the teacher receive credit for the work they do each day, so that they do not have to work an extra 14 days without pay. Please, if you agree with us, talk to your board member and ask him or her to work

with teachers, not against us. Know that we will not enter into any action lightly. The education of your child or children is very important to each of us.

Dani Smith
President
Floyd County Education Association

Compton's column infuriating

Today I sat down to read the newspaper as I normally do to keep track of what is occurring in Floyd County and I came across yet another column written by one of your staff members, Sheldon Compton, entitled "Job action would be the worst action."

I have known Mr. Compton for many years and as a matter of fact supported him in becoming an educator.

As I read through his article, I must say that I became furious with the approach that he took towards Floyd County teachers.

I will use a similar statement that Mr. Compton used in his article: If what I say in the following letter does not apply to Mr. Compton's comments, disregard anything I'm about to say.

Mr. Compton's new article was not the first article written by him that I found offensive. He has made remarks concerning Floyd County teachers in many articles, with references that our educational system need not applaud teachers and schools for making improvements. I understand that more improvement is needed in our schools, but each step toward proficiency deserves a reward. If Mr. Compton were teaching in the public school system, he, too, would understand this.

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Health Extra

Flu shots still available

FRANKFORT — The announcement Friday that nationwide supplies of the influenza vaccine are dwindling has prompted Kentucky health officials to recommend that people with a high risk of developing complications from the flu be immunized as soon as possible. Individuals should contact their local health department or medical provider to locate available vaccine.

Kentucky's flu season started about two months earlier than usual this year, with 31 cases of influenza in 13 counties confirmed by the state lab, and regional flu activity reported today to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which means outbreaks of influenza or flu-like illness and recent laboratory confirmed influenza in at least two but less than half the regions of the state. The DPH is working to assess the availability of vaccine in the state and from vaccine distributors.

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The Department for Public Health issued the following three recommendations on how

to proceed with flu vaccination efforts in a letter to local health departments on Friday:

■ Vaccination efforts should focus on persons 50 years of age and older, persons 6 months to 49 years of age

with certain medical conditions that place them at increased risk for influenza-related complications, children 6 months through 23 months of age, pregnant women, health care workers, and household contacts of persons at high risk.

■ Influenza vaccination of persons at high risk for complications from influenza and their close contacts should be provided routinely during regular health care visits or as part of mass vaccination clinics. Routine influenza vaccination

(See FLU, page eight)

Survey: Kentucky teens eating worse, growing fatter

The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE — If Keith Johnson Jr. thinks about it for a bit, he can remember the last time he ate fruit.

"I had strawberries about a month ago," said Johnson, a 17-year-old senior at the Brown School in Louisville who loves Snickers candy bars.

Johnson has much in common with his fellow high school students in Kentucky. A new survey by two state agencies says they are eating worse

and getting fatter.

One-third of students in grades nine through 12 were overweight or at risk of being overweight, and half said they'd had little or no physical activity the week before they were surveyed. Nearly one in five said they hadn't eaten a fruit or vegetable during that time.

The survey also showed that high school students were less likely to smoke or use drugs than in 1997.

The survey was taken by 1,600 high school students randomly selected in 65 Kentucky schools and administered by the University of Kentucky's Center for Prevention Research. State officials Wednesday would not identify the schools that participated.

With the help of local health departments and schools, the state's departments of education and public health coordinated the survey, given every two years.

This year's results unfortunately are no surprise, said Teri Wood, the chronic disease epidemiologist with Kentucky's Department for Public Health.

State health officials have noted for several years that Kentuckians are getting more obese, she said.

"I know it's real hard for people to grasp, but it's just a problem everywhere — this

weight and inactivity, and too much tube time," said Wood, who was involved in the survey.

The survey did show that high school students are less apt to smoke or use drugs than in 1997, the most recent survey that provides comparable results, survey officials said.

The survey showed that: ■ One-third of high school students said they had smoked a cigarette in the past 30 days, compared with 47 percent in 1997.

■ Twenty-one percent had smoked marijuana in the past 30 days, down from 29 percent

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On December 10, 12, 15, 17, and 19, at 7 p.m.-9 p.m., at the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department, there will be free used clothing, household items and toys. Everyone is welcome, so come out and be a part of it. The members of the Middle Creek Volunteer Fire Department wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.

CHURCH CLOTHING GIVE-AWAY

The Town Branch Church will give away good used clothing (mostly adult sizes), on Friday's, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. All are welcome to participate.

GOSPEL CONCERT

Friday night, December 12, at 7 p.m., at the Prater Creek Baptist Church. FREE concert will feature Southern Gospel recording artist David Taylor. Church is located at 372 Orchard Branch Road, Banner.

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KY ARTS COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Judy Sizemore, Circuit Rider for the KY Arts Council, will lead workshops on Dec. 17, at the Ramada Inn, in Paintsville. Advance registration is required. To register, contact Judy Sizemore at 217 Black Lick Rd, McKee, KY 40447, or call 606-364-5831. Workshops will focus on Community Arts Development programs.

HRMC COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Dec. 16 - Highlands S.H.A.R.E., Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group, Martin Room, 7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 18 - Laryngectomy Support Group, Floyd Room, 5-7 p.m.
- Dec. 19 - AARP Floyd County, Meeting Place B, 6-7 p.m.

FREE BODY RECALL CLASSES

Free Body Recall Exercise Classes will be held Monday,

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city of 20,000 in Kern County, about 20 miles south of Bakersfield.

The deputy stopped Olivares and Arvin City Councilwoman Carmen Acevedo in Bakersfield on Nov. 23. Olivares, who was driving, said he was ticketed for having illegally tinted windows on his vehicle, and Acevedo received a citation for having an open container of beer.

Olivares didn't dispute the charges. He just took issue with being called dude.

"He was calling me dude and laughing about it," Olivares said. "I don't think Kern County needs that kind of leadership."

Officials with the Kern County Sheriff's Department did not immediately return a call seeking comment.

MEDFORD, Ore.

Marine Sgt. Sean Bell thought he had a pretty good excuse for a late tax return this year — he was trying to stay alive in war-torn Iraq.

But that didn't stop the state from sending him a late payment bill amounting to 10 percent of his state taxes. And when Bell, 34, called the state Revenue Department to explain, he said he was told that it was standard policy to charge a late payment penalty and nothing could be done about it.

Concerned others in the military would be penalized, Bell sent a letter to the department and copies to state and federal lawmakers and a newspaper in Medford.

"With great indignation, I must register my protest of this unfair treatment of myself and my fellow military veterans that are snared in this shabby effort to penalize us for wartime service," he wrote. "Your department should be ashamed of this policy."

Debra Buchanan, the Revenue Department's legislative coordinator, said it was not agency policy and, like the federal Internal Revenue Service, the state Revenue Department can waive the late penalty for soldiers who serve in combat zones.

"Apparently he talked to someone who didn't know it exists," she said.

She said the agency will follow up with Bell and return any interest or penalty charged incorrectly. The Revenue Department also "will do some communications in-house. We don't want to make it any more difficult for people in uniform."

Wednesday, and Friday, at 9:30, at the Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. Classes are held Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, at 11 a.m. at the old R & S Building. Classes are offered by the Floyd County Health Department. Call the health department, 886-2788, for more information.

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"LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

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

Sticks

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the case of inclement weather, but will not apply to teachers.

Some teachers have said they find this policy unfair, and feel it their duty as role models to their students to stand up to such injustice, just as anybody else in various other workplaces would be entitled to do when faced with undesirable conditions.

Point well taken, but the hard fact remains that when fitted with what is certainly a job demanding more responsibility than some others, even justice must sometimes take a back seat to priority.

The problems associated with 14 days of unpaid work may be valid in all respects, but the time is not right, not suitable, for harsh action that could perhaps improve the situation for educators and worsen an already bleak predicament for students.

In this case, and as with many important decisions, timing is everything.

■ Alzheimer's Association, East-ern KY Regional Office - 24-hour Helpline, call 1-800-272-3900 for emotional support, local resources, and other information.


■ Fibromyalgia Support

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Letters

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As for his new article, I would like to clarify a few things for Mr. Compton. First of all, teachers do not get a three-month paid vacation. As a matter of fact, teachers get a nine-month salary divided by 24 to ensure they get a paycheck throughout the summer when they are not working. Therefore, Mr. Compton, we are not paid for taking a vacation.

As for the chip on our shoulders, if I wear a chip on my shoulder, Mr. Compton, it is because I understand that I have one of the most prestigious jobs in this country. I am educating the people who will one day operate this country and I feel this is a huge responsibility. I teach every day of the school year and rarely even take a sick day even if I am sick. I do my job and many times I do not complain about a thing, but I must say when I read an article from someone who lacks the common courtesy to even get the facts for his column, it infuriates me. You, Mr. Compton, do not have all the facts!

The problems that are facing teachers today are problems that I truly feel will be handled in everyone's best interest and both sides can come to an agreement. At the moment, I do not even feel we need to take sides, but that is another issue that I will not get into. Something I would like to point out is that many of us are here for the purpose that we should be here, to educate the youth of Floyd County. That is my main concern, and the main concern of the people I work with.

I wanted the people of Floyd County to know that not all teachers wear a chip on their shoulders that states, "I should be making more money." That only seems to be the opinion of a "select" few. If that select few were on the front lines of the classroom day in and day out, I think that he, too, would change his opinions about the teachers in Floyd County.

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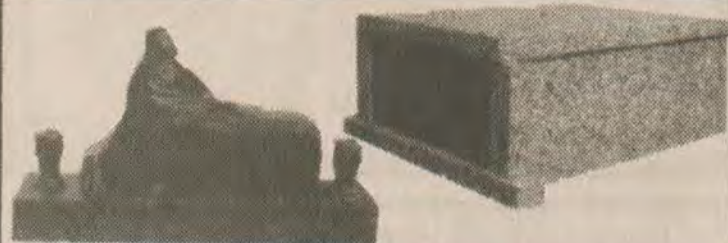
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Card of Thanks

The family of Rebecca Halbert would like to thank each and everyone who sent flowers, food, and spoke the kindest words; whatever you did to console our hearts. Thanks to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Brother Bob Varney, and all the Old Regular Baptist preachers. We will always remember the kindness everyone has given to our family in our time of grief.

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Frances (Crider) Burga

Frances (Crider) Burga, age 77, passed away, Friday, December 5, 2003, at the Highland Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

She was born July 8, 1926, in Prestonsburg, a daughter of the late Nelson and Gypsy (Farmer) Collins. She was a mother and housewife.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Burga.

Survivors include three sons, Paul Crider of Prestonsburg, and Sammy Crider and Scottie Crider, both of Florida; one daughter, Mrs. Frankie Adra Blackburn of Indiana; one brother, Nelson Collins of Indiana; one sister, Mildred Powers of Prestonsburg; nine grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, December 8, at 1 p.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, in Prestonsburg, with Rev. Bill Campbell officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

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and-blues singer Jessica Cleaves (Friends of Distinction) is 55. Country singer Johnny Rodriguez is 52. Actress Susan Dey is 51. Jazz musician Paul Hardcastle is 46. Actor-director Kenneth Branagh is 43. Actress Nia Peeples is 42. Actor Michael Clarke Duncan is 40. Rock singer-musician J Mascis is 38. Country singer Kevin Sharp is 33. Rock musician Scot Alexander (Dishwalla) is 32. Singer Puff Johnson is 31. Rapper Kuniva (D12) is 25. Violinist Sarah Chang is 23. Actress Raven is 18.

Thought for Today:

"I dislike arguments of any kind. They are always vulgar, and often convincing." — Oscar Wilde, Irish poet, dramatist, author (1856-1900).

Ervin Collins Jr.

Ervin Collins Jr., 62, of McDowell, died Friday, December 5, 2003, following a car accident at McDowell.

Born April 17, 1941, in McDowell, he was the son of the late Ervin Collins Sr., and Nannie Blevins Collins. He was a disabled truck driver for R&S Truck Body; and an assistant pastor for the McDowell Family Worship Center.

He is survived by his wife, Dottie Castle Collins.

Other survivors include four sons: Dean Collins of Covington, Louisiana; Mike Collins of Ashtabula, Ohio; Bobby Collins of Auxier, and Joe Collins of Printer; two daughters: Donna Collins of Auxier, and Michelle Collins of Cleveland, Ohio; three step-daughters, Tami Seal of David, Michelle Carroll of Estill; and Krista Chaffins of Garrett; two brothers: Carl Collins of Fairborne, Ohio; and Gale Collins of Ashland; two sisters: Jeanne Moore and Pearl Henderson, both of Prestonsburg; and 28 grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Town Collins; and three sisters, Gilva Blevins, Dorothy Collins, and Holena Collins.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 10, at 2 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Lavonne Lafferty officiating. Joe Collins and Bobby Collins will preside at nightly services.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home. (Paid obituary)

Eli Bryant

Eli Bryant, age 87, of Hi Hat, passed away, on Saturday, December 6, 2003, in the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born November 13, 1916, at Jack's Creek, he was the son of the late Ransom and Nancy Johnson Bryant. He was a retired coal miner, a member and deacon in the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, at Hi Hat, and a member of the UMWA.

He is survived by his wife, Beatrice Newman Bryant.

Other survivors include three sons: Roger (Kay) Bryant of Dayton, Ohio; Gary (Joyce) Bryant of Teaberry; and Kenneth Bryant of Hopkinsville; one daughter: Brenda (Wellman) Vance of Chillicothe, Ohio; one brother: Alan Bryant of Columbus, Ohio; one sister: Nellie Bryant Davis of Hi Hat; seven grandchildren: Marcia Vance DeWitt, Kimberly Vance Kimbler, Lori Bryant Meadows, Shannon Bryant, Michael Bryant, David Bryant and Kenneth Bryant II; three great-grandchildren: Jordan Vance DeWitt, Dylan Vance DeWitt, and April Bryant Crum.

He leaves special friends and fishing buddies: Orb Newman and Austin Harris; and caregivers: Kathleen Newsome and Lois Bentley; as well as many other loving relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 9, at 1 p.m., in the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church, at Hi Hat, with ministers of the church officiating.

Burial was in the Newman Cemetery, at Hi Hat, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home, of Martin.

Visitation was at the church. Pallbearers: Mark Kimbler, Larry DeWitt, Jordan Dewitt, David Bryant, Michael Bryant and Gary Rose. (Paid obituary)

Larry Ben Bentley

Larry Ben Bentley, 56, of Banner, died Saturday, December 6, 2003, at his residence.

Born March 25, 1947, at Banner, he was the son of the late Fair and Maxie Jarrell Bentley. He was a disabled laborer with Sandy Valley Monument.

Survivors include five brothers: Omer Bentley of Martin; Reese Bentley of Delaware, Ohio; Gilbert Marcum and Crit Bentley, both of Banner; and Fair (Bobby) Bentley Jr., of Wheelwright; six sisters: Rose Peters of Flatwoods; Mae Cooper of Sunbury, Ohio; Lois Hamilton and Wanda Conley, both of Banner; Sadie Crenshaw and Ann Kilbur, both of Detroit, Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in five brothers: Cleve Bentley, Vanis Marcum, Mance Bentley, Earl Bentley and Perry Bentley; and two sisters: Zella Patrick and Gracie Stephens.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 8, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with the minister of Allen First Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Bentley Cemetery, at Banner, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Bobby D. Whicker

Bobby D. Whicker, 68, of Tram, died Saturday, December 6, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born April 1, 1935, in Pike County, he was the son of the late Reddie Whicker and Floy Conley Whicker. He was a disabled butcher.

He is survived by his wife, Glenna Stewart.

Other survivors include one son, Robert Lee Whicker of Cleveland, Ohio; one daughter, Sherry Lynn Whicker of Ratcliff; two brothers, McDouglas Whicker and Alan Reed Whicker, both of Martin; one sister, Loraine Shepherd of Banner; and four grandsons.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Carl Dean Whicker, and one sister, Rita Sue Hall.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 9, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Danny Conner officiating.

Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Gladys Spears

Gladys Spears, age 54, passed away Sunday, December 7, 2003, at her home at Allen, following an extended illness.

She was born at Lawrence County, on March 13, 1949. She was a member of the Cow Pen Freewill Baptist Church at Pikeville.

She was known and loved by all children with whom she came in touch, and will be sadly missed by all those who knew her.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James (Whacker) Spears.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 10, at 1 p.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel in Prestonsburg, with the Rev. James Morris officiating.

Burial will follow in the Collins Family Cemetery at Right Fork, Home Branch, Buffalo, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Terry L. Marsillett

Terry L. Marsillett, 40, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, December 5, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg.

Born August 28, 1963, in Magoffin County, she was the daughter of the late Tom and Dorothy Back Marsillett. She was a disabled clerk, a member of the K.O.D.A., and the Brushy Fork Missionary Baptist Church, at Gunlock.

Survivors include one son, Justin Dean Hackworth of Prestonsburg; one brother, Tom Marsillett of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Gladys Scott and Emma Minix, both of Salyersville, and Alpha Poe of Prestonsburg; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Jarrod Randall Francis.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 9, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Ollie Watts officiating.

Burial was in the Marsillett Family Cemetery at Middle Fork, in Salyersville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Ricky Turner

Ricky Turner, 46, of Garrett, died Wednesday, December 3, 2003, following a house fire at his residence.

Born March 5, 1957, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Fonzo and Geneva Smith Turner. He was a disabled mechanic.

Survivors include three brothers, Jeffery Turner and Larry Turner, both of Garrett, and Bobby Joe Turner of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; six sisters, Kathy Murphy of Garrett, Sandy Turner, Carol Baker, Lois Mavis and Helen Combs, all of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Sula Noble of Frankfort, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers, Jackie Turner, Gene Turner and Danny Darrell Turner; and one sister, Janet Taylor.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, December 8, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, in Martin, with Chuck Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Cherry Hill Cemetery at Turkey Creek, in Garrett, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Grover J. Fannin

Grover J. Fannin, age 78, Goble Branch Road, of Prestonsburg, passed away, Saturday, December 6, 2003, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, in Prestonsburg, following an extended illness.

He was born February 25, 1925, at Endicott, a son of the late John and Virgie (Burchett) Fannin. He attended the Prestonsburg Church of Christ.

He is survived by one brother, Charles Fannin of Prestonsburg; eight sisters, Hattie Jarrell, Mary Rose, Linda Jarvis, all of Prestonsburg, Gypsy Jean Huff of Arkansas, Louella Straight, Edna Faye Farmer, Sarah Ann Endicott and Dorothy McCloud, all of Michigan; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, December 9, at 11 a.m., at the Burke Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with Evangelist, Joe Ryan officiating.

Burial was in the Jarrell Family Cemetery at Slick Rock, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Burke Funeral Home.

Visitation was at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Catherine Hall Tibbs

Catherine Hall Tibbs, age 61, of Shelbiana, widow of Kelly Tibbs, passed away, Sunday, December 7, 2003, at her residence.

She was born April 8, 1942, in Tram, the daughter of the late Ralph Hall and Mable Damron Hall. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include one son: Ricky (Sharon) Tibbs of Albion, Michigan; six brothers: Earnest Dean Hall, Hallard Hall, Kenneth Hall, and Curtis Hall, all of Dana; Ralph Hall Jr., and Roy Hall, both of Prestonsburg; one sister: Emma Dale Goble of Shelbiana.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph E. Hall.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, December 10, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, in Martin, with Clergyman Tracy Patton officiating.

Burial will follow in the Gethsemene Gardens, in Prestonsburg, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, at Martin.

Visitation is at the funeral home. (Paid obituary)

Margaret Boyd

Margaret Boyd, age 75, of Dana, passed away, Monday, December 8, 2003, at the Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington.

She was born November 10, 1928, the daughter of the late Evan and Mollie Tuttle Hall. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by one daughter, Connie Jarrell of Dana; five grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Ireland Boyd of Dana.

Funeral services for Mrs. Boyd will be conducted Thursday, December 11, at 1 p.m., at the Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, at Harold.

Burial will follow in the Boyd Cemetery, at Harold, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church. (Paid obituary)

Lawrence Jonas Slone

Lawrence Jonas Slone, age 71, of Raven, husband of Geraldine Holbrook Slone, passed away, Monday, December 8, 2003, at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

He was born November 9, 1932, in Raven, the son of the late Jonas Slone and Nora Ellen Bolen Slone. He was an assembler at Luxair, and a former Knott County school bus driver. He was a member and moderator at the Caney Fork Regular Baptist Church, at Raven.

In addition to his wife, Geraldine, he is survived by two sons, Rodney L. Slone of Wellington, Ohio, and Garry Lynn Slone of LaGrange, Ohio; one daughter, Evelyn Kay Watts of Raven; two sisters, Lula Dulcie of Raven, and Marjorie Slone Gibson of Elyria, Ohio; nine grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services for Lawrence Jonas Slone will be conducted Thursday, December 11, 2003, at 1 p.m., at the Caney Fork Regular Baptist Church, at Raven, with Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will follow in the Morgan Slone Cemetery, at Raven, under the professional care of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation is at the church, with nightly services at 7 p.m. (Paid obituary)

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Reserve your spot in the Workshop's 3 sessions to be held on December 13, January 3, and January 10, from 11:00 - 1:30 at the Mountain Arts Center. The Workshop is designed for participants ages 8 and up. Those under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent. The fee for the Professional Audition Workshop is \$45.

To enroll in the Professional Audition Workshop, simply call the Mountain Arts Center at 606-889-9125 or toll free at 1-888-MAC-ARTS. You can also register on Saturday December 13 at the Mountain Arts Center. For more information you can call the Theatre at 606-886-9274.

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A full list of those considered high risk for getting the flu and developing complications can be found at CDC's website at www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/flu/fluvac.htm.

For healthy persons ages 5 to 49 the new nasal flu vaccine mist is another option of protection for the flu season. Greater supplies of nasal flu vaccine exist. Other, simple steps available to everyone can also protect against flu. Frequently washing hands and avoiding touching the nose, eyes, and mouth will help people avoid transmitting or getting the flu or other respiratory infections, like a cold.

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

■ MS Support Group - Meets third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Seton Complex, Martin. Offers group support for MS patients and their caregivers.

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■ East Kentucky S.T.A.R.S. Homeschoolers - Will hold monthly meetings at the Paintsville Recreation Center. For more information, call Trudy at 889-9333, or 297-5147. Everyone welcome.

Teens

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in 1997.

■ Cocaine use dropped from 8 percent to 4 percent.

■ And 14 percent said they had sniffed glue or paint to get high, compared with 25 percent in 1997.

But education and health officials expressed concern over the poor physical health of students. Nearly half of the

students surveyed purchased non-diet soda daily from school vending machines, and 30 percent ate vending machine snacks for lunch at least once a week.

The state requires schools to shut down vending machines until after lunch periods, said Lisa Gross, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Education.

State Rep. Tom Burch, D-Louisville, has tried unsuccessfully to pass legislation that would ban high-fat snack foods, candy and soft drinks sold from vending machines during the school day, and require students to take more physical education classes. Burch said Wednesday he would refile his bill in the coming session.

"The kids right now are developing diseases at 8 and 9 years old that usually a person 50 years old is beginning to develop," said Burch, chairman of the House Committee on Health and Welfare. "It's all due to the food they eat, and the fact they are getting no exercise at all. ... We're killing our kids."

Officials expressed significant concern that 4 percent of students were diagnosed with diabetes, and another 13 percent had been told by health-care providers that they are at risk for developing the disease.

Kentucky Education Commissioner Gene Wilhoit said in a statement that the state would use the survey to help "tailor programs and strategies that best meet the needs of students."

Dr. Rice Leach, the state's public health commissioner, said in a statement that the obesity rates, limited physical activity, poor nutritional habits and diagnosed health problems among youth suggest "a very unhealthy future for these high school students."



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A beautiful casket, with loads of flowers surrounding him. At least twelve hundred friends and relatives visited to help to comfort us. The church stood by our family continually, during his sickness and death. And now, a large Black headstone he had requested, with some of his favorite scriptures, marks his grave. But nothing replaces his voice and presence with us.

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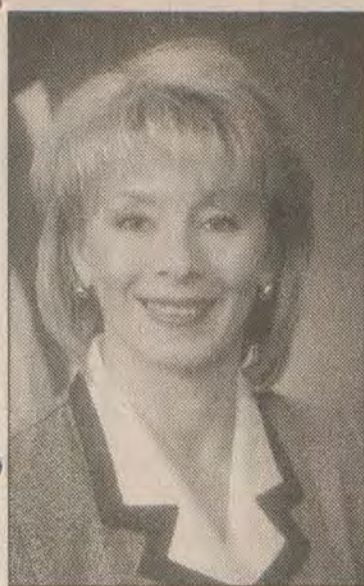
HAVE A JOLLY, HEALTHY HOLIDAY



Chiropractors receive a greater number of phone calls around holiday time. Patients lift heavy presents, lug the Christmas tree, and get into awkward positions to assemble toys and children's vehicles. Here are a few reminders to keep your body healthy: Bend your knees when picking up an object. When lifting, keep the load as close to your body as possible. Do not flex forward when carrying the object, since this creates pressure on the joints of the low back. A straight back is the best position. Do not slouch in the car, especially when driving for long periods to visit the relatives. Also, regularly stop and stretch your legs and walk around. Similarly, watch how you sit in the recliner and sofa, after that big holiday meal. Wrong positions could hurt your back. No one likes making many trips, back and forth to the car, with small packages. However, carrying a heavy suitcase, package or box, can hurt your back. Be careful how you move when on your back, assembling the new bike or crib. Make an appointment with your chiropractor if feeling unusual aches or pains.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Gail Ann (Campbell) Sheridan, formerly of Allen, was recently recognized as Civilian of the Year and presented the award by Brigadier General Ed Mahan at her Pentagon office. Sheridan was assigned to the Information Dominance Directorate of the Secretary of the Air Force's Acquisition staff, and was responsible for overseeing the planning, programming, budgeting and execution of several Air Force weapon systems used in the global war on terror in Afghanistan and Iraq. She was the program element monitor

for the Global Command and Control System (GCCS), Theater Battle Management Core System (TBMCS), and Deliberate Crisis Action Planning Execution System (DCAPES). Sheridan was competitively selected as the number-one civilian employee as a result of her hard work, dedication to duty and outstanding contributions to the national defense. Sheridan is the daughter of Daniel and Aileen Campbell of Allen, and Joe and Glenna Simpson of Martin. She graduated from Allen Central High School and received a bachelor of science degree in business management from Park

University, in Parkville, Mo. Sheridan is married to Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Dan Sheridan who recently completed a three-and-one-half year assignment performing presidential support duties at The White House. They have three children Daniel, 10, Jacob, 2, and Hannah, 2, and currently reside in Beavercreek, Ohio.

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Woman expected to plead guilty to trafficking charge

by MARY MUSIC
 STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Garrett woman indicted on drug trafficking charges is expected to plead guilty later this month, according to an order issued by Circuit Judge John David Caudill.

The order, filed Friday in Floyd Circuit Court, stipulates that Connie Owens, 45, of Wayland, having reached a plea agreement with the Commonwealth Attorney's office, is expected to enter a guilty plea on Dec. 29.

Owens was originally indicted in May for first-degree drug trafficking for allegedly selling OxyContin. She was also indicted on a persistent felony offender charge.

According to an motion filed Sept. 15, the Commonwealth Attorney's office offered Owens a 12-month sentence, probated for 24 months, in return for a plea of guilty.

According to the motion, the commonwealth's offer hinges on

the condition that Owens "cooperate with the commonwealth" in another drug trafficking case against Pete Hall, 40, also of Wayland, who was sentenced Dec. 2 to three years for an amended charge of second-degree trafficking.

The commonwealth's motion indicated that the trafficking charge against Owens be amended to first-degree facilitation of trafficking, a class A misdemeanor.

Additionally, the persistent felony offender charge will be dismissed if Owens agrees to enter a guilty plea later this month.

Owens' criminal history record indicates that she was found guilty of theft in 1996. She was given a 30-day sentence for that charge, a sentence that was probated for a year. She was also found guilty of two counts of theft for two separate events in 1994 and 1995, for which she received a 30-day and 90-day sentence, both of which were suspended.

Owens was also indicted in April for first degree complicity to commit the offense of trafficking. That charge was dismissed and merged with the current drug trafficking and persistent felony offender charges against her, according to an order signed by Judge John David Caudill and filed on Monday.

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School violence and your child; What should a child do if he or she encounters a weapon in school?

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Weapons are still finding their way into our nation's schools. Bullying and gang activities are an all-too-real part of the student experience. As all of us struggle to find answers to the horrifying new

streak of violence plaguing our schools, many children are confused, uncertain, and scared. Here's what parents and educators need to do: Eminent psychologist and author Dr. Ken Druck, the

nation's foremost authority on school violence says, "Be prepared." Here are Dr. Druck's "5 Do's and Don'ts:"

1. DON'T do anything to put yourself in danger, such as taking matters into your own hands.

2. DO go to a phone or to someone in authority ASAP. Be specific and report the details.

2. DON'T go around telling your friends. Word may get back to the person carrying the weapon that you have been talking about him/her.

3. DO talk about it only to the authorities. They will know how to handle the situation.

3. DON'T ignore, minimize, or deny the danger of someone having a weapon. "It's OK, he's not going to hurt anyone," is a cop-out.

4. DON'T antagonize the person carrying the weapon, or try to take it away from him. DO try to calm down and rea-

son with the person carrying the weapon, especially if there's no escape and you or another are at risk.

5. DON'T touch a weapon if you come across one, but don't leave a weapon unattended. DO send someone for help, if you see or discover an unattended weapon.

Share these tips!

Dr. Druck is founder of the Families Helping Families program and has worked with families at Columbine and Santana high schools, and at other sites of tragedy, including New York City after 9/11. He has been interviewed on Oprah, Larry King Live, and dozens more shows nationwide. His latest book is "How to Talk to Your Kids About School Violence."

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CHAMBER NOTES BY REGINA BECKNELL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Prestonsburg man featured in newly-released book

Battle Creek, Michigan — A long-time Prestonsburg resident, Charlie Warrix, is featured in a newly-released book, Common People Uncommon Lives, by Michigan writer Jan Corey Arnett.

The two met three years ago when Arnett and her husband traveled to Kentucky to attend a relative's funeral.

"I was drawn to Mr. Warrix because he reminded me of a

member of my own family and because he had such a winsome face," Arnett said. She asked if she might photograph him and in the process began to learn about his life.

"I am drawn to people of perseverance, courage, determination, faith, and character," she said. "Their lives are an inspiration to me and I want to share them with others because all of us need encouragement, espe-

cially in today's turbulent times."

Arnett had difficulty locating Warrix when the book was published to be sure, he received a personal copy. "I had understood his name to be Warrix and there is no such person in Prestonsburg," she laughs. "I hope he'll forgive me for misspelling his name in the book."

Readers of Common People Uncommon Lives will also meet, among others, 93-year old Ethel Casimir of Michigan in a story entitled, "E-Mailin, Snow Blowin, Four-Wheelin, Grandma," a woman from Indiana who overcame enormous odds to achieve a life-long goal, and Dr. Russell G. Mawby, known around the world for his leadership of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation which makes grants to improve human well-being around the world. There are stories touching on the divine and the humorous account of a stay in the "cottage from hell."

Common People Uncommon Lives has been endorsed by Dr. Laura Schlessinger and Michael Medved, radio personalities and authors whose work focuses on issues of character and family values. Other supporters include long-time spiritual writer, Elizabeth Sherrill and literary judge, Emilio DeGrazia.

Arnett has also just released a second book, From My Perspective, a potpourri of her best-loved columns from more than a decade as a popular columnist for the Battle Creek Enquirer. Visits to Kentucky to visit relatives and do geneology research on the Arnett family are described in that book as well.

Originally from Michigan's Upper Peninsula, Arnett has spent 30 years as a reporter, technical writer, and photographer, where her love for the land and interest in people weave throughout her writing. Since 1995, she has operated Coralan Communications, providing a range of writing services for organizations. Her communications work and photography has garnered awards, including being selected in 1998 as one of only 15 from across the nation to attend the Guideposts writers workshop on Long Island.

Common People Uncommon Lives which sells for \$14.95 and From My Perspective at \$12.95, are initially being marketed only through select bookstores and gift shops, book-signings, special events, speaking engagements, and the following website: www.jancoreyarnett.com.

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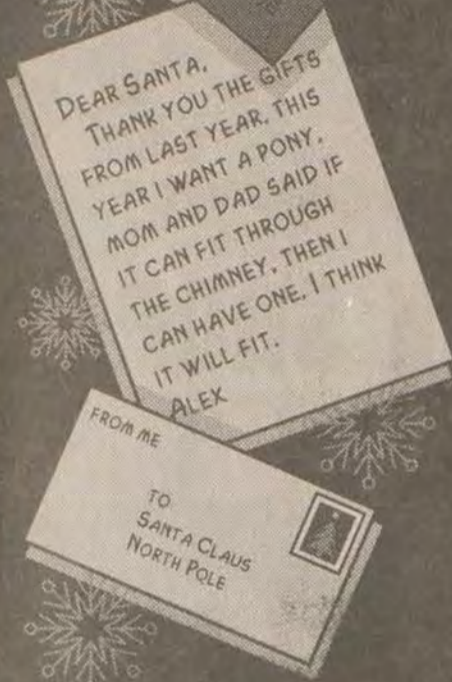
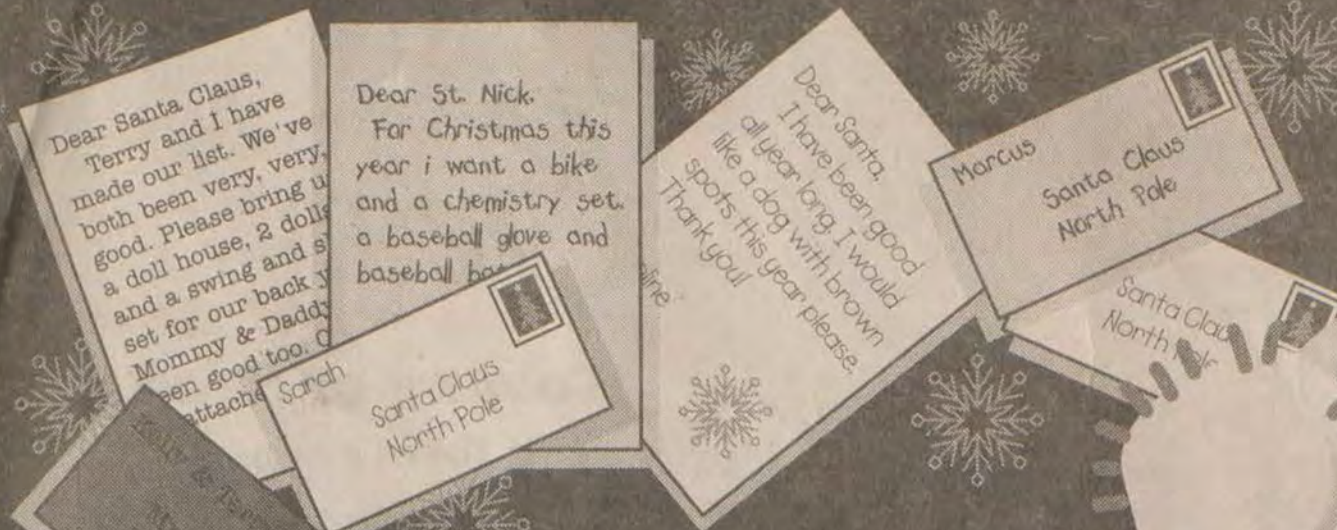
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photo by Jamie Howell
Chanel Music (11) passed around the Jackson City defense in girls' basketball play Monday night.

SOUTH FLOYD GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Lady Raiders turn back East Ridge

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - The South Floyd High girls' basketball team continues to win under first-year head coach Tony Isaac. The Lady Raiders put win number two of the season in the books

Monday night with a hard-fought 72-68 win over visiting East Ridge.

Tab Trammel scored 24 points, pulled down nine rebounds and recorded six steals to lead the Lady Raiders to the victory. Megan Ousley was next in scoring for the South Floyd

girls as she finished with 16 points. Brandy Anderson broke into double figures scoring for the Lady Raiders with 11 points. Ashley Johnson scored nine and Amanda Jo Johnson pushed in five.

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Tab Trammel (left), pictured in action last season, scored a game-high 24 points to lead host South Floyd to a win over visiting East Ridge.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

15-2 fourth quarter run sparks P'burg

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

PRESTONSBURG - Sometimes things do not go as designed and on Monday evening the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats looked sluggish at times but still managed to come away with a 53-21 win over Jackson City. Prestonsburg was playing without the services of Molly Burchett who was injured on Saturday at Pike Central but freshman guard Meaghan Slone stepped in for Burchett and produced a game-high 20 points to lead the

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34 TURNOVERS CAUSE HORNETS TO CRUMBLE



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Prestonsburg sophomore Sean Leslie (14) made a move against a Magoffin County defender Saturday night. Leslie has emerged as a scoring threat for the Blackcats.

Blackcat press too much for Magoffin Co.

by JAMIE HOWELL
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PRESTONSBURG - An athletic team should use pure conditioning and talent to its advantage and that is exactly what the Prestonsburg Blackcats did against Magoffin County on Saturday night at the Prestonsburg Fieldhouse.

The Blackcats used a smothering full court press from the opening tap and throughout the game, causing Magoffin County to turn the ball over 34 times. The turnovers helped the Blackcats run away for an 82-60 win.

Nicholas Jamerson led the Blackcat scoring attack with 18 points. The senior also pulled down nine rebounds in the win.

Magoffin County stayed with Prestonsburg

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photo by Jamie Howell

Junior point guard Trevor Compton pulled up for a shot in Saturday night's game. A game the Blackcats had scheduled for last night against Belfry was called off.

H.S. BASKETBALL

Raiders light up Neon

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT - College basketball wasn't the only hoops order of the day Saturday.

South Floyd scored early and often Saturday in a win over visiting Fleming-Neon. The Raiders led 21-15 at the end of the first quarter and outscored the Pirates 33-13 in the second quarter. In the end, South Floyd (2-1) posted an 85-60 win over Neon.

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H.S. BASKETBALL

Shelby Valley tops Paintsville in region rematch

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PAINTSVILLE - Paintsville has finished runner-up to Shelby Valley each of the last two seasons. On Friday night, the two teams met up at Paintsville with Shelby Valley taking the latest meeting by a final score of 67-55. Paintsville

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photo by Jamie Howell

Seth Kiser (14) went up and over Paintsville eighth-grader J.D. VanHoose.

ALLEN CENTRAL-PHELPS

Rebels beat Hornets

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN - Win number one of the season is now in the books for the Allen Central Runnin' Rebels.

Homestanding Allen Central jumped out to a big halftime lead (27-7) and went on to beat visiting Phelps, 52-34, Saturday night, in boys' high school basketball play.

It was the first game of the season for Allen Central. Phelps dropped to 0-3 following the loss.

Junior forward Tim Griffith scored 13 points to lead the host Rebels in scoring. Allen Central landed four players in double-figures scoring. Senior Nick Samons scored 12 points for Allen Central. Junior Ryan Hammonds added 11 for the Rebels and Austin Francis chipped in 10.

Melvin McCoy was the only Phelps player to score in double digits as he finished with a

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Griffith

Prestonsburg Junior Basketball Results

Junior Varsity - Mavericks 22, Blackcats 14; Katy Petry, Caleb Petry and Andrew Skeans scored six points apiece to lead the Mavericks, coached by Tim Potter, past the Blackcats.

Erica Meade netted four points.

Nicholas Conn paced the Blackcats, coached by Don Compton, with six points. Alexis DeRossett scored four. Bradley Stanley and Nikki Bradley tossed in two apiece.

Cardinals 36, Tar Heels 30: Josh Craynon scored 15 points and Wil Allen pushed in 10 to lead the Cardinals over the Tar Heels. Nathaniel Fraley and Lakan Lowe finished with seven and two points, respec-

tively. Austin McKinney led the Tar Heels with a game-high 16 points. D.J. Ousley and Shawn Burkett finished with eight and six points, respectively.

Training League - Warriors 16, Sonics 7: Adam Crisp and B.J. Holliday scored six points apiece to lead the Warriors to a win over the Sonics. Blake Goble checked in with six points for the Warriors.

Adam Castle netted three points for the Sonics. Aaron Foley and Corey Conley finished with two apiece.

Bulls 9, Raptors 4: In a low-scoring game, the Bulls topped the Raptors 9-4. Chase Baldrige scored three for the Bulls and teammates Brittany

McKenzie, Anthony Collins and Elizabeth Campbell all scored two points each.

Tyler Sparkman scored all four points for the Raptors.

Knicks 22, Mavericks 6: Tyler Keens dented the scoring column for 10 points and Tyler Shelton added six for the Knicks in a 22-6 win over the Mavericks. Madison Wright scored four and Thomas Spears flipped in two.

Cassie Burchett netted all six points for the Mavericks.

Hawks 20, Lakers 7: Kain Collins scored a game-high 11 points, Charlie Joseph netted four and Bethany Scarberry tossed in three to vault the Hawks over the Lakers.

Tate Goble scored on a field

goal in the third quarter for the Hawks. Goble finished with two points.

Trey Stapleton led the Lakers with four points. The Lakers exited the first quarter with a 4-0 lead, but couldn't hold on. Jessica Hall scored two points for the Lakers. Allyson DeRossett scored for the Lakers on a free throw made in the third quarter.

Pee Wee - Pistons 12, Wildcats 5: Austin Bailey scored five points to lead a balanced Pistons teams to a victory over the Wildcats. Bailey led all scorers with five points. Jordan Slone scored four for the Pistons and Dylan Lee Slone tossed in two.

Stantale Collins scored for the Pistons on a made free throw.

Eric Collins was the top scorer for the Wildcats with three points. Dustin Boyd scored two for the Wildcats.

Hawks 10, Cavaliers 9: Josh Crider scored six points and teammates Steven Little and Keiona Craft netted two apiece in a 10-9 win for the Hawks.

John Wesley Cooksey and Dustin Moore scored four apiece for the Cavaliers.

Shawn Douglas Jenkins scored on point for the Cavaliers.

Mavericks 10, Lakers 6: The Mavericks scored 10 points in the first half and held on to beat the Lakers. Robert

Campbell scored six for the Mavericks. Mavericks Jacob Blair and Grant A. Martin netted two apiece. Mariah Ratliff and Katelyn Rose scored three apiece for the Lakers.



photo by Steve LeMaster

Betsy Layne senior Jordan Kidd will lead the Bobcats into a key 58th District/Floyd County Conference game tonight against Allen Central. Kidd and his Betsy Layne teammates were in action last night against 14th Region frontrunner Hazard. Results were unavailable at press time and will appear in Friday's edition.

Fall

girls' basketball team went out and capped off a championship week on Pond Creek with a 57-54 win over Allen Central in the championship game of the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic.

"It's been a great week for us at Belfry," Belfry coach Mark Gannon said. "Our girls obviously are feeding off the success of the football team."

Senior Anna Bevins fired in a team-high 20 points to lead the Lady Pirates.

"We talked about the football team all week," Gannon added. "If they can accomplish the dream of winning a state title, the goal isn't out of reach for our kids."

Belfry, which finished 13-15

one year ago, is off to a 3-0 start "It's great to be undefeated, but we still have a lot of work ahead of us," Gannon continued. "Winning this tournament is a huge step in the right direction for our program."

Belfry led by just one at 43-42 when Natasha Combs, who finished with 12 points on four three-point baskets, hit a trifecta at the buzzer to put BHS ahead 46-42.

Allen Central didn't go down without a fight. The Lady Rebels cut the Belfry lead to three a couple of times and had a chance to send the game into overtime, but a shot at the end missed.

Becky Thomas scored a

game-high 27 points to lead two Allen Central (2-1) players in double figures. Megan Harris chipped in 12.

The Belfry coaching staff was impressed by Allen Central.

"They (Allen Central) have a nice ball club," Gannon continued.

"We had to play a physical game to beat them, and I think the experience will help us as the season progresses."

First-year Allen Central girls' basketball coach Mark Martin was impressed with Belfry.

"If you look at experience, Belfry is probably the most experienced team we will play this season," said Martin. "That senior class has played together for a long time and Coach Gannon does a good job with them. Bevins and Hall are nice players and they are a good team."

"Our kids played hard each night out and have had a good tournament this past week. We still are just pretty much like a lot of other teams in the area, just trying to figure out what to do and when to do it."

From Allen Central, Becky Thomas, Megan Harris, and Tabitha Caudill were named to the all-tournament team. Thomas scored 74 points through the tournament.

"Megan Harris played solid for us and Tabitha Caudill is probably our most improved player up to this point and Becky Thomas had as good a week as anyone in the tournament," added Martin.

In the championship game, Mullins and Caudill added six points apiece for the Lady Rebels. Sharee Hopkins rounded out the Allen Central scoring with three points.

Press

for most of three quarters before the Blackcats went on a 27-15 run over the final eight minutes to secure the win. Prestonsburg led 23-21 after one quarter and 40-30 at the half.

Trevor Compton tossed in 14 points on the night and Joe Blackburn came in off the bench to add 12 points in the win for the Blackcats.

Each team score 15 points in third quarter and Prestonsburg held a 55-45 lead after three quarters of play.

Michael Stephens came off the Prestonsburg bench to score 10 points and dish out four

assists and Sean Leslie added nine points for the winning team.

Jesse Chaffin finished with nine points and Kyle Ousley added five for Prestonsburg. Prestonsburg improved to 2-1 on the year with the win over Magoffin County while the Hornets dropped to 0-2.

Prestonsburg opened the year with an 11-point loss to 16th Region power Boyd County before reeling off back-to-back wins over Phelps and Magoffin County.

SCORING - Prestonsburg: Jamerson 18, Compton 14, Blackburn 12, Stephens 10, Leslie 9, Chaffin 9, Ousley 5, Morrison 2, Lafferty 2, Barnette 1. **Magoffin County:** Barker 16, Allen 14, Jenkins 14, Arnett 12, Conley 3, Shephard

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Light

Junior forward Burnett Little led South Floyd in scoring with a team-high 18 points. He was followed in scoring by freshman Ethan Johnson, who tossed in 16. Sophomore Ryan Johnson netted 12 to give South Floyd three players in double figures. Jack Slone and Steven Stanley netted eight points apiece for the Raiders.

Jason Samons rounded out the South Floyd scoring with six points. A lot of young talent shone on the hardwood Saturday night for the Raiders.

"Right now I would say we are a team that is growing," said South Floyd head coach Henry Webb. "I think this team has tremendous potential as I believe we will be very competitive by February."

Like many in Floyd County, the Raiders have been bitten by the flu bug.

"We've had flu troubles," added Webb. "We have played the last couple of games with a lot of sick players. We are having a hard time getting everyone healthy. Senior Brian Meade has yet to play a game

this year because of injury. Once again, we are slowly improving, but I think we will be OK. Only time will tell."

South Floyd was back in action last night at home against Cordia. Results were unavailable at press time and will appear in Friday's edition.

Johnson Central 77, South Floyd 64: South Floyd led host Johnson Central 10-8 through one quarter, but was outscored 24-14 in the second period Friday night. The host Golden Eagles also outscored the Raiders in each of the last two

Sparks

Prestonsburg effort.

Darcey Hicks tossed in 13 points on the night for the Lady Blackcats with 11 of her points coming in the third quarter. Prestonsburg would lead 9-3 after one quarter of play and 18-11 at the half before pulling away in the third quarter behind the play of Slone and Hicks. The Lady Blackcats led 38-19 after three quarters and cruised home over the final eight minutes. A quartet of Lady Blackcats finished with four points on the night.

Kelly Key, Megan Patton, Pam Slone and Linsey Fields each netted four points for

quarters on their way to a 77-64 victory.

Johnson Central senior Mike Walters led the Golden Eagles in scoring with a game-high 26 points. Junior Tony Hatfield chipped in 18 points and Kyle Rice added 14.

Burnett Little led South Floyd in scoring with 19 points. Ryan Johnson finished with 17 and Adam Tackett tossed in 11. Ethan Johnson and Steven Stanley scored seven and six points, respectively.

The win improved Johnson Central's record to 1-1 on the season.

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Beat

game-high 19 points. Charlie Hunt chipped in six for the Hornets.

Allen Central led 44-22 after three quarters. The Runnin' Rebels were back in action last night, hosting Pike County Central. Homecoming was also observed last night at Allen Central. Results were unavailable at press time and will appear in Friday's edition.

Ridge

Courtney Blocker and Carla Hall finished with four and three points, respectively.

South Floyd led 13-12 after one quarter and pushed its lead out to a 34-19 advantage at the half after outscoring the visiting Lady Warriors 21-7 in the second quarter.

East Ridge turned the scoring tide against host South Floyd in the third quarter by outscoring the Lady Raiders 23-12 and in the process got back into the ballgame. South Floyd held on in the fourth quarter.

Due to various issues, including sickness, Isaac has yet to put a complete team on the hardwood and is looking forward to each of his players being healthy.

"At one time or another, in the two pre-season scrimmages, and here in our first three games of the regular-season, we've had at least one player out," said Isaac. "We're looking real forward to having everyone healthy." South Floyd will be back in action on Thursday night when it travels

Region

quarter. Whitney Tackett came in off the Ladycat bench and scored two. Eighth-grader Kaitlin Lawson hit two free throws in the fourth quarter and finished with the two points.

Ashley Hall led Paintsville (0-2) with 17 points.

Kendra Carroll and Whitney Reynolds scored eight points apiece for the visiting Lady Tigers.

Paintsville struggled at the charity stripe, hitting just 36-percent of its attempts. The Ladycats hit on 81-percent of their tries.

Betsy Layne was able to cut down on the 36 turnovers it had

against Whitesburg in the Queen of the Mountains tourney, but, according to head coach Cassandra Akers, still had too many.

"We still had too many turnovers in the game against Paintsville, but it was an improvement over the 36 we had against Whitesburg," said Akers.

The Ladycats, defending 15th Region champs, will hook up with Allen Central at home Thursday evening in the first 58th District game of the season for both teams. A doubleheader is on tap with the girls' and boys' basketball teams from both schools playing.

Rematch

started two eighth-graders and played from behind for most of the game. The Tigers trailed 22-8 at the end of the first quarter, 33-18 at halftime, and 50-34 at the end of the third period.

In the win, Shelby Valley head coach Rodney Rowe got a balanced scoring effort.

Shelby Valley placed five players in double figures, led by junior Seth Kiser who had 19 points. Kelsey Friend scored 14 and Jordan Kiser added 13. Patrick Tackett netted 11 and Kris Bentley, who transferred from Prestonsburg to Shelby Valley, added 10.

Eighth-grader Blake Bundy paced Paintsville with 16 points. Senior Peyton Conley scored 15 and freshman point guard Daniel Pugh, coming in off the bench, chipped in 10. J.D. VanHoose, another eighth-grader for Paintsville, netted eight.

Friday night's loss was the second of the season for Paintsville. The Tigers opened the campaign with a 20-point setback to Pike County Central. The Tigers will host 57th District foe Magoffin County Friday night in a key matchup for both teams.

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ALC JV team finishes season

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — The Alice Lloyd College Eagles men's junior-varsity basketball team finished its season last week. On Monday, Dec. 1 they traveled to Bristol, Tenn. to play King College's JV team. After trailing 41-34 at halftime, the team fought back to make the

game a very exciting one; however, King held on for an 86-84 win. Point guard Josh Cook led the Eagles with 33 points. He was followed by center Byron Hall with 14 points. Forwards Dustin Jones and Travis Hacker each scored 11 points. Guards Derek Erwin and Daniel Caudill contributed eight and seven points, respectively.

tribute to the loss. Senior Delores Jenkins led the Lady Eagles with 35 points and five rebounds. She was followed by sophomore guard Belicia Mullins (12 pts., 3 rebs.) and senior forward Erica Webb (12 pts., eight rebs.). Devon Reynolds chipped in four points and five assists.

loss. Jenkins (18 pts., five rebs., three assists), Mullins (18 pts., five rebs.), Webb (11 pts., five rebs.) and Smith (11 pts) scored in double figures.

Reynolds did not play because of illness.

The Alice Lloyd College Eagles lost three games last week. On Tuesday, they hosted Virginia Interment. In a very low scoring affair, they trailed at halftime 26-23 in route to a 55-48 loss. They shot only 32-percent from the field (17 of 54) which included four of 24 shooting from behind the three point line. Sophomore forward Jeremy Daniels was the only player in double figures with 14 points and 13 rebounds.

Tim Parks had seven points and three rebounds before leaving the game with an injured ankle. Ryan Shannon and Jeremy Jackson also played in the game.

On Thursday night, the Eagles hosted Milligan College. They led 32-31 with four minutes to go in the first half. They trailed at halftime 50-34 in route to a 97-73 loss. Milligan shot an astounding 71-percent from the field (41 of 58) and hit 11 of 18 three point attempts. Daniels had another good game with 19 points and nine rebounds. He was followed by Spencer with 18 points. Oden was also in double figures with 10 points and five rebounds.

Shannon finished with eight points. Fellow South Floyd High grad Jimmy Stumbo also played.

On Saturday, the Eagles played at Brevard College in North Carolina. Brevard hit 64-percent in the first half (21 of 33) and led at halftime 51-38. The Eagles fought back to within four on several occasions in the second half but they could not get any closer in an 89-79 loss. Spencer (16 pts, two assists), Jackson (12 pts, five rebs.) and Oden (10 pts, five rebs) were the only Eagles to score in double figures. Jeremy Daniels had another good game going with 8 points and 8 rebounds at halftime, but he suffered a dislocated shoulder two minutes into the second half and will be sidelined indefinitely. Other stats: Shannon (nine pts., four assists); Jones (one reb., one assist); Knott (nine pts, four rebs); Hurt (one assist); Akers (six pts.) and Wheeler (nine pts., three rebs).



photo by Steve LeMaster

Becky Thomas put up some big numbers last week during the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic at Pike County Central High School. She currently leads Allen Central in both scoring and rebounding.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

MCA 60, Allen 41

MARTIN — Point guard Taylor Clark scored a game-high 12 points and teammate Landon Stone added 12 as Mountain Christian Academy turned back visiting Allen 60-41.

Clinton Turner and John Jones netted nine points apiece for the Falcons. Jeremy Pack finished with eight and Jordan Chaffin checked in with five.

Byron Hall and Tyler Hall tossed in four apiece.

Allen eighth-grader Josh Rodebaugh scored 10 points to lead the Eagles. B.J. Spurlock scored nine for Allen.

PRO FOOTBALL

Rams 26, Browns 20

by TOM WITHERS
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CLEVELAND — The St. Louis Rams are going back to the NFC playoffs, and their high-potent offense didn't have very much to do with it.

Aeneas Williams had two interceptions — the first for a 46-yard touchdown — in the final 1:04 of the first half as the Rams clinched a postseason berth, holding on for a 26-20 win Monday night over the Cleveland Browns.

Williams' two picks enabled the Rams (10-3) to score 14 points in a 42-second span at the end of the first half, giving St. Louis a 23-7 lead.

Jeff Wilkins kicked four field goals — 26, 28, 29 and 37 yards — for the Rams, who won their fifth straight game and advanced to the playoffs for the fourth time in five years.

But they had to withstand a valiant comeback by the Browns (4-9), who were making their first regular-season appearance on "Monday Night Football" since 1995.

Quarterback Tim Couch rallied Cleveland, but was stripped of the ball by Rams defensive end Brian Young on fourth down with 1:51 left, and St. Louis ran out the clock.

Marshall Faulk rushed for more than 100 yards for the fourth straight game, picking up 102 yards on 24 carries.

Couch went 6-for-9 for 98 yards and threw a 28-yard TD pass to Quincy Morgan after replacing Kelly Holcomb.

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RENO'S ROADHOUSE/PIKEVILLE COLLEGE JUNIOR HIGH TOURNEY

Dorton, Johns Creek in Reno's semis

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Longtime powers Johns creek and Dorton were winners in Monday's quarterfinal round of the Reno's Roadhouse/Pikeville College Junior High Basketball Tournament at the Pikeville College Gym.

Johns Creek knocked off Elkhorn City 50-40 in the opener and will advance to play Dorton, which knocked off Millard 58-37 in the nightcap.

The teams will meet in Thursday night's first semifinal game, slated for a 6 p.m. tipoff.

The finals will be the finale of a tripleheader at the Pikeville College Gym on Saturday, tipping off at 5 p.m.

Johns Creek 50, Elkhorn City 40: The Bearcats of Coach Chad Thompson built a 12-4 lead at the end of the first quarter, behind six J.T. Taylor points and never looked back.

Taylor finished with 25 points, adding eight in the final period to insure the win. John Bunch finished with 14 points, while Colby Slone chipped in with seven.

The Cougars were led by Travis Bartley, who posted 16 of his 24 points in the second half. Corey Fields and Randon Swindall posted six each.

Dorton 58, Millard 37: The Mustangs stayed close in the

first half, trailing 31-25 at the break. But the Wildcats of Coach Randy Davis turned it up a notch in the second half, outscoring the Mustangs 19-10 in the third quarter and 8-2 in the final six minutes to build their lead.

Jacob Bryant had 23 to lead the Wildcats, who had three players in double figures. Jonah Justice hit for 14 and Matt Adkins finished with 11.

Millard was led by Mark Bartley's 17. Brad Branham added nine while Michael Rowe contributed seven.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

South Floyd 59, Shelby Valley 53

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

HI HAT — The first win of the season is now in the books for the South Floyd Lady Raiders.

Megan Ousley hit a trio of three-point baskets in the opening period Friday night, eventually scoring a game-high 22 points, and Ashley Johnson and Tab Trammel scored 16 and 15 points, respectively, as the South Floyd Lady Raiders beat visiting Shelby Valley for the first time in school history. Brandy Anderson and Amanda Jo Johnson each scored four points apiece for the Lady Raiders.

South Floyd jumped out in the first quarter and led 21-9 through the opening period. In the second quarter, the Lady Raiders outscored Shelby Valley 23-5 and went into the half with a 32-26 advantage. The host Lady Raiders came out of the halftime and outscored Shelby Valley in the third and fourth quarters to go on for the win. For first-year South Floyd Lady Raider head coach Tony Isaac it was his first win at the helm of the program. The Lady Raiders came into Friday night's game following a three-point loss to Johnson Central on Thursday night in a season-opening game

for both 15th Region programs. The win over Shelby Valley boosted even more the confidence of the Lady Raiders. "It was definitely a great win for our program," said Isaac. "Again, we played three real good quarters of basketball." In the loss to South Floyd, Ester Fleming paced Shelby Valley with 14 points. Jerrica Dye tossed in 11 and Beth Hall pushed in 10.



photo by Jamie Howell

Freshman Meaghan Slone lofted a shot Monday night against Jackson City.

Pike Central drops Lady Blackcats

by JAMIE HOWELL
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

BUCKLEYS CREEK — One would think that Saturday's game between the Pike Central Lady Hawks and the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats was for the championship of the Lady Hawk Tip-Off Classic. However, the game was actually the fifth-place game.

The two teams combined to shoot 53 free-throws in a foul plagued and aggressive game with Pike Central coming away with a 59-43 win.

Pike Central would hold an 11-10 lead after one quarter, but a 18-9 second quarter spurt would give the Lady Hawks a 29-10 lead at the half and Prestonsburg would get as close as five before

Pike Central would pull away for the 59-43 win.

Meaghan Slone led Prestonsburg with 14 points and Kelly Key tossed in nine in the losing effort. The Lady Blackcats got to within five points early in the fourth quarter, but Pike Central would then go on a 18-7 run over the final seven-minutes to come away with the win. Molly Burchett finished with nine points for the Lady Blackcats and Heather White added seven.

Darcey Hicks rounded out the scoring for Prestonsburg with four points. Pike Central was led in scoring by Heather Ratliff with a game-high 21 points.

Pike Central improved to 2-1 on the year while Prestonsburg fell to 1-2.



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State Football Finals Wrapup

Time Staff report

Class A: Danville rolls past Beechwood

It was billed as a showdown between two powerhouse programs that had never met on the gridiron. It turned into a rout.

Danville racked up 500 yards of total offense, most of it on the ground, as the Admirals defeated Beechwood 42-7 on Friday at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Danville controlled the game by controlling the clock. The Admirals (14-1) held the ball for

34 minutes and five seconds, while Beechwood had the ball only 13:55.

Danville's damage on the ground was done mostly by Charles Penix and Kelvin Turner, who each ran the ball 27 times. Penix gained 268 yards, while Turner ran for 186.

Beechwood (13-2) scored its only points of the game on a Jason Wera touchdown pass to Andrew Daniels with 40 seconds left.

Class 2A: Belfry wins 2A title

in overtime

David Jones scored on a 1-yard run on fourth down in overtime to give Belfry a thrilling 33-27 win over Elizabethtown in the Class 2A state finals.

The two teams with vastly different styles played a back-and-forth affair in Friday's championship game. Belfry used its power running game, while E'town used its air attack to rack up yards.

E'town trailed 12-7 at the half, but scored on its initial drive of the second half, taking a 14-12 lead. But Belfry had the answer, as the Pirates drove down the field and scored on a 5-yard touchdown by Jones. The two-point conversion made it 20-14 Pirates.

E'town had an answer, though, as second team all-state quarterback Chris Todd hit Jerry Turner with a 56-yard scoring strike to give the Panthers a 21-20 lead.

On the first play of the final period, Todd hit A.J. French for a 40-yard score, giving E'town a 27-20 lead.

But with only 5:30 remaining, Todd fumbled at his own 9 yard line, setting up another 5-yard TD

run from Jones and tying the game at 27.

The Panthers (12-3) got the ball first in overtime, but Todd was picked off in the end zone by Paul Howard.

Belfry (13-2) kept it on the ground, and Jones scored the game-winner from one yard out.

Class 3A: Boyle County wins fifth straight title

The Boyle County Rebels broke open a close game in the second half by blowing out Highlands 44-10 in the Class 3A final at Papa John's Cardinal Stadium.

Brandon Smith, son of Boyle County coach Chuck Smith, ran for four touchdowns and passed for another leading the Rebels to an unprecedented fifth straight KHSAA football title. Boyle County won two straight 2A titles and has now won the last three 3A titles.

Boyle County had 450 yards of total offense, compared to just 250 for the 15-time state champion Bluebirds, who finished at 12-3, with two of their losses coming to Boyle County.

Smith ran for 141 yards and passed for 201 leading Boyle County to a 15-0 season.

Class 4A: Trinity downs St. X 17-14 for 4A title

When Trinity started the season 0-4, many people gave up on them, but the Shamrocks still believed.

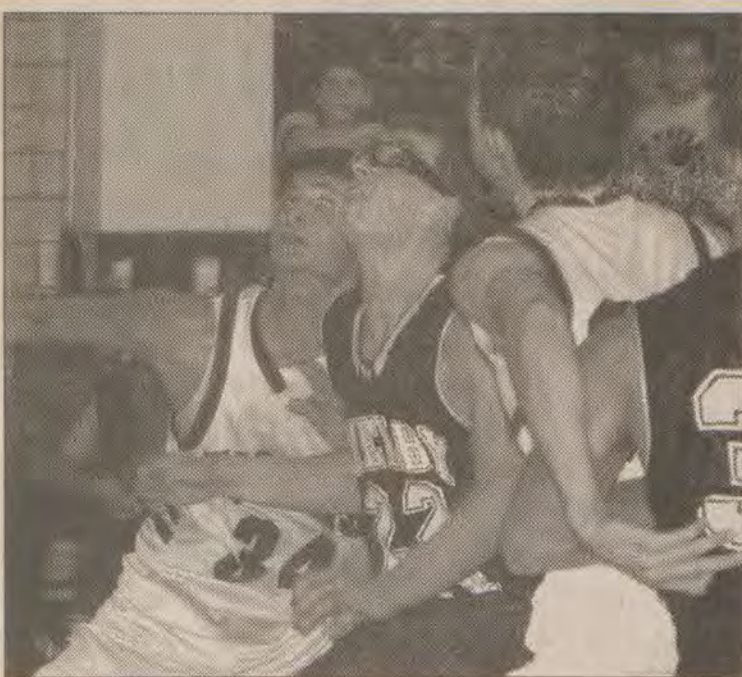
That belief became a reality on Saturday as Trinity downed archrival St. Xavier 17-14 to win its third straight state title.

Trinity closed the season with 11 consecutive victories, beginning with a 19-6 win over St. X in September.

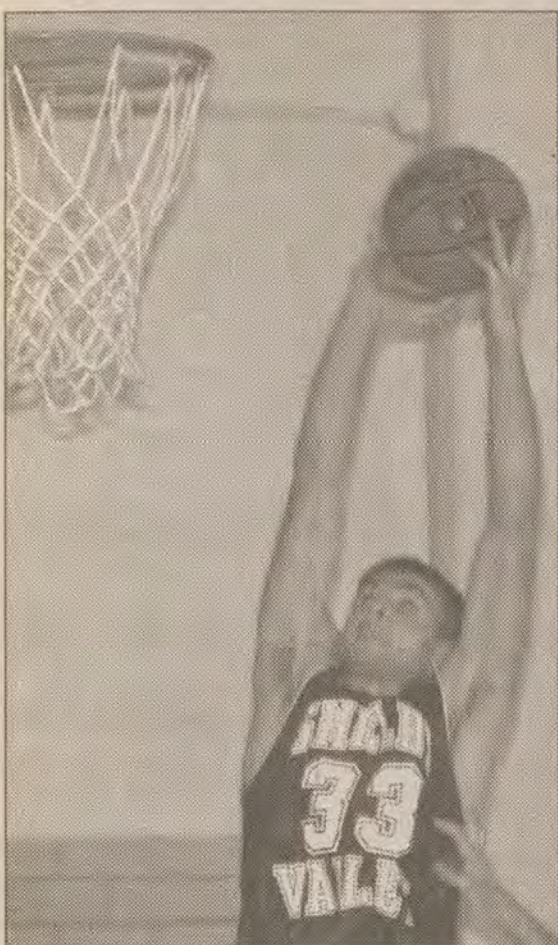
As always, it was Trinity quarterback Brian Brohm leading the way for the Shamrocks (11-4). Brohm was 22 of 31 passing for 166 yards.

The game was played in front of a championship game record crowd of 26,430.

Brohm finished his career second to Tim Couch in both career passing yards and career touchdowns. However, Brohm can boast a career record of 15-0 in the postseason as well as three straight titles.



Paintsville's Kevin Williams (34) worked for position against Shelby Valley's Patrick Tackett. Williams came in off the bench for the Tigers in Friday night's 15th Region matchup.



Kelsey Friend (33) "got up" in Friday night's game against rival Paintsville. The Tigers remain winless on the season at 0-2 and return to action Friday night against Magoffin County. At press time, Shelby Valley stood tall with a perfect record.

Van Poppel agrees to minor league contract

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — Reliever Todd Van Poppel agreed to a minor league contract with the Cincinnati Reds, who invited him to spring training with a chance to make the staff on opening day.

Van Poppel, 31, was released by Texas last season and signed a minor league deal with

Cincinnati. He was called up twice by the Reds and went 2-1 with a 4.54 earned run average in four starts and five relief appearances.

Van Poppel filed for free agency on Nov. 3. By agreeing to a minor league deal Sunday, he remained eligible to pitch for the Reds from the start of next season.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

Reno's tourney underway

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — Summaries of the opening-round of the Reno's Roadhouse/Pikeville College Junior High Basketball Tournament, played Saturday at the Pikeville College Gym:

Johns Creek 50, Christ Central 22: Johns Creek led 15-5 after one period and stretched it to 27-10 by the half, making Christ Central's first appearance in the tournament a brief one.

J.T. Taylor led the Bearcats with 13, while Joe Nichols flipped in 11. John Bunch tacked on seven. Christ Central was led by Hadley, who scored 10 points.

Elkhorn City 32, Allen 27: The closest game in the opening round came in the 10:30 a.m. contest with Elkhorn City holding off Allen Elementary. The Cougars led 8-5 after one period and stretched its lead to 22-14 at the half.

Webb led Elkhorn City with 13 points. Bartley followed with seven. Allen was paced by Josh Rockbaugh with 14 points.

Dorton 42, A.B. Combs 35: Dorton outscored A.B. Combs 13-7 in the fourth quarter to knock off the longtime Perry County power.

Jacob Bryant led all scorers with 24 markers for the Wildcats. Logan Bryant added eight. Combs was paced by T.J. Searcy with nine. Kyle Hill contributed seven.

Millard 73, Betsy Layne 49: No team came within 15 points of the Mustangs' total on Saturday afternoon. Millard outscored the Bobcats 17-8 in the second quarter and 22-12 in the final six minutes to account for its win.

Mark Bartley led three Mustangs in double figures with 29 points. Brad Branham tossed in 15 while Austin Stiltner added

10. Betsy Layne also had three in double digits, led by Samuel Keathley with 20. Tyler Hamilton and Brennan Case each flipped in 12.

Mountain Christian 58, Pikeville 32: Landon Stone equaled Pikeville's total with 32 points, the most of any player in the opening round of the tournament.

Jeremy Pack scored seven for the Falcons. Jordan Price paced the Panthers with 16 points in a game that saw only four players from each team score.

Johnson County 58, Phelps 40: A dozen different Golden Eagles scored in the 18-point win over the Hornets.

Justin Murray led Johnson County with 12. Joe Whitaker added 11 and Trey Bellhausen scored seven. Ashley Hatfield led all scorers with 24 for the Hornets. Brannan Smith finished with seven.

Magoffin County 50, Mullins 15: The Hornets made their first appearance in this longstanding event a memorable one, jumping on top 17-2 after one period and cruising to the win.

Jason Marshall led 10 Magoffin County players in the scoring column with 12. Tyler Hundley and Jordan Shehada chipped in with eight. The Tigers were led by Matt Gomer with seven.

Mason County stays on top in boys poll

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. Mason Co.	(7)	1-0	79	1
2. Warren Central	-	1-1	64	3
3. Lex. Catholic	-	0-1	59	2
4. Lou. PRP	-	1-0	53	4
5. Hopkinsville	-	2-0	43	5
6. Apollo	(1)	2-0	40	7
7. Lou. Ballard	-	1-0	32	6
8. North Hardin	-	1-0	19	8
9. Lou. Fern Creek	-	2-0	14	10
10. Scott Co.	-	2-0	12	9

Others receiving votes: Elizabethtown 7, Daviess Co. 5, Lou. DeSales 3, Wayne Co. 3, Lex. Henry Clay 2, Shelby Valley 2, Lex. Tates Creek 1, Owensboro Catholic 1, Clay Co. 1.

GIRLS

Rank-School	FPV	Recd	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(8)	1-0	80	1
2. Christian Co.	-	2-0	71	2
3. Newport CC	-	1-0	51	4
4. Lex. Catholic	-	1-1	41	3
(tie) Jackson Co.	-	2-0	41	5
6. Rockcastle Co.	-	1-0	33	8
(tie) Henderson Co.	-	2-0	33	6
8. Muhlenberg North	-	1-0	19	-
9. Lou. Assumption	-	1-0	18	9
10. Elizabethtown	-	2-0	8	-

Others receiving votes: Lou. Mercey 7, Mercer Co. 7, Lou. Butler 6, North Hardin 4, Ohio Co. 2, Clinton Co. 2, Perry Co. Central 2, Boyd Co. 1, Washington Co. 1, Baren Co. 1, Lone Oak 1.

COMMENTARY

Congratulations to Belfry

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS CORRESPONDENT

Way to go coach Phillip Haywood and the Belfry Pirates! The Pirates took care of business in Louisville last Friday afternoon winning over E-Town and winning their first state championship.

It could not have happened to a finer person and I am very happy for Coach Haywood and the Pirates. Coach Haywood is a class act and I have always respected him down through the years.

Coach Haywood has been at the helm at Belfry for the past 20 years. He had some strong clubs when he was at Prestonsburg before moving on to Belfry.

The Cincinnati Reds finally decided on Dave Miley as their new manager for the 2004 season.

Now for a big question: why

just a one year contract? It will take anyone else longer to rebuild the Reds and the front office knows that. Again, why just a one year deal?

Could the answer be that the Reds front office and ownership are looking for Pete Rose return next season. Rose will admit to betting on baseball, serve a one year probation period before being fully reinstated to baseball and a manager's position in 2005. If my math is correct, Miley will not have a contract after the 2004 season. That means that the Reds ownership, who has stated they would like to Rose return, can offer the field job to Rose.

The Reds continue to try and solve the positions of third base and shortstop. Barry Larkin will be the starting day shortstop. That takes care of that. At third base, Jimenez will move to third base and the Reds will sign Pokey Reese to play second base. The

Reds have held talks with Reese's manager. Look for the former Pirate second baseman to come on board for a second stint with Cincinnati.

I got to watch the UK versus UCLA game last Saturday and it appears to me

the Cats wasted two scholarships with the two twin towers. Both are certainly not Division I players and never will be. They could make it at a Division 2A school, but not at UK.

The Cats look horrible both on defense and offense. Before they make their way to Detroit next Saturday to face Michigan State, they had better get better or they will get blown out of the gym.

Near 80,000 are expected to view the game, breaking the old record of 75,000 to watch a college game. CBS will have it for us over the tube.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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ASK ABOUT OUR MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS



The Adams Middle School girls' basketball team celebrated another successful season on Sunday when a banquet was held.

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POISON OAK

Thinking about the little people

With the Christmas season upon us, I'm reminded that practically everybody I know agrees that this is indeed the season for children. And, I might add, that's the way it ought to be. Of course, all this leads to everybody spending too much on toys and stuff; but hey, it's Christmas, right?

But what about the rest of the year? As adults, just how do we rate in the category of really understanding the tiny

folks that make our Christmases so much fun?

What got me to thinking about stuff as this, in the first place, was a paper that one of my colleagues left in my mail box at work. It was signed "Author Unknown," and that's really too



Clyde Pack

bad, because whomever came up with these thought-provoking truisms should—at least in my opinion—get some credit.

Anyway, I thought I'd share a few of them with my adult readers, just to see if someone else might start wondering if we grown-ups aren't just a tad or two prejudiced in our thinking toward youngsters.

Titled "Behavior Labeling," the paper consisted of a list of a dozen or so statements about terminology we adults use when comparing our actions to those of

(See OAK, page three)

KIM'S KORNER

Five small steps to prevent Diabetes

Almost 16 million Americans are well on their way to developing diabetes—and most don't even know it. They have a condition called pre-diabetes, which means their blood glucose levels are higher than normal, but not yet high enough to be diagnosed as having diabetes.

The Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services reports that the good news is there is now scientific proof that they can delay or prevent the disease and its devastating complications.

The key to preventing diabetes is taking small steps toward living a healthier life, according to the National Diabetes Education Program (NDEP), a program of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the Kentucky Diabetes Prevention and Control Program. Everyone can benefit from the rewards of avoiding diabetes and its serious complications such as heart attack, stroke, blindness, kidney failure, and losing a foot or leg.

Since November is National Diabetes Month, this is an excellent time for raising awareness about diabetes prevention. In Kentucky, an estimated 237,700 adults between the ages of 40 and 74 have pre-diabetes.

The Diabetes Prevention Program's Clinical Trial, a study sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, showed that people with pre-diabetes lowered their risk of developing diabetes by more than half by getting 30 minutes of physical activity five days a week and los-

(See PREVENT, page three)



photo by Mary Music
Connie Spencer (left) and May Combs (right) organize a display table at the Kountry Shop. The mother and daughter team have run the shop for the last 6 years.

A little bit of

COUNTRY

photo by Mary Music
Connie Spencer shows off her dad's handiwork by displaying this handcrafted quilt rack.



by MARY MUSIC
STAFF WRITER

Some would say that the success of one small Martin business could be attributed to a simple lick of good fortune, but the mother and daughter team who runs it says its much more than that.

It takes teamwork, they say, and a gang of family and friends to keep it going.

The idea for opening a family business came to Knott County native May Combs six years ago, as she was searching for a way to get her daugh-

ter, Connie Spencer, "off the road." At the time, said Combs, Spencer, who was in between jobs, was making a living selling clothing, purses, and miscellaneous items at roadside sells.

Not long afterward, Combs, who along with her husband had spent years in the flea marketing business, began the financial adventure of their lives. The Kountry Shop was born, and has been striving since.

The store, located on Stephens Branch in Martin, miles from the near-

(See COUNTRY, page three)



photo by Mary Music
The Kountry Shop on Stephens Branch in Martin offers a wide selection of merchandise, including these Peterboro Baskets.



photo by Mary Music
Connie Spencer and customer Linda Spurlock of Martin sort through an assortment of jewelry available at the Kountry Shop.

CRITTER CORNER

Potential Puppy Owner's Test

By Dr. Carol Combs-Morris, DVM

I've often thought that there should be a test people had to take before being allowed to own a dog. Hah! Imagine my surprise when I found the very thing on the Internet recently.

Potential Puppy Owner's Test

Are you truly ready for a

Potential Puppy Owner (PPO) must pass. Afterward they will be given a license to begin learning about the breed of their choice.

No physical force, yelling, or cursing is allowed during the test. Protective clothing or soil-proof clothes are not allowed. Small wounds and scratches are to be handled in a blasé manner.

Test will be held in a variety of environments and PPO will enter brush, woods, etc.

with a happy face.

Any PPO seen wiping dog hair or saliva off their clothing will not pass.

The Tests:

PPO must control a highly stimulated 10-month old male German Shepherd puppy. PPO must be able to get the dog to do a down in two minutes. Flat buckle collar and nylon lead only.



"Fuzzie." "Fuzzle is our 'Tracker Queen,'" writes reader, Julia Jones. "Every time we go to our Geo Tracker, she comes begging to go for a ride. She sits in the back seat with her head out the window. She loves watching people in parking lots when we go shopping. When we get back home, she hates to get out, she will sit inside the car for hours waiting on another trip." Fuzzle is a four year old mix owned by Julia

School Calendar

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

School is currently collecting Food City receipts! Please send them in now through March.

■ The AMS Youth Services Center is open all year to assist students and families in need. Please drop by or call the center at 886-9812 for more information on any of the above activities, or to request assistance with a family need. Center is open from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and later by appointment. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to all students regardless of income.

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

NOTICE School is now collecting Food City receipts. Students may bring receipts to homeroom teachers, or

parents/community members may drop off at office.

■ ACMS Youth Service Center distributes school activity calendars on the first school day of each month to all students. Parents should be advised to watch for these informative materials as a means to staying informed on school happenings.

■ The ACMS Youth Service Center is open each day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call LaDonna Patton, coordinator, or Marilyn Bailey, assistant, at 358-0134.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY

■ The Family Resource Youth Service Center provides services and referral services to all families regardless of income. The center is located in the middle building of the Betsy Layne Elementary School. Office hours are Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

■ Open enrollment for After School Child Care is available through the Family Resource Center. Service hours are 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

■ Contact the center at 478-5550. Contact persons are Brian Akers and Charlotte Rogers.

CLARK ELEMENTARY

**Each Wednesday, 3:15 p.m., "Fit Club" for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades.

■ Dec. 11, 19 - Nurse from Floyd County Health Dept. will be in center - call for appointment. Services: 6th grade

entrance exams, WIC food program, prenatal care, yearly physical exams for students up to 18 years old.

■ We are currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for 5th grade students. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These services are available to anyone in the community.

■ The Clark Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the Clark Elementary School building and can be reached by calling 886-0815.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

**School is now collecting Food City receipts. Please help our school receive new computers and technological equipment through the "Apples for Students" program. Children may turn receipts in to their homeroom teachers. Community

members may also turn receipts in to the school office.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. is at the school each Tuesday. Services include 6th grade school entry physical; Kindergarten, Head Start and Well-Child physicals; T.B. skin test; T.D. boosters; and WIC services. Please call 358-9878 for appointment if you are in need of any of these services.

■ The J.A. Duff Elementary Family Resource Center provides services for all families regardless of income. We are located in the tan metal building at the rear of the school. Please call or stop by to see us in our new location. Contact persons are Judy Handshoe, coordinator, and Ruby Bailey, assistant.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

■ Dec. 11 - VIP (Very Important Parents) support group meeting, 1 p.m., in school library.

All visitors please check in at office first!

■ Dec. 15 - Quality Kids - personal hygiene program.

■ Dec. 16 - Christmas play, 6:30 p.m.

■ Parent Lending Library is available to parents for video check-outs. A variety of topics are available.

■ Floyd County Health Dept. nurse at school every Wednesday. Services include Headstart physicals, kindergarten physicals, 6th grade physicals, WIC program, blood pressure checks, and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

**School is currently collecting Food City receipts to assist in purchasing equipment for the

(See **SCHOOL**, page three)

YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Dec. 15 and Dec. 17, 1993)

On Friday, a flip of the coin will determine who will be the fourth Wheelwright City Commissioner to take office, beginning January 1. A coin toss is set for 6:30 p.m., in the Floyd County Court Clerk's office to decide the winner in a tie vote between commission candidates Andy Akers and David Allen. Akers and Allen each received 136 votes in the November election. In a related issue, Wheelwright mayoral candidate Lowell Parker filed an election contest lawsuit earlier this month, alleging voting improprieties on election day. Parker, who lost by six votes to David Marlee Sammons, filed a lawsuit asking that the results of the November election be declared void and that a new election be held...The first reading of an ordinance to annex the area around the Route 80, Ky. Route 3, and U.S. 23 interchange was discussed Monday night, at the regular meeting of the Prestonsburg City Council...A national education newspaper has published an in-depth report on the construction woes and cost overruns that have plagued the controversial South Floyd High School project. In the December 15 edition of Education Week, based in Washington, D.C., reporter Lonnie Harp outlines the problems surrounding the construction of the high school, and calls it "a textbook on how not to manage school construction."...A murder charge against a Floyd County man, accused of killing his brother, was dismissed, last week, by Floyd Circuit Judge Harold Stumbo. Ray Gibson, 26, of Ligon, was accused of murdering his brother, Eugene Gibson, after the two had argued over Eugene Gibson's ex-wife on September 8. Gibson's attorney, Keith Bartley, asked that the murder charge be dismissed, because, prior to his death, Eugene Gibson, gave police a statement that the shooting was accidental...A near-tragedy last week has unfolded into the "miracle of Christmas," as Floyd County rallies behind one of its own in need. When 10-year-old Wesley Burke was hit by a car last Tuesday, while walking to school, many prepared themselves for the worst. Instead, they found themselves enveloped by the best of human characteristics...compassion...A fund drive was initiated by WMDJ Radio and just four days later, nearly \$14,000 has been contributed to aid the youth's recovery...U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers was the guest of honor, Friday, for a ribbon cutting ceremony marking the expansion of the Veterans' Administration Outpatient Clinic for Eastern Kentucky...The mother of a 13-year-old Maytown Elementary student has filed a civil lawsuit against the Floyd County Board of Education and a teacher, claiming the system failed to stop a sexual assault against her daughter. The lawsuit, filed Monday, alleges that on May 27, the 13-year-old was sexually assaulted by three fellow

elementary classmates while in the classroom of teacher Valerie Coburn...Floyd County Circuit Court Judge John David Caudill, and Floyd County District Judge Danny P. Caudill, administered the oath of office to each other Tuesday morning. Both judges were unopposed in the November election...In an effort to emphasize safety on Kentucky's roads this holiday season, the Kentucky State Police will start enforcement efforts early, with "Life Saver Weekend" slated for 6 p.m., Friday, December 17, until midnight, Sunday, December 19...The president of R&S Body, William L. Smith, announced, Wednesday night, during the regular meeting, of the Floyd County Development Authority, that R&S Body will be relocating in the near future. During the meeting Smith broke the news by saying, "In a very short period of time, coming up quicker than I had anticipated, when I first started thinking about it five years ago, we're (R&S Body) going to have to move."...Allegations of a conflict of interest arose again, Wednesday, during the regular meeting of the Floyd County Development Authority. Just prior to the development authority going into executive session, Dolores Smith, a member of the development authority, announced she had brought her lawyer to counter allegations, made by County Attorney Jim Hammond, that she was in a conflict of interest by sitting on the development authority board...If you haven't received a 1993 property tax bill, it doesn't mean that you don't owe any taxes. Approximately 1,000 tax bills—five percent of the total—were returned to the Floyd County Sheriff's office this month, because of incorrect addresses. "People who have changed their address need to understand that it's their responsibility to notify us or the tax commissioner," Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson said Wednesday...There died: Hiram Vanderpool, 84, of Hueysville, Sunday, at the Mansfield, Ohio General Hospital; Henry C. Crisp, 95, of Martin, Saturday, in Riverview Manor Nursing Home; Louvern Osborn Sexton, 77, of Emma, Saturday, at her residence; Elzie Bays, 92, of Prestonsburg, Friday, at Martin County Health Care Facility at Inez; Cilla Jean Lawson Slone, 45, of Kalamazoo, Michigan, formerly of Garrett, Monday, in Michigan; Ottis Frasure, 73, of Inglis, Florida, formerly of McDowell, Thursday, at his residence; Alice Gray Lafferty, 102, died Friday, at the residence of Ashland DeRossett in Prestonsburg; Credie Marie Boyd, 68, of Harold, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Josephine Brown Howell, 85, of Auxier, Sunday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Kenneth Gene "Kinney Buck" Akers, 39, of Banner, Wednesday, at his residence; Lexie L. Allen, 82, of Eastern, Wednesday, at her residence; William Hamilton Jr., 87, of Teaberry, Wednesday, at his residence; Gladys Holland (Lady Bug) Lewis, 71, of Pinetop Tuesday, at her residence.

Twenty Years Ago

(December 21, 1983)

Possible pay increases for clerks—pink slips for road workers—were handed down by Floyd County Fiscal Court, Friday, in the last scheduled meeting of the year...A complicity to murder charge against Harlos "Ben" Marshall, 26, of Langley, (one of the defendants facing trial in the June 20 slaying of Glenda Sharon Marshall) was dismissed at the request of the prosecutor...There died: Rhoda Brown Jarvis, 69, of Allen, Friday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; America Kidd, 73, of Honaker, Friday, at Central Baptist Hospital; Hannah Newsome Stewart, 57, of Hi Hat, Tuesday, en route to Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Donald Hugh Spurlock, 49, of Harold, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Charles Cantrell, 53, of East Point, last Wednesday, at his residence.

Forty Years Ago

(December 26, 1963)

Rising coal production, better prices, larger profits for producers, and pressure from its own miners—these are the reasons the United Mine Workers reopened wage negotiations last week in the soft-coal industry...Prestonsburg's water improvement program stands a good chance of approval for federal aid under the Accelerated Public Works Program, but the city's hopes of immediate help on street construction are less bright, a Floyd delegation to Washington discovered last week...Fire departments of four towns, Saturday afternoon, battled a stubborn fire which destroyed a two-story block-and-frame building owned by Tommy Westfall at Allen...Commonwealth's Attorney-elect Harold J. Stumbo, this week announced that he hopes to organize a committee of civic, business, professional and religious leaders, to confer, advise and help him in the big job of curbing crime and corruption in Floyd County...A new 57x10 mobile home sold for \$3,995 in an ad in this week's Times...There died; Mrs. Katherine May Bentley, 73, formerly of Allen, died last Wednesday, in Ann Arbor, Mich.; Othor Lumpkins, 53, last Wednesday, at his home at Langley; Clarence Flanery, 73, formerly of Prestonsburg, December 14, in Washington, D.C.; Robert Prater, 71, of Brainard, last Tuesday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Thursa Osborne Music, 73, of Cliff, Saturday, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

Fifty Years Ago

(December 24, 1953)

An estimated 4,500 persons attended the formal opening here, Saturday, of The First National Bank in its new building at the corner of Court Street and Broadway

(now Lake Drive). If the circuit court docket is a true barometer, crime is at an all-time low in the county. Not a murder case is set for trial, and only eight defendants in all are charged with violence of any kind...Three TB deaths in the county this year is a record low from that cause, the Floyd County Health Department reports...Coal production in the field represented by the Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Operators Association was down during the period, December 5-December 12, with a production drop in that time of 16,660 tons...Fifteen-year-old Jimmy Hopson, of Hueysville, and Willard N. Manuel, 20, of Langley, were injured in an auto wreck at the mouth of Henry's Branch near Maytown...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Reed, of Drift, a daughter, at St. Mary's Hospital, Huntington, December 13...There died: Joe Lindsay Layne, 64, of Stillhouse Branch near Harold, last Thursday; Mrs. Mary Patton, 58, former Auxier resident, December 15, at a Detroit, Mich., hospital.

Sixty Years Ago

(December 23, 1943)

Of approximately 165 eastern Kentuckians supplied through Selective Service, and accepted for service in the armed forces within the last week, 61 were Floyd Countians...The supply of corn "squeezin's" for the holiday season in this county was appreciably diminished last week as federal alcohol tax unit agents raided moonshiners in the Middle Creek and Salt Lick sections...Cecil Music, 33-year-old miner, of Wheelwright, was fatally injured by a slatefall in the mines of the Inland Steel Company at Wheelwright, Saturday...Interest in pulpwood production in this county was given added impetus, last week, with the visit of a paper company representative here to advise farmers on this vital war work...Pvt. Bill Smith Jr., of Prestonsburg, a prisoner of the Italians for six months, arrived here this week, after having gained his release from prison camp as a result of the Italian surrender to American-British forces...Fire caused an estimated damage of \$3,000, Saturday morning, to the W. H. Jones residential property on First Avenue, occupied by Mike Psaros and family...Miss Helen Reed, of Drift, is among those college students who will be listed in the 1943-44 issue of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges"...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Jefferson, of Estill, a son...There died: Belle Williams, 90-year-old Wayland woman who was born in slavery, Saturday, at her home on Steele's Creek; Mrs. Lou Martin, 104 years old, believed to be the county's oldest resident, Wednesday, at her home at Estill; Mrs. Elizabeth Derosssett Merritt, 75, at the home of her son in West Prestonsburg, Saturday; Parker Woods, 84, at his home in Prestonsburg, Friday; Ernest Nitchie, 73, native of German, Friday, at Drift.

Country

est town, offers a variety of merchandise and crafts to people who visit from all over the state.

"You can find stuff here that you can't find anywhere else," said Linda Spurlock, Martin, a regular customer who visited the Kountry Shop on Tuesday. "Truthfully, I don't think you can go anywhere and shop and find what you can find here."

In order to help Spencer succeed as a working mother, the family decided to open the business on the Spencer property. It began in the upstairs loft of a small 24' by 28' building which was built next door to their house, but it soon outgrew the building and is now located in a larger space on the same property.

The decision to open a business on a road like Steven's Branch, far away from the bustle of town, may have been a scary venture for some, but Combs

said she never worried about it. She knew it would either "hit or miss," she says, and either way she'd be giving her daughter the chance to make it.

Upon opening the business, Combs said the family didn't consider a lot of advertising, nor is advertisement something they greatly consider nowadays. The success of this business, they say, worked alongside an old eastern Kentucky tradition—word of mouth. Customers who stopped by the shop became friends, who passed the word along to other friends. Relatives would tell co-workers, and co-workers would tell their relatives. To this day, says Combs, the store is graced with out of state customers who return to visit the shop on an annual basis, searching for that special something for the special someone in their lives.

One of the key ingredients to

running a smooth shop, says Spencer, is the sense of community and teamwork, and according to her, that's a quality she's found overwhelmingly abundant when working with her mother.

"She tells me what she thinks and I tell her what I think," said Spencer, laughing. "But I think she pushes a little harder."

According to Combs, it was as if the two "grew up together," because she was still a young girl when she had Connie.

During an interview, Spencer recalled her teen-aged years when her mother would "go cruising" with her just to make sure she was safe.

"She would lay the seat back to make sure no one saw her," she said, "and we'd drive all over the place."

Like their working relationship, Combs and her daughter take pride in presenting their store with a welcoming, down home atmosphere. It's walls and corners burst with personality, displaying merchandise like Boyd's Bears, Peterboro baskets, Hearth and Home Candles, Quilts, American Traditions Baskets, UK throws and crafts, Lovelite Candles and pottery, purses, jewelry, clothing, luggage and a variety of handmade wooden shelves, quilt racks, and other crafts made by Combs' husband, Clifford Combs.

The duo feel that making their customers "feel at home" is so important that they've placed a lounge table and chairs in the store for people to sit and chat for a while, or for "husbands to occupy themselves" while their wives shop.

"We just want to make everyone feel welcome," said Combs. "Even if they don't buy anything it's nice for them to just stop by and look around. . . I was raised

up hard in the country," she continued, "and I can't help but be country."

And that's why, says Spencer, they called it the Kountry Shop.

The Kountry Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Layaway plans are available, said Combs. The store also does gift baskets for a variety of occasions and delivers throughout the county.



Earns BBA degree from MSU

Jennifer Dawn Crisp, the daughter of Loren Crisp, of Martin, and Rhonda and Frank Goble, of Tecumseh, Michigan, will graduate from Morehead State University on December 13, 2003. On this date, Jennifer will be awarded a bachelor's degree in business administration in marketing. She plans to embark on a career in pharmaceutical sales. Jennifer is the granddaughter of Esta Cole Cottrell, of Ripley, West Virginia, and Rev. and Mrs. Don and Christina Crisp, of Martin, and the late Willis E. Hall, formerly of Martin. Commencement ceremonies will be held in the MSU Academic-Athletic Center, at 10:30 a.m.

Prevent

ing five to seven percent of their body weight.

Risk factors for pre-diabetes and diabetes are:

- Age: risk increases with age
- Overweight: a body mass index (BMI) of 25 or higher (23 or higher if Asian American, 26 or higher if Pacific Islander). (Body mass index is a way of looking at a person's body weight for height and is an overall indication of fitness and risk of obesity-related health problems such as diabetes and cardiovascular disease.) There are 38.1% of Kentuckians who are overweight and 24.4% of Kentuckians who are obese.

- Blood Pressure: 140/90 mm/Hg or higher
- Cholesterol: HDL cholesterol less than 40 mg/dl for men and less than 50 mg/dl for women; triglyceride level 250 mg/dl or higher

- Family history of diabetes: having a parent, brother, or sister with diabetes
- Race/Ethnicity: African American, American Indian, Asian American, Pacific Islander, or Hispanic American/Latino heritage

- History of Gestational diabetes: or giving birth to a baby weighing more than 9 pounds
- Inactive Lifestyle: exercises fewer than three times a week. Approximately 27% of Kentuckians reported no physical activity or exercise over the last month.

If you are over 45 and overweight, you are at increased risk for pre-diabetes. Everyone age 45 and older, even if they are not overweight, should consult with their health care provider about being tested. Those who are

younger than 45, overweight, and who have one or more of the other risk factors could be at risk of developing type 2 diabetes and should also consult their health care providers about testing.

Here are five small steps you can take today to live a healthier life and prevent or delay diabetes:

- Find out if you are at risk for diabetes or if you have pre-diabetes. Talk to your health care provider at your next visit.

- Set realistic goals. Start by making small changes. For example, try to get 15 minutes of physical activity a day this week. Each week, add five minutes until you build up to the recommended 30 minutes a day, most days of the week.

- Make better food choices. Try to eat more fruits and vegetables (five to nine servings a day), beans, and grains. Reduce the amount of fat in your diet. Choose: grilled or baked foods instead of fried.

- Record your progress. Write down everything you eat and drink. Keeping a food diary is one of the most effective ways to lose weight and keep it off. Review this diary with your health care provider.

- Keep at it. Making even modest lifestyle changes can be tough in the beginning. Try adding one new healthy change a week. Always get back on track, even if you fall off a few times. The key is just to keep at it.

If you have pre-diabetes, the NDEP has information to help you. To get a free copy of "Small Steps, Big Rewards. Your Game Plan for Preventing type 2 Diabetes," call 1-800-438-5383 or visit the NDEP website at www.ndep.nih.gov.

Critter

PPO must stand between a 14-month old Golden Retriever and a field. The handler of the puppy will then throw a ball directly into the path of the Golden. PPO must stand his ground and take his clobbering in good nature.

PPO must serve dinner to six Rottweiler puppies, not older than 6 months nor younger than 4 months. PPO must not spill the food and the puppies will not be held in any stay position.

PPO must quiet four Shelties, or six Pomeranians, when the doorbell rings. PPO has tow minutes and the puppies must have been handled previously by a breeder immune to the noise and who lives in the middle of nowhere.

PPO must hold his ground with ten Jack Russells chasing an animal they perceive as prey. PPO must hold their leashes and not move more than six inches. No corrections may be issued, but PPO is welcome to try to distract them.

PPO must walk two Great Danes on ice. PPO must not move more than 100 feet.

PPO must play with a Newfoundland after the dog has been swimming in a pond. He must attempt to dry himself with a dishtowel. At no time will the PPO appear disgusted.

PPO must leave three Siberian Huskies alone in their home, uncrated, for 3 hours. PPO is allowed to cry upon return.

PPO must groom an adult male Collie blowing coat completely within 25 minutes—ears, nails, teeth and coat. The dog will have been recently bathed to give PPO a fighting chance.

PPO must fit a Basenji into a winter coat within 5 minutes.

Basenji cannot have worn a coat before.

PPO must remove thistles from an English Setter by hand with a fine-toothed comb.

PPO must exercise a Vizsla that has not been out for 2 days. PPO must not tire out before the dog.

PPO must sleep in the same room as a Bulldog. If the PPO cannot sleep, he must be happy in the morning.

PPO will navigate through ten small dogs without stepping on one.

PPO must be able to secure a good supply of used plastic bags within 3 days.

PPO must be able to successfully get a dog to throw up in a plastic grocery bag while in the passenger seat of a car.

PPO must not die of shock when he gets the vet bill for neutering a Mastiff.

PPO must sit in a closed room with two dogs that were fed broccoli and beans and exhibit no disgusted facial expressions.

PPO must vow to nurture, love, train and care for his dogs for the rest of the dogs' lives.

PPO must be able to accept that each dog is an individual, which needs to live in a pack. PPO must vow to educate himself about the breed of his choice and its requirements. PPO must vow to obtain his dog from a reputable shelter / rescue / breeder. PPO must conduct himself in a responsible manner, securing liberties for the rest of the dog-loving community.

PPO must remain good-humored, and remember that for every insane, tough moment there will be a hundred more good ones.

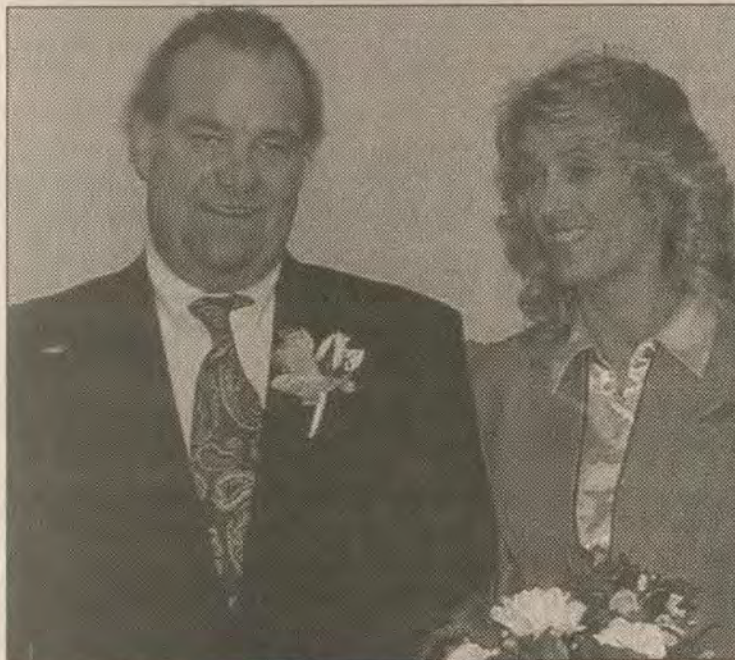
PPO must try to be the person his dog thinks he is.

Wedding Engagement



Meade-Slone

Ms. Deborah D. Meade, of Prestonsburg, and Mr. Jason R. Slone, of Hippo, announce their forthcoming wedding to be held on Saturday, December 13, 2003, at two o'clock in the afternoon, at the Garrett First Baptist Church, in Garrett. Deborah is the daughter of Delores Smith, of Prestonsburg, and the late Delbert Meade. Jason is the son of Linda Slone, of Hippo, and the late James Edgle Slone. All family members and friends of the couple are cordially invited to attend the marriage ceremony.



George-Japp

Mrs. Mary "Boo" George, of Belleville, Michigan is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter, Debra Kay George, to Mr. Martin T. Japp. The couple were joined in marriage on October 31, 2003, in Monroe, Michigan. The bride, a graduate of Belleville High School, is employed by the University of Michigan. Martin, the son of Mrs. Patricia Japp, of Milan, Michigan, is a graduate of Milan High School. He is employed by R.B.I. Corporation. Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the Milan Road Angels Club, in Milan, Michigan, that was attended by more than 150 family members and friends of the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Japp reside in Belleville and plan to take a honeymoon vacation to Florida this coming February.

Yesterdays

Seventy Years Ago
(December 22, 1933)

Nine persons, eight of whom are listed as having taken part in the dope traffic, locally, were arrested here, Saturday and Monday, by federal officers. It was the second narcotics raid to be made in this county during 1933...Garland Howard, former Prestonsburg High School student, and step-son of Magoffin County Circuit Judge-elect J. Brack Howard, was shot and killed Monday night, a few miles from Royalton...Representatives of the American Friends Service Commission were here, this week, preparing to begin the Friends' third consecutive year of work in feeding undernourished children of this county. Convicted as a result of his first

trial on a charge of biting off the thumb of Officer George W. Spears, Art McCoart, of Van Lear, was acquitted on a second trial recently, when the defense produced proof showing that the officer's thumb was cut with glass from the windshield of an automobile...Five new members appointed to the Floyd County re-employment committee are: H. D. Fitzpatrick, Prestonsburg; J. D. Hatfield, Melvin; M. J. Meador, Prestonsburg; Claude Flanery, Martin, and W. T. "Sip" Hatcher, of Lackey; George Woods, of Allen, is the only member retained from the old committee...Charlie Yates, of Hunter, is in the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin, in serious condition as a result of a knife wound...There died: Mrs. P. L. Hunt, 38, of Harold, December 15, in the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; James Newell, 31 years old, at his home at Wheelwright, Friday.

School

school. Please donate your receipts by dropping them off at the school office or sending them with a student.**

- GED classes held in the library on Monday and Wednesday of each week, 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Parent Support Group Calendar:

- Feb. 17 - Communication & Children.

- March 16 - Child Abuse awareness.

- April 15 - No meeting. All parents invited to attend "Give Yourself a Break Day" at the Mt. Arts Center.

- May 4 - Nutrition/Obesity.

- Floyd County Health Department Nurse Joy Moore, is at the center each Monday to administer immunizations, T.B. skin tests, well-child exams, WIC, prenatal and post-partum services, and school physicals. Call 377-2678 for an appointment.

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

- The Family Resource 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.

PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

- Dec. 11 - Special-called SBDM Council meeting, 5:30 p.m., in media center. This meeting will REPLACE the Dec. 15 regular scheduled meeting. All may attend.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

- Walking track open to public (except during special event).

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

- Anyone interested in Adult Ed may contact the center for information.

- All new students and visitors, stop by the Center, located on the South Floyd campus, Room 232, and see Mable Hall.

- For more information call 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

- Resource Center hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Parents and community members are welcome to visit. For questions, call 587-2233 - ask for Tristan Parsons, Center Coordinator, or Anita Tackett, Assistant.

W.D. OSBORNE "RAINBOW JUNCTION" FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

- "Lost and Found" located in the Center. Parents need to pick up their children's items within two weeks. Any items not claimed within two weeks, becomes the property of the FRC.

- 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. Parents/community members free to visit any time.

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

- Dec. 12 - Honor choir.
- Dec. 16 - Special chapel service, 10:00 a.m.

- Dec. 17 - 6th, 7th, and 8th grades will present program on true meaning of Christmas.

- Dec. 19 - Christmas break begins, school will dismiss at 12 p.m.

- Jan. 5 - First day back from holiday break.

Oak

kids'...when we're both doing exactly the same things.

For example, one item states, "If an adult writes in a book, we call it doodling. If a child writes in a book, we call it destroying property." Or, how about this one: "If an adult tells his side of the story, we call it clarification. If a child tells his side of a story, we call it talking back."

See what I mean? Isn't that how it goes?

I'm afraid that these things really do reflect how too many adults perceive children. Does this mean we're advocating some sort of double standard?

The list goes on.

"If an adult sticks to something, we call it perseverance. If a child sticks to something, we call it stubbornness." Another one

"If an adult raises his voice in anger, we call it maintaining control. If a child raises his voice in anger, we call it a temper tantrum."

Are these statements on target, or what?

But in this day and time, where "anything goes," and when their role models are far-away superstar athletes and belly-button-displaying rock singers, kids deserve better from members of the ordinary adult population with whom they share their day-to-day lives.

One last question to ponder: If, say in a month or so after the Christmas fun has ended, we adults were arrested and charged with being kind, compassionate and understanding toward young people, would there be enough evidence to arrest us?



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New Arrivals

HRMC New Arrivals

Nov. 24, 2003

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Nov. 25, 2003

A daughter, Madison Faith Shepherd, to Leslie and Danny Shepherd

Nov. 25, 2003

A daughter, Penelopi Dawn Hynes, to Kimberly Dawn Stone

Nov. 25, 2003

A son, Hunter Michael Nichols, to Lisa and Timothy Nichols

Nov. 26, 2003

A son, Johnathon Eric Toler, to Bridgett Crum

Nov. 26, 2003

A son, Gavin Wade Hunter, to Elaine and Stephen Hunter

Nov. 26, 2003

A daughter, Madison Alyssa Collins, to Anita Gail and Shawn Ryan Collins

Nov. 26, 2003

A daughter, Chelsea Joanna Pearl Barnett, to Natasha and Christopher Barnett

Nov. 26, 2003

A daughter, Amelia Dawn Wallace, to Donetta and Mark Wallace

Nov. 26, 2003

A daughter, Sarah Joann Alley, to Melissa Gail and Ronnie Joe Alley

Nov. 27, 2003

A son, Clayton Bradley Johnson, to April and James Johnson

Nov. 28, 2003

A daughter, Emily Kaelyn Clendenin Coleman, to Michelle Lynn Clendenin

Nov. 28, 2003

A daughter, Kailey Alexander Hornback, to Kristin and Brian Hornback

Nov. 28, 2003

A daughter, Lindsay Angel Renia Carroll, to Kelly Michelle Keathley

Nov. 28, 2003

A daughter, Tyra Alyliah Faith Hammond, to Tamera Nicole Hammond

Nov. 29, 2003

A son, Dawson Joseph Minix, to Mindy and Larry Minix

Nov. 29, 2003

A son, Cameron Dean Porter, to Corina Rose and Jimmy Porter

Nov. 30, 2003

A son, William Noah Steele, to Ginger and William Steele

Dec. 1, 2003

A son, Michael Jay Prater, to Tonya and William Prater

Dec. 1, 2003

A son, Ahmad Fahmi-Mamlouk, to Lotfi Mamlouk and Hiba Abd-Alhak

Dec. 1, 2003

A son, Noah Nathan Dean Scott, to Desiree and Jimmy Scott

Dec. 2, 2003

A daughter, Chayla Lesley Hughes, to Chayla and Randall Hughes

Dec. 2, 2003

A son, Kelly Lee Adams, to Kandy Sue Gibson

Dec. 3, 2003

A son, Austin Jacob Bowen, to Amanda and David Bowen



And the winners are...

And when the final race had been run during the "Turtle Trots" event held during the Jenny Wiley Festival, it was "Speedy Seedy" who led the way to the finish line first, with "Turbo Glory" grabbing second place and "Mr. Fast" placing third. Our Lady of the Mountains School students proudly display these three winning turtles. Pictured L to R are Rachel Branham, holding "Mr. Fast", sponsored by East Equipment; Lewie Arnett with "Turbo Glory", sponsored by Prestonsburg Auto Mart; and Kathryn Branham with "Speedy Seedy". In the background Elizabeth Hardt and Rachel Sanders display the names of the turtles who had won their individual heats to qualify for the Final Race.

Organization



Quilt Guild donates handmade turbans to local cancer center

Members of the Floyd County Nimble Thimble Quilt Guild gathered on November 19 for their annual Thanksgiving dinner at the Floyd County Co-op Extension Office. In addition to enjoying a holiday meal together, guild members helped fellow member, Dorothy Harris, make turbans to be given away at the local cancer center. Mrs. Harris has been making turbans for the center for quite some time and she enjoyed receiving help from her friends.

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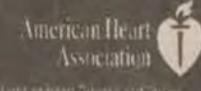
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Beau Tackett, left, a native of Floyd County, and the son of Roger and Freeda Tackett, of Eastern, is pictured performing on the stage of the Grand Ole Opry, in Nashville, Tennessee, with country music award winner, Vince Gill, right. Tackett and his wife, Deana, reside in Nashville.

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NOTICES

805-Announcements

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900-Legals

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 03-CI-00499 MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS INC., AS NOMINEE FOR COUNTRY-WIDE HOME LOANS, INC., DBA AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER AND COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., DBA AMERICA'S WHOLESALE LENDER CO-PLAINTIFFS VS. LARRY MICHAEL JOHNSON CFC FINANCIAL CORP. U.S. BANKCORP CONSUMER FINANCE OF KENTUCKY, INC., FKA FIRSTAR FINANCE FKA FIDELITY CREDIT CORPORATION UNKNOWN DEFENDANT #1, SPOUSE OF HAROLD BALDRIDGE, JR; UNKNOWN DEFENDANT #2, SPOUSE OF BRENDA LAWSON; UNKNOWN DEFENDANT #3, SPOUSE OF MICHAEL LLOYD BALDRIDGE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF ADA KATHLEEN JOHNSON BOYD; FIRST COMMONWEALTH BANK DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 15th day of October, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$37,474.88, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the high-

est bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 11th day of December, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate, located at 16 Birch Street, Garrett, Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land, located on Right Beaver Creek, in Floyd County, and being more particularly bounded and described as follows: Being Lots 52, 53, 54 and the adjoining 1/2 of the west end Lot #51, having a frontage of 87-1/2 feet and a depth of 66 (sixty-six) 60 feet, 63 feet and 66 feet in west of end of Garrett Addition to Garrett, Floyd County, Kentucky, which map is on file in the Floyd County Clerk's Office and referred to for a more particular description.

Source of Title: Deed of Conveyance from Ada Kathleen Johnson Boyd and Larry Boyd to Larry Michael Johnson, dated March 19, 2001, of record in Deed Book 457, Page 144, and also deed from Jimmy Dale Lawson et al. to Larry Michael Johnson and Ada Kathleen Johnson, dated January 26, 1996, of record in Deed Book 392, Page 422, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 of purchase price, with the balance on credit for thirty (30) days.

(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, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, 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. Jeremy M. Rettig Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480

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. 03-CI-162 WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK, F.A. PLAINTIFF VS. ROBERT L. HOOD COUNTY OF FLOYD CITY OF WHEELWRIGHT UNKNOWN DEFENDANT, OCCUPANT DEFENDANTS RE-NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 29th day of April, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$37,285.99, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 11th day of December, 2003, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., the following described real estate located at 280 Shop Fork Road, Wheelwright, in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Lot No. 280 shown on plat of city of Wheelwright prepared by Richard E. Martin and recorded in Map File No. 348A in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

Being the same property conveyed unto Robert L. Hood, a single person by deed dated August 21, and recorded in Deed Book 452, Page 187, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: (a) At the time of sale, the successful bidder, if the other than the Plaintiff, shall either pay cash or \$5,000.00 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 Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, 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.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Jeremy M. Rettig Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss P.O. Box 5480 Cincinnati, Ohio 45201-5480

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I C.A. NO. 02-CI-01294

LOGAN COPLEY PLAINTIFF VS. JOAVENELLE MCCOY; JOE FRANCIS CRIDER; SIDNEY PRISELAC; EDDIE PRISELAC; PEGGY KING; ROBERT KING; PALMER CRIDER; LINDA CRIDER; ASTOR CRIDER; BRENDA CRIDER; JIMMY CRIDER; JOHN CRIDER; AND LIZ CRIDER DEFENDANTS NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of the Floyd Circuit Court, entered on the 29th of October, 2003, in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, to determine the divisibility of said property, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center), to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Thursday, the 11th day of December, 2003, at the hour of 9:15 a.m., the following real property, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Tract 1 A certain tract and parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Johns Creek, containing 5 acres more or less bounded and described as follows, to wit:

Beginning with the flood area in center of Branch joining the Neeley lines; thence running in the center of the branch until you come to the Kentucky Power right of way; thence to the upper side of right of way; thence turn left running with the upper right of way around hill; thence down the hill, still with upper right of way to the center of lower branch; thence down the hill of lower branch to the flood area, to the beginning, adjoined Neeley line.

This being the same property conveyed to Sidney McCoy by deed from Maggie McCoy and Joseph McCoy, her husband, dated the 29th day of October, 1955, and recorded in Deed Book 161, Page 571, of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Tract 2 All the undivided interest, Joe McCoy in and to the real estate of his father, H.W. McCoy, which was owned by H.W. McCoy at his death, and which is located in Floyd County, and for more particular description of said real estate, the records of the County Court Clerk are hereby referred to and made a part hereof.

The above described property being the same property conveyed to Joe McCoy to Maggie McCoy, Sidney McCoy and Iona McCoy of record in Deed Book 98, Page 87, of the Floyd County Clerk's Office and also see Deed Book _____, Page _____, Tract 3

A certain tract and parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on Johns Creek, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning on an apple tree standing on the upper side of the county road, 175 feet more or less, above the present gas line; thence running straight across the bottom towards the hill to a cross are a rock at the back of the bottom; thence continuing the same to the top of the point on the lower side of Short Branch; thence running up center of point to the Arty Fraley line; thence running with the Arty Fraley line to the present line of Joe McCoy's children; thence with this line to the creek; thence up Johns Creek with the meanders of the same to a point on the extension of the line down the apple tree to the cross X on the rock; thence up the bank and across the road to the beginning.

Being the same property deeded to Maggie McCoy by deed recorded in Deed Book 141, Page 552, of the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Tracts 2 and 3 were acquired by Sidney McCoy Harrison, by Will of Maggie H. McCoy of record at Will Book C, Page 235; Sidney Marie McCoy Harrison died intestate on September 5, 1999, leaving as her only heirs at law: Joavenelle McCoy, Iona Copley, Joe Francis Crider, Bill Crider, Sidney Prizelac, Astor Crider, Peggy King, Jimmie Crider, Palmer Crider, John Crider. Iona Copley died testate on December 10, 1999, devising all of her interest in real property to her husband, Logan Copley.

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.

(b) The successful bidder shall be 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.

(c) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County and City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, 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.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Martin L. Osborne 119 East Court Street Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

WILLIAM S. KENDRICK Master Commissioner P.O. Box 268 Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653 (606) 886-2812

date of sale until paid, having the force and effect of a Judgment.

(c) 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, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2410 or KRS 426.530.

(d) The purchaser shall be required to assume and pay all Floyd County, Kentucky, real property taxes for the year 2003, and all subsequent years which are not yet due and payable. Any and all delinquent Floyd County, Kentucky, real estate taxes will be paid from the sale proceeds.

(e) If the successful bidder is a party to this action, he/she shall be given credit on the balance of the purchase price to the extent of his/her ownership interest in the above described real property, subject to payment of sufficient funds to satisfy the costs of sale and for the master commissioner.

Any announcements made on date of sale take precedence over printed matter contained herein.

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL: Hon. Martin L. Osborne 119 East Court Street Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653

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NOTICE OF SALE FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II ACTION NO. 01-CI-00900

MOUNTAIN MACHINERY, INC. PLAINTIFF VS. CARBON TECH FUELS, INC. DEFENDANT

By virtue of the Judgement entered in the Floyd Circuit Court on the 10th day of January, 2003, the Plaintiff shall proceed to offer for sale, one half mile N.W. of the intersection of Kentucky, Highway 1210 and US Highway 80, near Martin, Kentucky, in Floyd County, Kentucky, along and just north of

Stephens Branch, Highway 1210, up Henry's Branch, on the H.B. May heirs property; said property being encompassed in Kentucky Mine Permit Number 836-5272, to the highest bidder, at public auction, on Friday, December 12, 2003, at 1:00 p.m., or thereabout, upon terms of full payment at the time of sale, the following described coal separator which is being sold for the enforcement of liens in the amount of ONE HUNDRED AND ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$101,550.00) plus interest, costs, attorneys fees, and cost of sale, owed to plaintiff, Mountain Machinery, Inc., by the defendant, Carbon Tech Fuels, Inc. Said coal separator located at the aforementioned site in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

Coal Separator #3, Serial Number 281-3. For more information concerning this sale, please contact Ray S. Jones, II, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1378, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, (606) 432-5777.

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOTICE Draft Title V Operating Permit MarkWest Hydrocarbon, Inc. Plant I.D. # 021-071-00160 Application Log #53104

MarkWest Hydrocarbon, Inc. has applied to the Kentucky Division for Air Quality for a permit to operate a Natural Gas Extraction facility adjacent to Kentucky Hydrocarbon, Inc. at 72 Maple Street, Langley, Kentucky. The plant along with KY Hydrocarbon facilities is classified as a Title V major source due to its emissions of Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) and a minor source of carbon monoxide (CO), VOC, Particulate Matter, Sulfur Dioxides, and HAPs.

Copies of the Division's draft permit and relevant supporting information are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours at the following locations: Division for Air Quality, 803 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601; Division for Air Quality Hazard Regional Office, 233 Birch Street, Ste. 2, Hazard, KY 41701 and the Floyd County Clerk's Office, 149 South Central Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The Division is soliciting comments on the draft permit and affording the opportunity for a public hearing. To be considered, any written comments or requests for a public hearing must be postmarked within 30 days following the date of publication of this notice. Comments and/or public hearing requests should be sent to Mr. Allan Elliott at the above Frankfort address. Any person who requests a public hearing must state the issues to be raised at the hearing. If the Division finds that a hearing will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues affecting the draft permit, a hearing will be announced. All relevant comments will be considered in issuing the proposed permit. U.S. EPA has up to 45 days following the issuance of the proposed permit to submit comments. Further information can be obtained by calling Mr. Sreenivas Kesaraju at (502) 573-3382 or email at sreenivas.kesaraju@ky.gov. The Commonwealth of Ky. does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of service and provides, upon request, reasonable accommodation including auxiliary aides and services necessary to afford individuals an equal opportunity to participate in all programs and activities. Materials will be provided in alternate format upon request.

(Night) 606-353-4179, or (24 Hr) 1-888-874-8041. J.W. Kinzer Drilling Company, P.O. Box 155, Allen, Kentucky 41601. Telephone: (24 Hr) 606-874-8041 or 1-888-874-8041. KLC Enterprises, P.O. Box 2768, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502. Telephone: (Day) 606-432-4171, (Night) 606-432-0994 or (24 Hr) 1-888-874-8041.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on DECEMBER 19, 2003, at First Guaranty Bank, 36 Main Street, Martin, Kentucky.

1991 Nissan Maxima JN1H01P9K T231575

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and 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

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL NATURAL GAS CUSTOMERS OF: Belfry Gas Company, Inc., Floyd Co., KY; J.W. Kinzer Drilling Company, Floyd Co., KY; and KLC Enterprises, Floyd Co., KY.

To recognize a gas pipeline emergency: (a) Natural Gas has a distinct smell, any odor of gas smell inside of your home - immediately turn off all gas appliances - leave your home and call the gas company from another location, do not re-enter your home until the gas company has made its inspection of all gas piping inside and outside your home.

(b) Any smell of natural gas, or detection of leak in any facility, gathering line, main, or service, regardless of its location, report it immediately. (c) To all persons, firms, corporations, or contractors: Before you commence any excavation or related activities in these localities, please call for the location of our gas facilities, gathering lines, mains, and services.

Belfry Gas Company, P.O. Box 504, Allen, Kentucky 41601. Telephone: (Day) 606-874-8041 or 606-237-4641.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg does not discriminate in admission or access to, or treatment of, or employment in subsidized housing on account of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, disability or marital status.

Telephone: 606-886-2717, or 800-648-6506 (For hearing impaired).

The Housing Authority of Prestonsburg has decent, affordable rental housing, located in the Prestonsburg area for all qualified applicants. Rent is based on income. For more information, please call 606-886-2717, or 606-886-6423, or stop by the offices, located in the complexes at Green Acres, North Lake Drive, and Dixie, in the Goble-Roberts Addition, in Prestonsburg, KY. We do business in accordance with the Federal Fair Housing Law.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Prestonsburg Housing Authority would like to remind anyone who may be making excavations near or on the Housing Authority property, that it is necessary to report to the Housing Authority before doing any work, and to report any incidence of gas odor in the Housing Authority Community.

Phone Numbers of persons to contact:

Prestonsburg Housing Authority... (606) 886-2717
 Daytime hours: 8:30-4:30
 After Hours:
 Tim Osborne, Maintenance Supervisor... (606) 226-2363
 Charles Shell, Maintenance Staff... (606) 226-2353
 Brenda Harris, Executive Director... (606) 886-2519

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

Pursuant to Application Number 898-4217

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Central Appalachia Mining, L.L.C., P.O. Box 2827, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a Phase III Bond release of permit number 898-4217, for increment 1, which was last issued on September 11, 2003. The application covers and area of approximately 34.38 surface acres, located two (2) miles northeast of Ivel, in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 1 mile north from U.S. 23 junction with Ivy Creek Road, and located 1

mile north of Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37°36'04". The longitude is 82°38'56".

The bond now in effect for increment 1, is a surety bond for five thousand five-hundred dollars (\$5,500). Approximately one-hundred percent (100%) of the original bond amount of (\$5,500) is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, and mulching, completed in Fall 2003.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by January 30, 2004.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 2, 2004, at 10 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, located at 121 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by January 30, 2004.

(FOR FINAL ADVERTISEMENT): This is the final advertisement of the application. Written comments, objections and requests for a public or informal conference, must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky, 40601, by January 30, 2004.

REPORT OF UNCLAIMED PARI-MUTUEL TICKETS

(To be Submitted in Duplicate prior to September 1, 2003)

Report of Unclaimed Pari-Mutuel Tickets, in compliance with KRS 230.361, Section 3, I, Wilma Foley of Thunder Ridge, located in Floyd County, Kentucky, do report as of July 1, 2003, that we are holding \$19,638.84 in unclaimed winning pari-mutuel tickets, one (1) year old or older.

Commonwealth of Kentucky, County of Floyd. The affiant being duly sworn or affirmed according to law, deposes and says that the foregoing report is correct and true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn of affirmed to and subscribed before me this 12th day of November, 2003.

Anita S. Ratliff, Notary Public.

My commission expires 7-11-06. Any one holding such unclaimed winning tickets may redeem same prior to December 1, 2003, at the office of Thunder Ridge, 164 Thunder Rd; Prestonsburg, Ky, at which time, the remaining balance will be forwarded to the Kentucky Racing Commission, 4063 Iron Works Pkwy, Lexington, Kentucky 40511.

I, John K. Blackburn, Sheriff of Floyd County, Kentucky, do hereby certify that the above notice had been posted at the county courthouse for twenty (20) consecutive days from 12-2, 2003, to 12-22, 2003, and a notice published in the Floyd County Times on 12-5-03, in accordance with KRS 230.362.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER

836-5423 OPERATOR CHANGE

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia 25541, intends to revise Permit No. 836-5423 to add operators. The operator presently approved in the permit is Frasure Creek Mining, LLC, 1051 Main Street, Suite 100, Milton, West Virginia. The new operators will be Clifco Enterprise, Inc., 240 Cowpen Road, Suite 210, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, and Double C Enterprises, Inc., 1720 Wolfpit Branch Road, Elkhorn City, Kentucky 41522.

The operation is located 3.6 miles southeast of McDowell, in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.50 mile southeast from KY Route 1929's junction with Ned Fork County Road and located along Poplarlick Fork of Frasure Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37°24'20" and longitude 82°41'35".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 3140 South Lake Drive, Suite 6, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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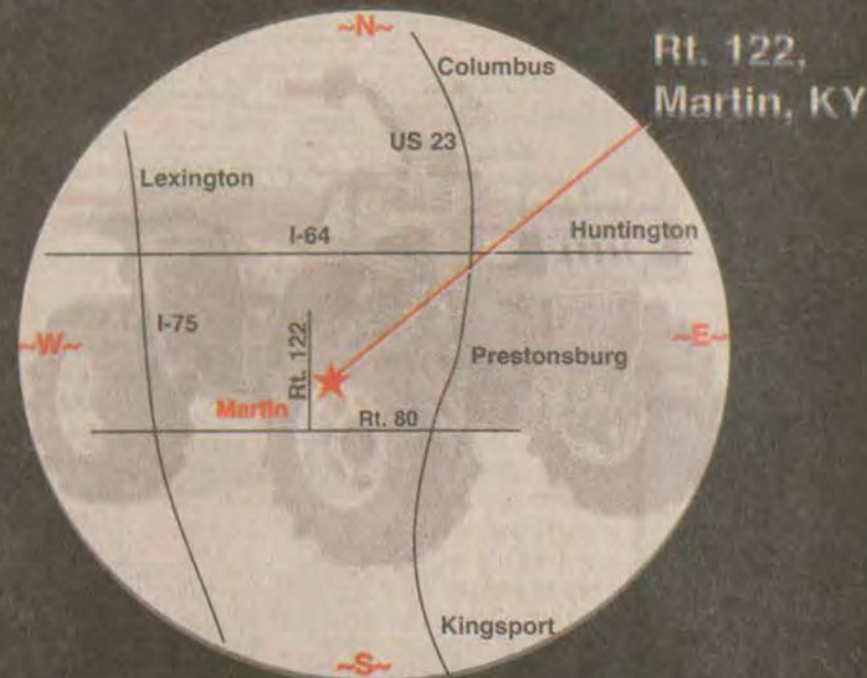
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