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Otter Creek lockdown proves to be false alarm

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

WHEELWRIGHT — When Wheelwright's Otter Creek Correctional Center went into lockdown Friday evening, the surrounding community who heard of the move immediately began talk-

ing about "another prison break."

But the lockdown was, according to Otter Creek Warden Randy Stovall, a precautionary measure that ultimately diverted that very situation.

According to Stovall, the prison received a phone call Friday evening from the Prestonsburg Police Department

informing them that a woman who had visited the facility earlier that day could possibly be arriving there that evening. Stovall said he ordered a lockdown of the facility and had guards check on the status of the inmate as a precaution.

"They said they didn't know if she was coming up here or not and we didn't know

so we just locked down and checked to see that the inmate was still here," said Stovall. "We just reacted to make sure nothing was amiss with us."

Prestonsburg police officer Stevie Little cited a woman staying at Super 8 Motel in

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Pike woman dies in wreck on U.S. 119

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

GOODY — A Pike County woman was killed in an accident on US 119 in Goody on Friday.

Tina M. Blackburn, 38, was killed when she apparently lost control of her vehicle on the snow- and ice-covered roadway. The vehicle crossed the median, where it was struck in the driver's side by a vehicle driven by Melvin McCoy.

Blackburn was pronounced dead at the scene by Pike County Deputy Coroner Mike Hall.

McCoy, passengers in his vehicle and a passenger in Blackburn's vehicle were transported to Appalachian Regional Hospital.

The accident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police.



The Big Sandy federal penitentiary, shown above during construction last year, has missed two deadlines for opening and must continue to wait for Congress to adopt a budget before progress can continue.

Federal prison still months from opening

by SHELDON COMPTON
STAFF WRITER

DEBORD — A projected opening date for the Big Sandy federal penitentiary, located along a mountaintop about eight miles south of Inez on Route 3, cannot be given until the federal budget is passed, according to Martin County Economic Development Director Carolea Dials.

"Everything is contingent upon the federal budget being passed,"

Dials said. "They're not giving dates until that happens."

Dials said when the federal budget is passed, it will almost certainly take more time to secure the money to open the doors.

"Once that happens, it may take two or three weeks for those monies to become available," said Dials. "They anticipate that to happen — for the president to sign — in the next three or four weeks and then they'll proceed."

Proceeding with an opening

means everything from getting the 70 or 80 employees the prison has already hired into work, to furnishing the 677,000 square foot facility, a series of steps that will push opening day an additional two or three more months down the road, according to Dials.

Anticipation for the opening of the nation's newest federal prison has been brewing since the project was first initiated in the late 1990s.

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More than 4,000 miners out of work

by ROGER ALFORD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PIKEVILLE — After 29 years as a coal miner, Glenn Stanley has grown accustomed to the layoffs that go along with occasional market slumps.

So when the mine foreman and his men at North Star Mining in Belfry received word in December that they were being furloughed, they made their routine visits to the unemployment office.

"The girls in the Pikeville office and I are on a first-name basis," Stanley said. "Layoffs are just part of the business. It's been almost common practice."

This time, however, it's not just idled crews from one mine standing in the unemployment line. The layoffs are widespread as coal companies across Appalachia struggle to get through the worst economic slump in more than two decades.

More than 4,000 miners have lost their jobs in the past 13 months in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. And the layoffs appear to be continuing.

"The situation is as bad as I've seen," said Bill Caylor, president of the Kentucky Coal Association. "We're hurting."

West Virginia was hardest hit, with 2,300 miners losing their jobs. Pennsylvania followed with 800 coal miners furloughed. Kentucky lost 700 coal jobs, and Virginia 240.

Analysts said they see no relief to the lagging coal sales and stagnant prices that have forced companies to scale back production and send

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Thursday



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Martin woman accused of stalking

by JARRID DEATON
STAFF WRITER

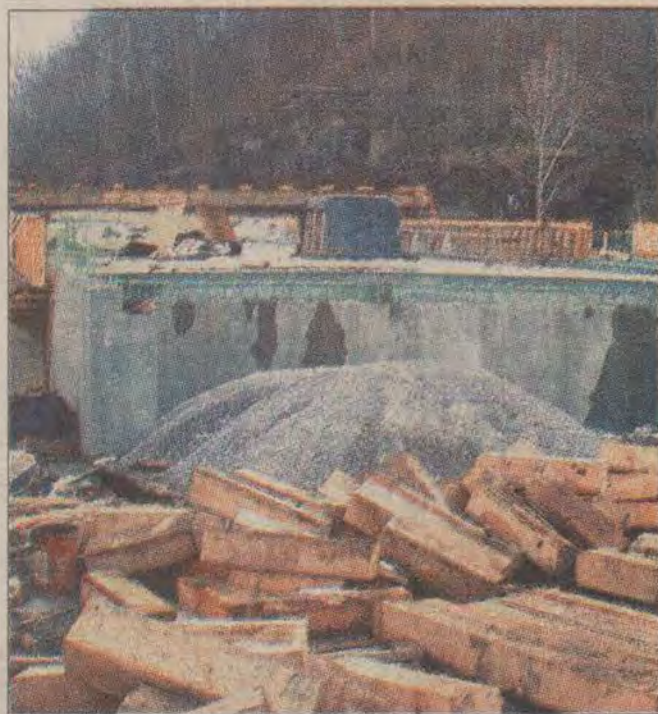
ALLEN — A Martin woman was arrested and charged with stalking for allegedly following a woman and her husband to home and work.

Janice Griffith, 49, is accused of stalking Angie Prater, of Allen, and her husband from Jan. 11 to Feb. 6.

According to the police report, Griffith made calls to the Praters' home, followed them and walked up and down the fence line at their home in an attempt to get onto the property. Prater also alleges that Griffith sat and watched their home for seven and-a-half hours at one point.

Griffith also allegedly made threats towards the Prater and her husband and followed them to their workplace.

Griffith is scheduled to be arraigned on the charges on Feb. 19.



Construction on the new Town Branch Bridge in Prestonsburg continues. The old bridge, which had been condemned, was demolished nearly one year ago.

Council approves loan, corrects garbage increase

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — The regularly held Prestonsburg City Council meeting was short but precise in carrying out regular city business.

The Monday evening meeting began with a prayer, which included a special one for Councilman Billy Ray Collins, who has been battling cancer.

The first item of business to be dealt with was a correction to motion 23 from the last meeting, which called for a state mandated increase in garbage rates. The amendment to the motion and the budget included an increase from \$1.75 to \$1.85.

The council accepted a bid from First Commonwealth Bank for a \$250,000 loan at a fixed 2.99 percent annual rate, declining a bid for a fixed 3.99 percent from Citizens National.

Another item concerning

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photo by Loretta Blackburn
Councilman Jimmy Joe Derossett voiced concern about the need for a traffic light at Mays Branch, in Prestonsburg, at the city council meeting on Monday. Mayor Jerry Fannin stated that the council had requested that the state Transportation Cabinet put one there several times, to no avail. The council adopted a resolution to send Secretary of Transportation James C. Codell III a letter voicing concerns about city traffic problems.

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■ **ATLANTA** — The new Georgia governor is ready to do something about government fat.

Gov. Sonny Perdue launched a weight-loss program at the Capitol on Monday, pledging to give up his favorite Snickers bars and adopt a healthier lifestyle.

Weigh-ins were optional, but Perdue belled up to the scales after joking, "I want y'all to know I actually have two 10-pound ankle weights on me today."

The Republican governor, who is 5 feet 11 inches, tipped the scales at 228.5 pounds. "I weighed 220 this morning," he quipped. "I don't know what happened."

To demonstrate his resolve, however, the self-confessed Snickers addict produced a wrapped bar, kissed it goodbye and tossed it into the crowd.

■ **GAINESVILLE, Mo.** — A Missouri man is calling on a higher power for his legal repre-

sentation.

Richard John Adams requested Jesus Christ as his trial attorney during a hearing Wednesday on tampering charges. Adams, who described himself as a patriot and a Christian, says lawyers are "devils" who are trying to undermine the Constitution.

Ozark County Circuit Judge John Moody told Adams the only person who can speak for him in the courtroom is a lawful attorney.

Adams is charged with tampering with a judge for hostile comments made during an earlier traffic case. He faces a maximum of 14 years in prison if convicted of both counts.

■ **BARSTOW, Calif.** — Greece has the Parthenon. This Mojave Desert town may get the Carthagen.

That's what artist Curtis Zaxx Llewellyn calls his design for a 40-foot-tall gateway. The project would use junked cars, crushed into cubes and assembled into five columns. Topping them would be an aluminum sign sporting tailfins resembling those of a 1959 Cadillac.

Wayne Soppeland, who heads the economic development committee of the local Chamber of Commerce, said he envisions the sculpture as "something that the people could be proud of and identify with."

He also says it's a fitting concept considering historic Route 66 ran through town.

Llewellyn, who designs such art for a living, got into the picture last year when he stopped at a local motel during a business trip.

"I heard about their plans," Llewellyn said. "I love working with these small towns in the middle of nowhere."

■ **NISSWA, Minn.** — The Chamber of Commerce is fighting to preserve a 39-year tradition in this resort town; turtle

racings.

Chamber officials say legislation passed last year has endangered the crowd-drawing races that take place each Wednesday during the summer.

Marketing director Kathy Newton said turtle vendors told her they were informed by Department of Natural Resources officials that the state will no longer offer new licenses to sell or rent turtles, and that a 1986 law requires licensing for such activities.

Vendors typically provide racing turtles for somewhere between 400 and 600 tourists and area residents. Newton said every summer race day draws about 1,200 people.

Rich Baker of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Ecological Services, said long-standing state laws on the sale of wildlife don't specifically prohibit turtle races.

He said people can take turtles from the wild if they have a fishing license (kids under 16 don't need one) or get turtles from pet shops or licensed turtle sellers.

■ **OSHTEMO TOWNSHIP, Mich.** — Counting sheep will likely keep farmer George Buckham wide awake.

That's because one of his sheep gave birth to quintuplets, all in perfect health.

"It's never happened on the Buckham farm in 120 years," said Buckham, whose been farming for 74 years.

Some breeds, such as Suffolks, commonly have twins, and some may even have triplets from time to time.

"But to have five lambs, that is very unusual," said Michigan State University extension agent Maury Kaercher said. Almost as surprising, he said, is that all five are healthy and good-sized lambs.

"I can only imagine the amazement on their faces as they were helping this ewe have lambs and here's another one, and another one, and another one," Kaercher said. "They must have been thinking, 'Hmmm, is there no end to this?'"

■ **FORT WORTH, Texas** — A burglary was bungled when the suspect was caught sleeping on the job.

A man was arrested Saturday morning when he was found taking a nap after breaking into a store owned by the wife of the county district attorney, police said.

"I think he was a pretty dumb burglar," employee Janie Sidener said. "Of all the places in town he has to break in to, he picks the DA's wife's shop."

Sidener had emptied the cash register after closing the store Friday night, leaving only some change, which was scattered around the shop when she returned for work, she said.

She noticed that someone had used the store's toilet with-

out flushing and left a large black pistol on the bathroom counter. Then she heard someone snoring in a big bed that is part of a sales display.

Sidener said the man was irritated after being awoken by police, saying, "Hey, I was asleep!"

■ **OBERLIN, Ohio** — Hopes of bringing back the Oberlin College Sailing Club have drowned in a sea of red tape.

The club has eight sails in a closet at the college student union building, but no boat.

"It's kind of silly for us not to be allowed to have a boat," said Abe Kruger, the club's 21-year-old commodore.

The club, founded in 1948, was defunct when Kruger began efforts in 2000 to revive it. Soon after that, a sailor donated sails for a racing boat. Kruger and other club members then found another sailor willing to sell his boat for \$2,000.

The deal fell through because

the college was concerned about liability and Oberlin's vice president of finance refused to authorize the purchase.

"I happen to like sailing a lot," Vice President Andrew Evans said. "But the risk is significant, especially if you're going to use the boat on Lake Erie."

Liability concerns are an issue at all schools, but most colleges treat sailing like other activities that may pose a risk, said Gail Turluck, graduate secretary of the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association's Midwest District.

Oberlin has equestrian and scuba diving clubs, but they fall under the department of athletics, which means they receive more administrative guidance and oversight, Evans said.

■ **BLOUNTVILLE, Tenn.** — Forgot to pack clean socks in your luggage?

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Movie director Franco Zeffirelli is 80. Baseball Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Joe Garagiola is 77. Sen. Arlen Specter (R-Pa.) is 73. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Bill Russell is 69. Actor Joe Don Baker is 67. Rock musician Ray Manzarek (The Doors) is 64. Author Judy Blume is 65. Country singer Moe Bandy is 59. Actress Maud Adams is 58. Actor Cliff DeYoung is 58. Actor Michael Ironside is 53. Rock musician Steve Hackett is 53. Rock singer Michael McDonald is 51. Actress Joanna Kerns is 50. Actor-former talk show host Arsenio Hall is 48. Actress Christine Elise is 38. Actor Josh Brolin is 35. Singer Chynna Phillips is 35. Rock musician Jim Creegan (Barenaked Ladies) is 33. Rhythm-and-blues musician Kerli Lewis is 32. Actress Christina Ricci is 23.

Thought for Today:

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Senate panel approves bill stiffen penalty for corrupt officials

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — A Senate committee Tuesday approved a bill to create another felony crime — “abuse of public trust.” If enacted, public officials who stole public money could be sent to prison for up to 20 years.

The legislation was prompted by a case from Florence, whose former finance director is charged with stealing more than \$1 million from the city.

Ronald J. Epling faces multiple charges of theft, each of which carries a sentence of one to five years. That penalty doesn't fit the alleged crime, Florence's assistant city attorney, Larry Dillon, told the State and Local Government

Committee. “When a public servant violates a trust such as this, there's not just a single, individual victim,” Dillon said. “The entire community feels victimized and outraged. This sense of outrage is pervasive throughout

Florence at this time.” The proposed crime would apply to any official who intentionally takes public money or property. Those convicted of the crime could never again hold public office.

Penalties would increase in proportion to amounts stolen. The offense would be a class D felony, punishable by one to five years in prison, for thefts of less than \$10,000. Thefts over \$100,000 would be a Class B felony, punishable by 10 to 20 years.

Although the bill won unanimous approval, some lawmakers raised concerns about a section allowing forfeiture of a convicted public official's property to help compensate for any losses.

Sen. David Karem, D-Louisville, said innocent relatives of a corrupt officeholder could be uprooted from their home. “I don't want to put mom and three kids in a welfare situation,” he said.

Republican Sen. Dick Roeding of Lakeside Park, the bill's sponsor, said he was agreeable to removing the section dealing with forfeitures.

(The legislation is Senate Bill 94).

House panel approves bill to end 'double dipping'

by BRUCE SCHREINER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Public perceptions about elected county officials collecting both pensions and salaries weighed on a House committee that approved a bill Tuesday to end the practice, commonly called “double dipping.”

The bill is a reaction to the maneuvering of at least seven elected officials that enabled them to draw their pensions while working.

Those officials won re-election last November, abruptly retired for 30 days, then returned to office with pensions.

Rep. Brent Yonts, D-Greenville, said voters in those counties had been “somewhat deceived,” and that his bill was meant to stop it.

“It keeps public officials honest with the public when they file for office, and that's the intent of the bill,” Yonts said.

His proposal easily cleared the House State Government Committee.

Yonts' bill would prohibit elected officials from returning to their former posts within 12 months of retiring, unless they forfeit money collected from state pensions.

Workers employed by the government for at least 27 years can boost their incomes by as much as 45 percent by combining pensions and salaries.

The measure would not apply retroactively to those elected officials who are now double-dipping. Instead, it would cover officials who retire on or after this coming July 1.

Rep. John Adams, D-Hopkinsville, said the decision by a few county officials to take advantage of the loophole didn't sit well with the public.

“People in the coffee shops don't appreciate that,” Adams said.

Rep. Paul Marcotte, R-Union, said the public has viewed the double-dipping as a scheme officials who were “milking the system.” Marcotte said the practice erodes trust in government.

“If we don't nip it in the bud now, it's going to spread,” he said.

While no one voted against the bill, a couple of committee members raised concerns that it might discourage experienced officials from returning to office.

“What bothers me is you're going to take good, talented individuals out of the pool to serve in government, and Lord knows it's tough enough to get us to serve now,” said Rep. Jimmie Lee, D-Elizabethtown.

Lee voted for the bill, but questioned whether it would raise an unconstitutional barrier for ex-officers wanting to seek office.

Yonts' bill is one of a handful dealing with the practice of “double dipping.” Other bills would specify minimum lengths of retirement for state and county employees who want to return to work with pensions.

(Yonts' legislation is House Bill 61).

Miners

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workers home.

Massey Energy laid off an 100 miners from its Sidney Coal operations outside Pikeville last month, bringing the total layoffs companywide to 800 in the past year, said Jeff Gillenwater, director of human resources for the Virginia-based company.

Gillenwater said more layoffs are likely as the company considers additional cost-cutting measures, “but hopefully not of the magnitude we've seen in the past year.”

Power shortages two years ago pushed electric generating plants across the nation to purchase more coal on the spot market, which led to a temporary uptick in the industry in 2001.

Mining companies in Kentucky scrambled to add more miners to their rosters, which had dwindled from 46,000 in 1980 to less than 16,000 over 20 years of hard times in the industry.

“The price of coal is just too low,” Caylor said. “We can't mine coal for what we're getting for it. That's why coal mines are shutting down.”

Caylor said he foresees no change in the market until the price of coal goes up from the \$24 per ton utilities are now paying.

“The thicker, easier to mine coal seams are gone,” he said. “Now we're going after deeper and thinner seams. That means the cost of mining is increasing, but we're not getting more money.”

Joe Jarvis, a data analyst for the West Virginia Bureau of Employment Programs, said the job losses weren't surprising

because of last year's more moderate temperatures. Electric generating plants, which had built up huge coal stockpiles, purchased less of the hot-burning mineral.

Total coal mining employment stood at 16,300 in West Virginia in December, down from 18,600 a year before.

“I think we're looking at some permanent layoffs this year, so I expect that number to decline even more,” Jarvis said.

Stanley, 53, said he feels sure there will be an economic turnaround.

“I can survive on unemployment benefits until I find another job,” he said. “I figure it's just a matter of time.”

Lockdown

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Prestonsburg on Friday after police found her child wandering the motel alone. The identity of the woman was not available at press time, according to police.

“She was staying over there and getting ready to go up to Otter Creek to see her husband,” Prestonsburg Chief of Operations Stan Farler said Tuesday. “We were called and went out and found the child in the hallway. The grandfather

was in the room sleeping and the mother had went down to Reno's to get something to eat.”

Farler said the call from the city to the prison could have come from dispatch as a courtesy contact, considering that the woman may have not been located at that time and did have a husband housed at the prison, but also offered the entire thing could have been a “misunderstanding.”

“I'd say that [the lockdown] was just a precautionary thing up there,” Farler said. “Dispatch may have called up there before we found her, but it just sounds like a misunderstanding to me.”

Filing fee increase would help Legal Aid

The Associated Press

FRANKFORT — A House committee endorsed a bill Tuesday to increase court filing fees in Kentucky to raise money for Legal Aid services for the poor.

The higher fees would help offset steep funding cuts looming for the program, which offers legal assistance to about 30,000 Kentuckians each year. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Charles Geveden, D-Wickliffe, easily cleared the House State Government Committee.

The measure would double the portion of the fee that goes to Legal Aid. In district court, that

amount would go to \$10, up from \$5, and in circuit court it would go to \$20, up from \$10.

The current fee for filing a case in district court is \$50.50 and in circuit court is \$108. Those amounts are considerably smaller than the fees charged in Kentucky's neighboring states.

The increase is expected to raise about \$1.3 million a year, nearly enough to replace what Legal Aid is losing from federal and other sources, the bill's supporters said.

The measure has been endorsed by the Kentucky Bar Association.

(The legislation is House Bill 163).

Council

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finances was an agreement for the city to allow those interested in improving and expanding the Battle of Middle Creek site to go through them to acquire money. Mayor Jerry Fannin stated that the application would have to go through a government agency, which would receive the money and then release it as needed to the Middle Creek project.

In reference to the city's problem with Charter Communications, Councilman Shag Branham said that he had met with the director, Michael Kellerman, who had asked to address the council as a whole concerning the service and costs, as well as a finalization date for internet service.

Councilman Jimmy Derossett expressed concern about another accident at Mays Branch and a citizen's request for a light, which resulted in a motion for a resolution that the city would send to Secretary of Transportation James C. Codell III, voicing the concerns centered around the traffic problem. A state survey has been performed with the consideration of making the stretch of road from Prestonsburg High School to Layne Brothers Auto a three-lane highway.

Man charged with selling inedible wildlife parts

by LORETTA BLACKBURN
STAFF WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — A Prestonsburg man will face charges of selling inedible wildlife parts in connection with allegedly attempting to sell mounted wildlife without a valid taxidermist license.

According to a citation, Mark

D. Crider, 38, of Corn Fork, received the citation from Mark Wallace, Kentucky Wildlife, on Feb. 9. The citation states that Wallace seized the mount that Crider allegedly attempted to sell, as evidence.

A court document states that the charge against Crider is the misdemeanor crime of sale of inedible wildlife parts.

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Worth Repeating ...

"Laughter is not at all a bad beginning for a friendship, and it is far the best ending for one."

—Oscar Wilde

Amendment 1

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

Our View

Wrong time, wrong message

Floyd County's schools are out of session yet again today, but this time it has nothing to do with the weather.

Regardless of whether the county's roads are icy or clear, students will sit home today, as they have on many other days recently. This time, however, the day home from school is due to political reasons.

Floyd County teachers will be among others who will journey to Frankfort in order to take part in the "Voice of Need Rally," an event designed to focus attention on education needs in the state.

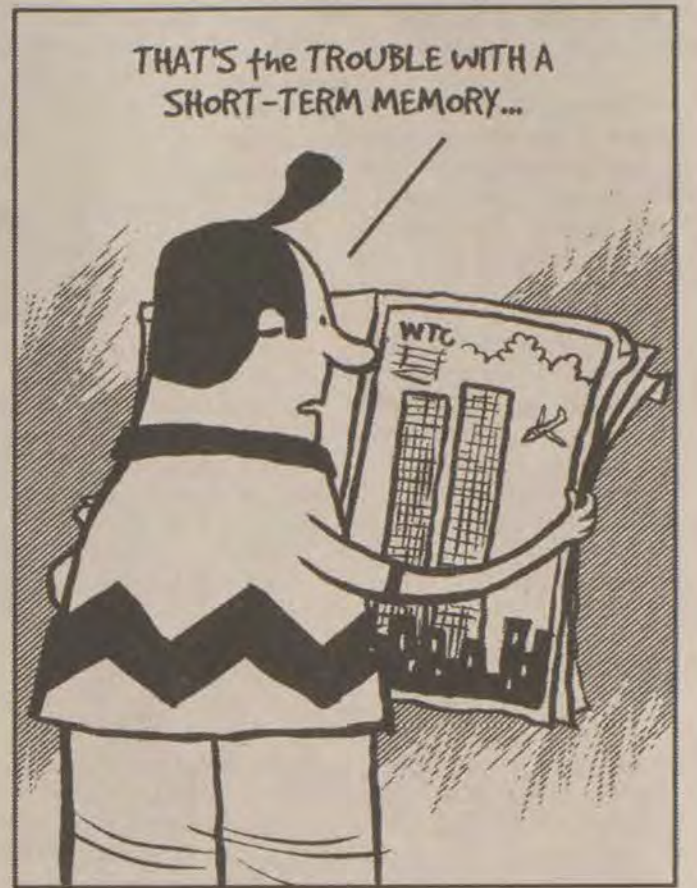
While we cannot disagree with the stated aim of the teachers, especially at a time when a shrinking budget necessitates a need to make hard decisions about priorities, we do find it somewhat inappropriate and probably counterproductive for educators to schedule this mass lobbying effort on a school day. What could be more contradictory than canceling class in order to fight for education?

This is especially so in Floyd County, where the slightest flurry or even the mere chance of snow has closed schools far too many times this year. Since the turn of the new year, students have actually made it to their desks only a handful of days, and several of those ended early due to threatening weather. Now, in addition to all those missed days, tack on one more.

And it isn't really quite clear that closing school will help swell the ranks of those marching on the state capitol by all that much. Back in December, Supt. Paul Fanning said that of about 300 responses he had received, 212 teachers had said they wouldn't bother going to the rally, even if school were called off.

All in all, the whole thing, though well intentioned, is a mess from start to finish. There must have been a better way than cutting class for teachers to get their message to legislators.

— The Floyd County Times



Guest Column

Cuts would hurt most vulnerable

by JUDY WEBB

Women who live in the rural counties surrounding Prestonsburg and Floyd County will be hit the hardest if the funding cuts proposed by Gov. Paul Patton become a reality. The Big Sandy Family Abuse Center will have to reduce the services it provides to women in Magoffin, Martin, Johnson and Pike counties.

The budget cuts mean fewer victims will have court advocates to assist them when they decide to press charges against their abusers. And fewer victims will have workers help them gain independence by finding public assistance, transitional housing and child care.

The women who seek refuge at our shelter will also be affected.

The funding cuts will reduce the number of staff members available to counsel women when they've made the pivotal decision to break away from their abusers. Their children will have fewer people to comfort them through what could be the most traumatic experience of their young lives.

It is difficult to overstate the consequences of the proposed funding cuts on our program and the 14 other domestic violence programs that compose the Kentucky Domestic Violence Association.

Last year, more than 26,000 victims of domestic violence and their children were

served by Kentucky's 15 state-funded domestic violence programs. Shelter advocates accompanied these victims to court 28,000 times, provided 115,000 individual counseling sessions, responded to 42,000 crisis-related calls on our 24-hour crisis lines, and held nearly 43,000 support groups. At least 4,600 of these victims believed they were in such danger they required emergency shelter. Another 2,600 victims and children were turned away because shelters were full.

Please remember that our shelters are preparing for steep cuts in funds from our other major funding source — the federal government. The money the shelters receive from the Victims of Crime Act will be cut 13 percent, and we've been told to prepare for reductions in the money we received under the Violence Against Women Act — although we don't know yet how much. The federal cuts are devastating if they were all our shelters had to contend with. Additional cuts in state general funds will mean the number and quality of services we offer Kentucky's women and children will be dramatically affected.

Some say times are tight and we must all tighten our belts. But the truth is rural women and children who depend on our outreach offices will suffer the most. In the last 10 years, we've opened more than 74 offices in rural counties across the state. We will close the majority of them if the state cuts our funding.

Some say the private sector will just have to step up to the plate and make up for the loss in public funding.

Unfortunately, the proposed state funding cuts are like a double-edged sword —

they cut both ways. Many of the private sources that fund our programs require us to match their funds. That means in many cases — in too many cases — a General Fund cut is a double whammy. We lose the public funds and we lose our ability to capture private funds.

Finally, if funding is cut, the possibility of domestic violence-related homicides increases. During the last five years, we know of at least 123 victims who lost their lives as a result of domestic violence in Kentucky. We believe this number will go up if services are cut. We just don't know by how much.

KDVA President Lee Alcott says the fabric of our nation is woven together with threads of freedom, justice and safety. The Fourth Amendment to the Bill of Rights highlights the "right of all individuals to be secure in their houses." Yet, Alcott notes, "For many women, their home is the most violent, most dangerous and oftentimes the most lethal place she can be. For too many of Kentucky's children, this is also the place they grow up."

For more than 20 years, shelters have worked hard to expand their services to reach more Kentucky women and children. We've depended on General Fund dollars as the foundation to our public net of safety. To cut into that foundation is to go back 20 years and send a message that Kentucky doesn't value the safety of its women and children. Please call your state senators and representatives today and ask them to safeguard this network.

Judy Webb is executive director of Big Sandy Family Abuse Center.

Letters

Juvenile proceedings should remain secret

I am writing in response to your recent editorial, wherein you praised the dismissal of the civil suit I filed on behalf of Jarrod Adkins against the Appalachian News Express.

I am further writing to advise you that the order dismissing Jarrod Adkins' case against the Appalachian News Express has recently been set aside. I noticed there has been no newspaper publicity about this development.

In your editorial, you erroneously assumed that the lawsuit in question was filed because there was some embarrassing publicity about the events surrounding the juvenile criminal charges

brought against Jarrod Adkins. As Mr. Adkins' attorney, I can assure you that is not what the lawsuit was about. In fact, the lawsuit was about a much more serious matter, specifically, whether or not the newspapers have the right to print events that occurred at confidential juvenile hearings.

In Jarrod's case, the lawsuit was focused solely on the fact that the Appalachian News Express had reported the results of what occurred at a confidential juvenile hearing in Pike District Court. In the article in question, Jarrod was the only juvenile who was identified. In fact, a picture of him appeared on the front page of the newspaper. It was our position then, and continues to be our position now, that newspapers are not entitled to report on events that occur in confidential juvenile hear-

ings. The newspaper has taken the position that they have a First Amendment right to report on what occurs at such hearings. We strongly disagree with this argument, and we believe that allowing newspapers to report on confidential juvenile hearings will effectively compromise the entire purpose of juvenile court, where it is believed that it is in the best interest of the children that these matters are dealt with in private.

Thank you for your attention.

Ned Pillersdorf
Prestonsburg

Planning black lung meeting

I, Den Hunter, just talked with John Stewart in Illinois, who is the new president of

the National Black Lung Association, the federal black lung. He is trying to get a meeting set up in Beckley, W.Va., sometime in May, so we can be updated on what is going on, and we hope Cecil Roberts and Joe Mane can be there. I hope the bill for the widows can get re-sponsored. I will write another article when the meeting is set up in Beckley and what day of the month it will be on because the coal miners and the widows need all the support we can give them.

Me and John Stewart talked for awhile on the telephone. John told me if we could set up a black lung meeting in this area, he would try to come and speak. We should meet at least once a year. I hope everyone will be willing to meet and talk about our black lung.

Den Hunter
Harold

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Health Extra

HEALTH BEAT:

Pill to postpone heart valve replacement

by LAURAN NEERGAARD
AP Medical Writer

WASHINGTON — Tens of thousands of Americans face the heart valve replacement that Sen. Bob Graham underwent last week, open-heart surgery that is likely to increase dramatically as the population ages.

But what if a simple pill could slow the rusting of the aortic heart valve and let patients postpone, maybe even avoid, the surgery that is today's only fix?

Scientists have uncovered tantalizing evidence that statins, those pills so popular to lower cholesterol, might do just that — and not through any cholesterol effect, but by a completely different action that suggests even patients with low cholesterol might benefit.

"It's very exciting," says Dr. Ann Bolger of the American Heart Association, who is monitoring early research that suggests bad valves are half as likely to worsen if patients take statins. "No one expected this."

The aortic valve shunts oxygen-rich blood from the heart's main pumping chamber to the rest of the body. It looks some-

thing like a rounded tulip, with three leaflets that open and close with each heartbeat.

But it can essentially start to rust shut and cause the heart to pump harder and harder to force blood through the narrowed opening. Eventually, patients with this "aortic stenosis" require open-heart surgery to

replace the faulty valve or face life-threatening heart damage. Aging is the biggest culprit, as with Graham, the 66-year-old Florida senator and possible Democratic presidential candidate whose aortic valve was replaced last week. Just as older people's arteries harden, something sometimes scars the aortic valve's tender leaflets. Calcium deposits build amid the leaflets, further narrowing and stiffening the opening.

Another significant cause is a birth defect, a two-leaflet, or bicuspid, aortic valve. Those naturally narrower valves can accumulate calcium sooner, which can lead to valve replacements for patients in their 30s and 40s.

Five in 10,000 Americans have significant aortic stenosis,

requires taking blood-thinners for the rest of their lives.

Hence excitement about a possible pill.

Scientists at the Mayo Clinic tracked 156 people with aortic stenosis, including 38 who took statins, cholesterol-lowering drugs sold under such brand names as Lipitor and Pravachol.

Initially, the researchers were disappointed: Patients' cholesterol levels had no bearing on how quickly their aortic stenosis worsened.

Yet in almost four years, the statin users were half as likely to see their valves worsen. Other small studies have suggested a similar effect.

If cholesterol didn't matter, why would statins help heart valves? They're thought to fight inflammation, one key to stiffening heart tissues, and to increase bones' calcium absorption. That leaves less calcium floating in the blood to deposit in the wrong spot, explains Mayo lead researcher Dr. Maurice Sarano.

Within a year, Mayo hopes to begin a 1,000-patient experiment giving either statins or dummy pills to people whose aortic valves are going bad, in hopes of proving if the pills truly help. European scientists are pursuing similar experiments.

Some 8 million Americans already take statins to lower cholesterol, and while the drugs do have some side effects, seri-

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Bolger says, and more than 20,000 aortic valves are replaced each year.

It's highly successful surgery; even 90-year-olds can experience huge relief. But it's a painful operation, with a 4 percent risk of death, one that will show dramatic increases as the baby boom generation ages. And while some patients qualify for biological replacements like pig or cow valves, many receive a mechanical heart valve that

Senate blocks proposed amendment on malpractice

by BRUCE SCHREINER
Associated Press

FRANKFORT — In a party-line vote, the Kentucky Senate on Monday blocked a proposed constitutional amendment aimed at letting the General Assembly try to rein in medical malpractice costs.

The proposed amendment, championed by Senate President David Williams, needed 23 votes for passage. It got 21, all from Republicans, with 12 Democrats voting against it. One Republican and three Democrats did not vote. One Democrat was absent.

If the amendment made it to the ballot and was ratified by voters, future legislatures could put limits on non-economic damages in malpractice cases. The issue pitted two powerful interests — doctors and lawyers. The amendment is a top priority of the Kentucky Medical Association. Its defeat ranks just as high for the Kentucky Academy of Trial Attorneys.

Doctors have pleaded for some relief from escalating malpractice insurance rates. Rising premiums have prompted some doctors in high-risk specialties to leave for states where premiums are lower.

Lawyers say it is unfair to limit damages for those irreparably harmed by malpractice. They also say insurance companies, not jury awards, are to blame for premiums shooting upward.

After the vote, Williams, R-Burkesville, said the defeat would keep the Senate from addressing some issues linked to rising malpractice insurance rates.

"A very clear message was sent by the Democratic Party here today that they're going to play their cards with the trial lawyers, and that they don't want to solve this issue," Williams said.

Democratic Sen. Daniel Mongiardo of Hazard, a physician, said he had done "soul searching" on the proposal. He was among three Democrats, along with R.J. Palmer of Winchester and Tim Shaughnessy of Louisville, who abstained during the tense roll-call vote.

"I have been on the fence on this because I know that tort reform is necessary to control costs of health care, but it's only one piece of how to control the costs of health care," Mongiardo said. "If we focus on that, we are going to miss all the other pieces, and health care is going to implode under its own weight."

In addition to capping "noneconomic" damages, the amendment would empower the General Assembly to require alternative dispute resolution before a malpractice suit could be filed. Democratic critics said caps would not guarantee lower insurance rates.

Sen. Tim Shaughnessy, D-Louisville, said Republicans wanted to impose limits that would "set a price on the value of a human being." Sen. Jerry Rhoads, D-Madisonville, said limits would undercut the jury system.

Williams, himself an attorney, said he trusted lawmakers not to do anything that would "prevent a truly injured individual from seeking adequate compensation for their injuries."

The proposed amendment would not have allowed lawmakers to limit damages for past and future medical bills and lost wages.

Williams said a few large jury awards can skew the malpractice insurance marketplace. He said that leaves "the possibility that the big lick is going to come and everyone else is going will have to pay for it."

(The legislation is Senate Bill 1).

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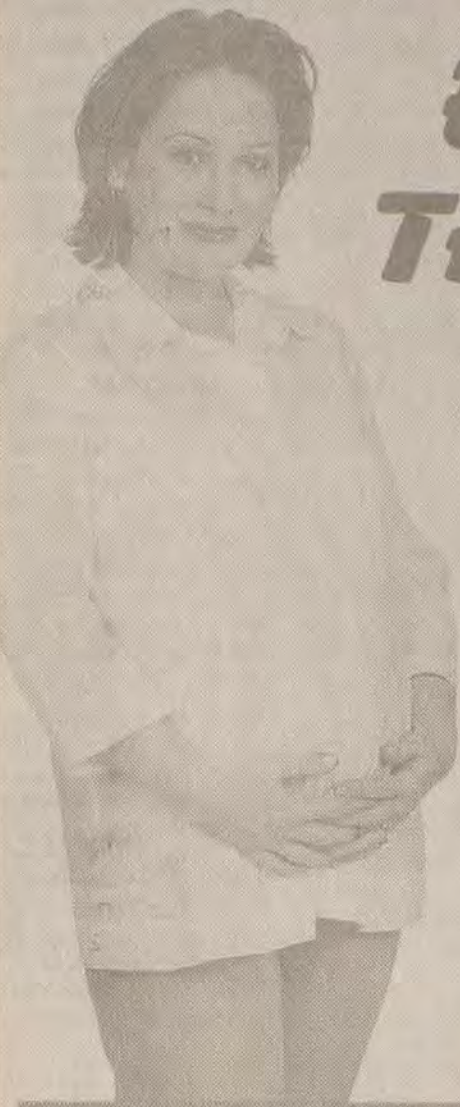


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Obituaries

Seelam Ashok Reddy

Seelam Ashok Reddy, 51, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, February 8, 2003, at his home.

Born in Andhra Pradesh, India, he was the eldest son of Ramakrishna and Janakamma Reddy. He was a recently retired radiologist who worked in eastern Kentucky, since 1983.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Sujatha Reddy of Prestonsburg.

Other survivors include one daughter, Prerana Reddy of New York City; three brothers, Prasad Reddy of Pleasanton, California; and Nagi Reddy and Chandrashekar Reddy, both of Phoenix, Arizona.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 15, between 6 and 9 p.m., at the Carter Funeral Home in Prestonsburg.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in his name, to the National Kidney Foundation. (Paid obituary)

Tommy Nelson

With a sad and aching heart, I'll try to write an obituary of my son, Tommy Nelson.

He was born January 5, 1943, to Tom and Sally Nelson of Prestonsburg. His father preceded him in death on December 17, 1976. He was employed at Harvard Industries for 33 years. He enjoyed camping, hunting, fishing, and bowled on several bowling leagues. He most enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He was first married to Norcie Dotson who preceded him in death. To this union was born one daughter, one son, and five grandchildren.

He later married, Sandy Smith, who survives.

Other survivors include one daughter, one son, five grandchildren, one step-daughter, one step-son, and one step-grandson.

Funeral services were held January 30, at J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home of Albion, Michigan, with the Rev. Estil Hamilton officiating.

Interment was at the Riverside Cemetery at Albion. Written by his mother, Sally Nelson (Paid obituary)

Elic Eugene "Gene" Blanton

Elic Eugene "Gene" Blanton, 48, of Jackson, Ohio, died Sunday, February 9, 2003, at the home of his father.

Born September 19, 1954, in Martin, he was the son of Elic J. Blanton of Chillicothe, Ohio, and the late Magdalene (Hamilton) Blanton. He worked as a brick mason, and was a member of the End Time Harvest Church.

He is survived by his fiancée, Barbara Folden.

Other survivors include two daughters, Nedra Blanton, and Gena Brown, both of Chillicothe, Ohio; one son, Chad Blanton of Chillicothe, Ohio; one sister, Judy (Clark) Stauffer, of Chillicothe, Ohio; two brothers, Mark K. (Rita) Blanton and Timothy Lee (Teresa) Blanton, both of Chillicothe, Ohio; a special nephew, Joshua Blanton; four grandchildren, Taylor Sowers, Wesley and Christopher Brown, and Chad Blanton.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, February 12, at the Boyer Funeral Home, Waverly, Ohio, with Rev. David Mohammad officiating.

Interment will be in the Huntington Township Cemetery, Chillicothe, Ohio, under the direction of Boyer Funeral Home.

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AARP TAX-AIDE VOLUNTEERS AT FLOYD COUNTY LIBRARY

Volunteers from Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, will begin preparing income tax forms for the elderly and low-income taxpayer on Tuesday of

each week, beginning February 4, at the Floyd County Library. Hours are from 9-3:30. Bring last year's tax return and information for 2002. The service is free.

"LOOKING FOR A SUPPORT GROUP?"

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

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

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Heart

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ous problems are rare. So, with surgery at some point inevitable, should patients with bad aortic valves try the pills now?

If they also have high cholesterol, definitely, says Dr. Robert Bonow, president of the American Heart Association. Many doctors also prescribe statins for atherosclerosis, a type of hardening of the arteries.

Sarano has a few patients with normal cholesterol trying statins just for their valves. But other cardiologists advise awaiting more proof.

"You do have to be very careful" with such early research, says Bolger, of the University of California, San Francisco. But hunt another reason to prescribe statins, she adds: "Atherosclerosis and coronary plaques are the American disease. You'd have to look pretty hard to find somebody who doesn't have some."

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Patton says he has no plans to resign

by JOE BIESK
 ASSOCIATED PRESS

FRANKFORT — Gov. Paul Patton said Monday he was "a little bit surprised" by a newspaper editorial over the weekend that called for his resignation.

Patton spoke to reporters following an afternoon awards ceremony, and said he has "every expectation" to stay in office.

"I do not plan to resign," Patton said.

The Courier-Journal of Louisville called for Patton's resignation in an editorial published Sunday.

It was the second formal call

for Patton's resignation within a week. Last Thursday, WDRB-TV of Louisville also said Patton should resign.

Instead, Patton said, "the overwhelming advice that I'm getting is to not even consider resigning."

The governor said he plans to continue the debate on how the state should handle its projected budget shortfall and urge legislators for tax reforms.

In its editorial, The Courier-Journal said Patton should resign because he can no longer help the state as governor.

The newspaper also accused Patton of "keeping tainted offi-

cial on the job" and said he has been unable to stop the corrosion of trust people have in him.

"He is too damaged as a moral authority to lead. He is too powerless as a politician to compel," the paper wrote.

Patton said he disagreed with the editorial's logic in calling for his resignation.

"I'm perfectly capable of administering whatever policy that the legislature finally enacts," Patton said. "So, yes, I was a little bit surprised."

Patton has admitted having an extramarital affair with western Kentucky businesswoman Tina Conner. Conner has alleged in a lawsuit against Patton that he helped and harmed her business as a result of their affair. Patton denies the allegations.

But the embattled governor said he is still effective at running state government, despite his own admissions to problems both personally and with the legislature.

"As far as administering state government, I can do it better than any person living in Kentucky today," Patton said. "Now from the standpoint of having baggage, I have that. From the standpoint of influencing the legislature, I may not be able to do that."

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2. Louisville (27)	18-1	1,706	5	7. Pittsburgh	16-3	1,330	4	13. Oklahoma St.	18-3	873	11	19. Mississippi St.	15-5	430	23
3. Kentucky (5)	18-3	1,664	6	8. Duke	16-3	1,287	9	14. Illinois	16-4	848	16	20. Georgia	13-6	314	17
4. Florida (2)	19-3	1,533	1	9. Kansas	17-5	1,220	12	15. Wake Forest	16-3	707	14	21. Missouri	14-5	283	21
5. Oklahoma (1)	16-3	1,507	7	10. Notre Dame	19-4	1,213	10	16. Maryland	14-6	701	8	22. California	16-4	255	—
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South Floyd girls blast Prestonsburg

— Trammell leads Lady Raiders' way with 21 —

by JAMIE HOWELL
SPORTS WRITER

PRESTONSBURG — South Floyd's Lady Raiders and the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats have both struggled somewhat

in the 2003 season, but on Friday it would be a chance for one of the two teams to get well. The Lady Raiders happened to be the team that came away with the win by a final of 63-45 in the 58th District

matchup. South Floyd took advantage of several Prestonsburg turnovers en route to the victory. The Lady Raiders jumped out in front in the first period behind the play of Megan Ousley and Tabitha

Trammell, as the two combined for 33 points in the game.

South Floyd led 13-9 after one quarter and the Lady

(See BLAST, page two)



photo by Jamie Howell

Carla Hall (34) got out on the break for South Floyd in the first quarter of Friday night's game against Prestonsburg. Pictured behind Hall is Prestonsburg's Darcey Hicks.



Mary Williamson was recently crowned the 2002-03 Homecoming Queen at South Floyd Middle School. Williamson was escorted by Evan Johnson. She is the 13-year-old daughter of Wanda Martin of Drift. Williamson is the president of SFMS Student Council and is a member of the SFMS Honors Club, Academic Team, Science Olympiad and STLP.

LITTLE LEAGUE

HAP Little League signups

BETSY LAYNE — Harold-Allen-Prater Little League will hold signups on Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at the Dome at Betsy Layne Elementary. Signups will be held on Saturday, February 22 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and again on Sunday, February 23 from 1-5 p.m.

The registration fee is \$25 for one child and \$15 for each additional child in the same family. There is no additional registration fee for the third child or any child after that in the same family. A copy of a birth certificate and a copy of a current utility bill to prove residency is required at signups.

58TH DISTRICT GIRLS'

Lady Rebs avenge All "A" Classic loss

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — The entire Allen Central High girls' basketball team likely had a bad taste in its mouth following the All "A" Classic semifinals loss

(See LOSS, page two)

— South Floyd dumps Blackcats, 82-57 —



photo by Jamie Howell

Prestonsburg senior Joey Willis (20) tried to work for position against South Floyd's Jack Slone (right) and Ryan Johnson.

17-1 run to start propels Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PRESTONSBURG — With senior Tyler Hall still out of action, South Floyd traveled from Hi Hat Friday

night with a wintry mix still looming. The Raiders wasted little time in the boys' game of a boys'/girls' double-header, jumping out to a 12-0 lead before the Blackcats could get a score. South Floyd later led 17-1 before the

game would end in its favor, 82-57. Prestonsburg couldn't handle the South Floyd pressure, and with that, committed several turnovers. The

(See RAIDERS, page two)

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH FLOYD (82) — M. Hall 20, Slone 6, Tackett 13, H. Hall 8, J. Hall 11, Meade 3, Stanley 6, R. Johnson 4, Vance 2, Allen 6, J. Johnson 2.

PRESTONSBURG (57) — Willis 11, Compton 6, Jamerson 12, Bentley 5, Blackburn 3, Morrison 3, Allen 2, Ousley 7, Leslie 3, M. Stephens 1, J. Stephens 4.



photo by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd High School graduate Ryan Shannon (left) finished runner-up in the lightweight division of the Dynamite Fights boxing contest held over the weekend at Perry Central High School in Hazard. Johnson County resident Lance Wiley was another area competitor in the event. Wiley made it into a second fight on Saturday night before bowing out on a technical knockout. Pictured in the middle is fight promoter Mike Chapman.

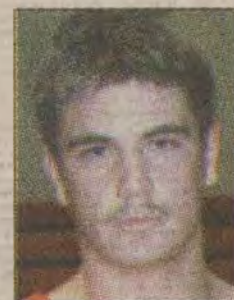
H.S. BASKETBALL

Allen Central reaches 100 in win over Buckhorn

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

EASTERN — Allen Central took to the floor Saturday evening against Buckhorn and scored with ease against the struggling Perry County team. The 14th Region squad man-

(See ALLEN CENTRAL, page two)



■ Slone

H.S. WRESTLING

P'burg wrestlers finish 1,2,3

TIMES STAFF REPORT

BLACKLOG — The Prestonsburg High School wrestling team competed in the AMVETS Kentucky-West Virginia Duals over the weekend in Martin County at Sheldon Clark High School.

Senior Nick Chaffin won the 119 class. Heath Chaffin finished second in the 125 class, falling to Sheldon Clark grappler Justin Perry. Prestonsburg sophomore Steven Thompson finished third in the 145 class.

Another Prestonsburg sophomore, Zack Lafferty, also competed in the

(See FINISH, page two)



Prestonsburg grappler Zack Lafferty went for a pin on an opponent.

STATE TOURNAMENT

State tourney draw Thursday

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

LEXINGTON — The draw for the Boys' & Girls' State Basketball Tournaments will be held this Thursday the studios of WKYT-TV in Lexington. The draw will be aired live by KYT as a part of its afternoon news program beginning at 12:30 p.m. (ET).

WKYT-TV will provide a live satellite feed of the draws for outlets across the state. The broadcast will be on satellite SBS6, Transponder 8. Audio will be on 6.2 and 6.8, mono. For additional instructions, contact Mike Kanarek at WKYT-TV in Lexington.

Brackets will be posted on the Kentucky High School Athletic Association website, www.khsaa.org, following the program.

BASKETBALL NOTES

■ Sheldon Clark senior center Kelli Jo Moore was second in the state in scoring and first in rebounding when stats were released.

■ Allen Central sophomore center Becky Thomas is among the state leaders in rebounding.

■ Beth Branham hit seven three-point shots for Jenkins in a 67-54 win last week over Letcher.

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Spring training opens as Reds look for answers

by ED TAYLOR
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Up in the northland, the snow is falling and the temperatures are anything but comfortable. But in the Sunshine State and out west in Arizona, it is baseball time and time for the major league clubs to make their way to their respective training spots.

I spoke with Texas Ranger third baseman, Herbert Perry, this past Saturday and he thinks the Cincinnati Reds will be a much-improved ball club this season.

"I think their pitching will be a lot better than it has been over the past three years," said Perry. "They have made some additions that will help them."

Perry and the Rangers will have a new manager in Bucky Showwater but Perry said they had a good last year.

"It will be a wait and see situation this year," he said. "Bucky is a good manager."

I asked him if he was ready

for spring training and his answer was not quick in coming.

"It depends on how fast my knee and shoulder heals up," he said. "Other than that I am looking forward to it."



The Rangers train in Arizona. Perry was one of the top run producers for the Rangers last season hitting 23 home runs. This past winter the Rangers inked him to a three-year deal worth over three million.

Perry said the National League will have to watch the Philadelphia Phillies. "They are going to be a very good ball club," he said. The Phillies added Jim Thome from Cleveland as well as Tom Glavine, formerly of the Atlanta Braves.

Cincinnati appears optimistic as the 2003 season nears. Barry Larkin, Ken Griffey Jr. and Adam Dunn have been working out with personal trainers this season in Orlando. Lakin said Griffey looks great and ready to play baseball.

Reds manager Bob Boone said he mentioned Adam Dunn as a leadoff hitter only in jest. The remarks brought some interesting emails to the Reds camp. Boone said Larkin appears headed for the leadoff spot.

The Reds probably could field as good of a team as anyone in major league baseball. However, the baseball world, and Reds fans, are waiting to see how the rotation of Danny Graves, Ryan Dempster, Jimmy Haynes and Pete Wilson fairs. A fifth starter will be selected from the dozen or so who are vying for the spot.

The Reds outfield should be second to none but only if

Dunn and Austin Kearns can re-capture the first half of last season. Dunn's performance the first half of last year earned him a spot on the All-Star team. The second half of the season he did not deserve a paycheck. Kearns was having a banner season until an injury shortened his season. He was the team's leading hitter until he got hurt. Both Dunn and Kearns will have to prove they are all that the Reds are billing them to be. Of course, we all know the history of Griffey. Since coming to the Reds, he has spent more time on the DL than the diamond.

But I look for Griffey to have a breakout season and return to the old form he had at Seattle. Larkin will play some but I look for the Reds to unload the shortstop if there are any takers. Of course, he will have to get out to a quick start with both the bat and glove. At 39, he is showing he is a step slower than his hey days.

Brandon Larson at third base, moving Aaron Boone to third, will be an experiment for the Reds. If Larson does not swing the bat he is expected, look for Boone to shift back to the hot corner and Lopez taking over at second.

The catcher's position is Jason LaRue's until someone demonstrates they have a better bat.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Allen Central

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aged just 47 points in the game. 21 of which came in the first half. Allen Central scored an even 100 points in a blowout win.

Four Rebels reached double figures in the scoring column with senior Neil Allen leading the charge with 19. Eleven different Allen Central players scored in the game. Senior forward Mike Slone chipped in 17 for the Runnin' Rebels.

The win over Buckhorn for Allen Central was preceded by a

triumph over Betsy Layne in a key 58th District game just one night earlier.

BUCKHORN (47) -

Davidson 15, Butts 4, Eversole 2, Abner 4, Riley 6, M. White 13, V. White 1, Sandler.

ALLEN CENTRAL (100) -

Allen 19, M. Slone 17, Pack 2, A. Francis 7, Samons 13, Webb 8, Griffith 5, Tackett 3, Hall 18, R. Slone 4, P. Francis 4.

Raiders

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homestanding Blackcats tried to counter with a press and some pressure of their own, but were unsuccessful.

South Floyd, still reeling somewhat from a loss to Paintsville in the semifinals of the All "A" Classic, shook itself off and blasted the Blackcats. Webb's group led host Prestonsburg 26-5 through one quarter and 39-17 at halftime. The Blackcats trailed by double figures beginning early in the first period and could never cut the deficit back into single digits. To its credit, though, Prestonsburg outscored South Floyd 25-17 in a lackluster fourth quarter.

The win kept South Floyd, the three-time defending 58th District champ, undefeated in

district play.

Michael Hall led South Floyd with 20 points. Adam Tackett scored 14 and Justin Hall chipped in 11. Heath Hall scored eight, and teammates Steven Stanley, Jack Slone and Scott Allen each had six points.

Nick Jamerson paced Prestonsburg with 12 points. Senior teammate Joey Willis flipped in 11. Kyle Ousley finished with seven points, all coming in the game's final couple of minutes.

South Floyd (13-6) was scheduled to host Betsy Layne last night at Raider Arena. Prestonsburg (5-10) was to travel to Allen Central. Results from both games were unavailable at press time.

Loss

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to Betsy Layne some two weeks ago.

Monday brought a makeup game for the two teams, a regular-season game which had been postponed earlier in the season due to snow. Monday the two teams hooked up and, after leading 18-11 through one quarter, Allen Central rolled to a 20-point win, 65-45. Betsy Layne, following an appearance in last week's All "A" Classic state tournament, returned home and to regular-season play and was still without the services of junior Whitney Lykens.

Allen Central (12-7) took full advantage of Lykens being out and in a crucial fourth quar-

ter, the time when a player like Lykens most always steps up, outscored the Ladycats 18-3.

Allen Central led 29-21 at halftime and 47-42 before the fourth quarter outburst.

Megan Harris led Allen Central in scoring with a game-high 23 points. Tiffany Turner scored 11 for the Lady Rebels, and Becky Thomas finished with 10. Amber Scott chipped in nine for Allen Central. The Lady Rebels had a balanced scoring effort with Tab Caudill and Terri Mullins also chipping in six points apiece.

Sophomore Kim Clark led Betsy Layne (17-4) with 15 points. Natasha Stratton added 13.

Blast

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Raiders extended the lead to 33-23 at the half.

Prestonsburg resorted to the full court press in order to try and rally in the second half, but the Lady Raiders did what a team should do in order to beat the press and that is throw over it which led to easy baskets for South Floyd.

Taryn Harris led Prestonsburg in the contest with 12 points and Darcey Hicks added 9 for the Lady Blackcats. South Floyd continued to extend the lead in the second half as the Lady Raiders outscored Prestonsburg 19-12

in the third quarter and again in the final stanza it was South Floyd outscoring Prestonsburg 11-10 to post the 63-45 win and notch an important 58th District victory.

Scoring was as follows: South Floyd - Skeans 2, Hopkins 14, Ousley 12, Anderson 5, Johnson 6, Hall 2, Trammell 21, Tackett 1. Prestonsburg - Slone 6, Music 6, Harris 12, Hicks 9, Whitaker 2, Webb 2, White 4, Shafer 4.

South Floyd, with the win, moved to 5-12 on the year and Prestonsburg dropped to 2-14 on the season.

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North Laurel's influx of imports rankles rivals

by MIKE FIELDS
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

LEXINGTON — North Laurel High School has added some foreign intrigue to this boys' basketball season, and it's causing a stir.

Three talented foreign-exchange students — 6-foot-7

Oliver Mansour from Australia; 6-6 Aurimas Silys from Lithuania, and 6-2 Magnus Pallson from Iceland — have led the Jaguars to a 14-5 record as of Feb. 6 and turned them into regional contenders.

The trio's arrival at North Laurel, via three different foreign-exchange programs, has created some hard feelings.

Whenever the Jaguars play on the road, they hear chants of "USA! USA!" from opposing fans.

A group of rival coaches sent a letter to the Kentucky High School Athletic Association, asking it to look into how the three players ended up at North Laurel.

KHSAA Commissioner

Brigid DeVries said she has "requested additional information and is doing further research" into the matter.

"Our concern is that people don't tamper with the (foreign-exchange) process," DeVries said. "It's supposed to be random where kids end up. It's our duty to check out any abuses."

Walter Hulett, superintendent of Laurel County schools, has heard all sorts of rumors about how the players were steered to North Laurel. But he has found no reason to believe any of them.

"Did someone pay them to come here? No," Hulett said. "If there was something going on and we knew about it, we'd put a stop to it. But I can't chase rabbits."

Scott Smith, a London businessman whose freshman son is on the North Laurel team, has been drawn into the controversy. He's heard the talk that he helped funnel the players to the Jaguars. All three players are living with the Smith family.

"This thing has been blown out of proportion ... it gets ridiculous," Smith said. "My wife and I have been looking at student-exchange the last couple of years, and talked with several other people who've done it."

"It has nothing to do with athletics like everybody builds it up to be."

North Laurel Coach Kenny Woods has tried to ignore the accusations and focus on his basketball team.

"In some ways, the (controversy) has pulled us together tighter," he said.

Some rival coaches think it was more than just coincidence.

"It's real suspicious that three players that good could end up in the same place," Mercer County Coach Stacey Hall said. "It looks ugly and unethical. It's just not what Kentucky high

school basketball is all about."

LOCAL NOTE: Mercer County Coach Stacey Hall

played high school basketball in Floyd County at McDowell High School under Johnny Ray Turner.

Runnin' Rebs buck Bobcats

3 Rebels net double figures in win

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

BETSY LAYNE — Allen Central traveled to the Dome in Betsy Layne

Friday night and completed a two-game regular-season sweep of the Bobcats. The Rebels took a first-quarter lead (14-10) and led every quarter after that. Allen Central, winning 72-67, recorded its 11th win of the season by outscoring Betsy Layne by one point in each of the final three quarters.

Senior forward Mike Stone led Allen Central's scoring effort with 18 points. Neil Allen and Kyle Webb each had 16 points in the win.

Oliver Kilgore and Rossi Samons each had eight points

and Austin Francis scored four. Tim Griffith chipped in two for the Rebels (11-6).

As with some previous games in the new year, Brandon Hall led Betsy Layne in scoring, this time with a game-high 20 points. Bob Hamilton scored 17 and Jordan Kidd flipped in 12.

Brent Newsome added six, along with Preston Simon. Brandon Kidd and Chris Cochran finished with three and two, respectively.

With the loss, Betsy Layne (7-12) remains winless in 58th District play. The Bobcats were back on the hardwood last night against South Floyd. Results were unavailable.



■ Hall

Weekend Sports Briefs

BASKETBALL

ATLANTA — Michael Jordan said goodbye to the All-Star game with his eyes teary and his game a bit blemished as the West beat the East 155-145 in the first double overtime game in All-Star history.

He was a last-minute starter in his 14th All-Star game after Vince Carter relinquished his spot. He scored 20 points to move past Kareem Abdul-Jabbar for most total points in

All-Star history. But he needed to take 27 shots from the field — making only nine.

MVP Kevin Garnett scored nine of his 37 points in the second overtime as Jordan watched the final five minutes from the bench.

TRENTON, N.J. — Sitting out more than a week didn't diminish LeBron James' basketball skills, but the forced time off seemed to make the 18-year-old a little wiser about potential

off-the-court problems.

In his first action since an Ohio judge restored his high school eligibility Wednesday, James scored a career-high 52 points in an amazing display of talent in St. Vincent-St. Mary's 78-52 win over Westchester of Los Angeles.

OLYMPICS

CHICAGO — After months of scandals that splintered the organization and took public attention away from athletes, the U.S. Olympic Committee's executive committee announced it has formed a task force to create a blueprint for major reform.

The governance and ethics review task force will examine virtually every part of the USOC for ways to streamline the organization and improve its operation. Its recommendations are due before the USOC's April board meeting.

GOLF

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — Davis Love III surrendered a three-stroke lead over Tom Lehman with six holes to play in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, but made a short birdie putt on the 18th hole for a one-stroke victory — his first win since his first Pebble Beach triumph in 2001.

AIEA, Hawaii — Thirteen-

(See BRIEFS, page four)

H.S. BASKETBALL

Lady Panthers edge Prestonsburg

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — In the end, Monday night, the Howard girls proved to be too much for Prestonsburg. Shawna Howard scored 20 points and Shawna Howard chipped in 12 more to pace Pikeville past Prestonsburg, 49-46. The young Lady Blackcats were outscored 8-5 in an overtime period resulting in the loss.

Prestonsburg trailed 10-8

after one quarter and 26-25 at halftime. Pikeville (12-10) led 31-30 when the third quarter came to an end. Prestonsburg (2-13) outscored the host Lady Panthers 11-10 in the final period of regulation to push the game into an overtime period.

Emily Colvin also scored in double figures for Pikeville, netting 11. Darcey Hicks led Prestonsburg in scoring with 23 points. Meaghan Slone tossed in 10 and Heather White ended the game with six for P'burg.



CHIROPRACTIC HELPS PREGNANT WOMEN

A large number of women experience back pain during their pregnancy because of the structural and hormonal changes that impact the spine and pelvic area, as well as the related nerves and joints. One of the most common complaints among pregnant women is low back pain. In fact, one study showed that fifty-six percent of these females suffer from serious backaches, especially between the fifth and seventh months.

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SPORTS CALENDAR

SOCCER

Floyd County registration

Registration for Spring 2003 Floyd County Youth Soccer season will continue Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Dairy Queen.

The registration fee is \$40. Soccer is open to any child who was at least 4 years old on August 1, 2002, or less than 19 years old on July 31, 2002. Practice will begin in early to mid-March, with the first games scheduled on Saturday, March 29.

CHEERLEADING

Mountain Classic

The 17th annual Mountain Classic Cheerleading Competition will be held at Pikeville High School on Saturday, March 8. The competition will take place for school squads and All-Star squads on both 2 1/2-minute routine and traditional formats. The competition will also feature three age groups — Pee-Wee, Elementary and Junior High. For more information or to register a squad, contact Lisa Wheeler at Pikeville High School by calling 606/432-0185 or via email at wheeler@pikeville.k12.ky.us.

BASEBALL

P'burg Little League signups

Adams Middle School will host Prestonsburg Little League signups each Saturday this month. Signups will be held each Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 2 p.m. The signups will be held at Adams Middle School.

Divisions this year include T-Ball for players ages 5-6; Minor for players ages 7-8; Little League for players ages 9-10 and 11-12; Junior for players 13-14; Senior for players 15-16 and Big League for players 17-18.

In addition, Prestonsburg Little League will offer girls softball this season. Two divisions of girls' softball will be offered, one for players ages 9-12 and another for players ages 13-14.

A board meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22 at Adams Middle School.

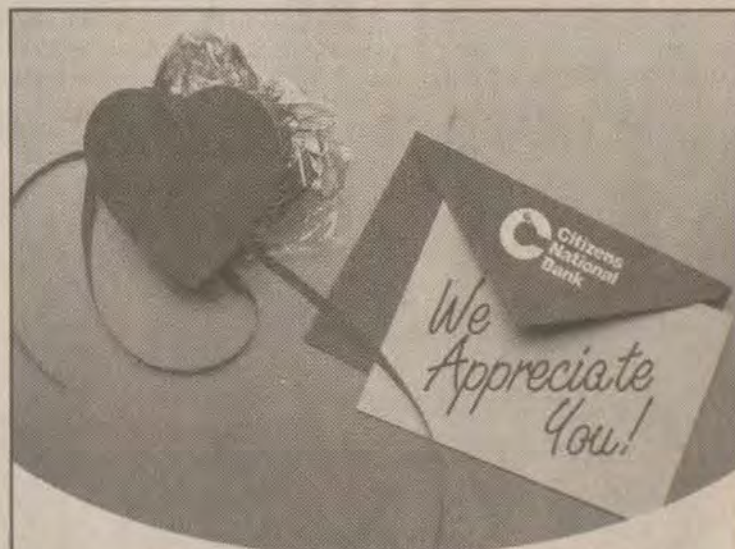
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Mynatt to lead PC grid program

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIKEVILLE — For its new football coach, Pikeville College has hired a young, passing-oriented gentleman with strong ties to its geographic region.

Jerry Mynatt (pronounced

MINE-ett) has left a coaching position at East Tennessee State University to accept the head coaching opportunity at Pikeville College.

Mynatt, a native of Seymour, Tenn., is anxious to get to Pikeville to begin working with the Bears.

"I'm very excited about this opportunity," he said. "I've been coaching for 10 years now and always wanted to be a head coach. I was really impressed with the school, the people and the players I met when I visited campus."

"We're very excited to welcome Jerry Mynatt to our campus and to the Pikeville College family," said President Hal Smith. "Jerry is young and will bring a lot of enthusiasm and excitement to our program, and to the institution. We think he is a quality person who understands the importance of how intercollegiate athletics fits into the educational process."

Mynatt has been at ETSU since 1997, having coached defensive backs, the offensive line and wide receivers before becoming passing game coordinator prior to the 2000 season. Mynatt learned his passing style from Bob Leahy at East Carolina. Leahy was a former Buffalo Bills assistant where he coached Jim Kelly.

"A lot of the things we'll do come from that," he said. "I think the players will enjoy playing with each other in this system. I believe in building a team out of trust and loyalty and not fear and discipline. It allows the players to feel like it's their program."

"Jerry seems to be the well-rounded person we were looking for to lead our program," said Ron Damron, director of athletics. "He has gained a lot of experience in his years as an assistant coach, and having played in a successful NAIA program, he understands what it takes to be a winner both on and off the field. I've been very impressed with Jerry and welcome him to our team."

Prior to ETSU, Mynatt was an assistant coach at both Elon College and Charleston Southern University. He played football at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., where he was a member of the 1989 NAIA national championship team.

After graduating from Carson-Newman, Mynatt played wide receiver and defensive back for the Orlando Predators of the Arena Football League.

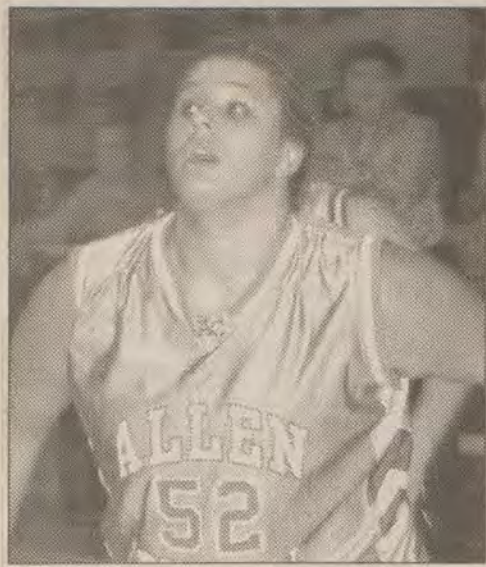


photo by Steve LeMaster

Sophomore Becky Thomas helped the Allen Central Lady Rebels to a win over Betsy Layne Monday night. Her teammate, Megan Harris, led the lady Rebs with 23 points. The loss was Betsy Layne's first 58th District/Floyd County Conference setback.



photo by Jamie Howell

A group of Prestonsburg youth cheerleaders posed with the Prestonsburg High School varsity unit Friday night prior to the PHS boys' varsity basketball game.



Martin Junior Pro 3-4-year-olds received trophies for the recent season's efforts. Pictured is the Purple Team, front row, from left to right: Taylor Castle, Mackynzie Samons, Christopher Brown and Elizabeth Jones. Back row, from left to right: Cameron Blevins, Jacob Ison, Austin Samons, Austin Branham and Kelsie Jackson. Coaches: Ronnie Samons and Johnny Ison.

H.S. Basketball AP Polls

BOYS

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd.	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. PRP	(7)	18-2	113	1
2. Mason Co.	(2)	21-2	101	2
3. Apollo	(1)	18-2	68	4
4. Lex. Catholic		16-7	66	3
5. Hopkinsville	(1)	21-2	62	7
6. Lou. Eastern	(1)	17-6	49	6
7. Elizabethtown		17-2	26	5
(tie) Highlands		18-2	26	10
9. St. Henry		19-4	24	10
10. Muhlenberg North		18-1	17	10
(tie) Lou. Iroquois		17-5	17	10

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: North Hardin 16, Warren Central 15, Rose Hill Christian 13, Lou. Ballard 12, Dixie Heights 10, Breathitt Co. 6, Lex. Henry Clay 5, Lou. St. Xavier 4, Rockcastle Co. 4, Wayne Co. 4, Daviess Co. 2.

GIRLS

Rank-School	FPV	Rcd.	TP	Pvs
1. Lou. Sacred Heart	(12)	22-1	120	1
2. Clinton Co.		22-1	90	2
3. Lex. Catholic		16-4	86	3
4. Shelby Co.		18-1	73	4
5. Christian Co.		18-3	60	5
6. Jackson Co.		19-4	45	6
7. Henderson Co.		15-4	24	8
8. Mercer Co.		18-4	22	8
9. Johnson Central		19-1	21	7
10. Newport C.C.		18-5	16	9

OTHERS RECEIVING VOTES: Perry Central 14, E-town 10, West Carter 8, Woodford Co. 8, Lou. Christian Aca. 7, DuPont Manual 7, Lou. Assumption 7, Cawood 6, East Carter 5, C. Hardin 5, Rockcastle Co. 5, Muhlenberg N. 4, Knott Central 3, Lou. Mercy 3, Clay Co. 2, Meade Co. 2, Hopkins C. 2, Ohio Co. 1, Lou. Holy Cross 1, Lex. Paul Dunbar 1, Betsy Layne 1, Boyd Co. 1.

— Basketball Roundup —

BOYS'

Lex. Christian 70, Sheldon Clark 60

Standout freshman Brandon May was held to just nine points in a 70-60 loss for the Cardinals. Shane Stafford and Greg Evans each had 14 points for the Cards.

Sheldon Clark led 14-12 at the end of the first period, but played from behind for most of the next three periods.

Knott Central 57, Bryan Station 54

In the Sweetheart Classic at

Bryan Station High School Saturday, Tonya Amburgey scored 19 points to lead the Lady Patriots to a win over the host Lady Defenders. Knott Central led 18-10 through one period and hung on to the lead in through regulation.

Magoffin Co. 71, Sheldon Clark 67

Young players at times can dominate a game. Guards Ashley and Michaela Howard scored 18 and 16 points, respectively to pace Magoffin County to a four-point win on the road

over Sheldon Clark Monday night. With the snow falling outside, the Lady Hornets proceeded with basketball business inside.

Ashley Howard scored seven points for Magoffin (16-4) during a second quarter which proved pivotal for the Lady Hornets. In the second period, Magoffin went from eight points down to six points ahead.

Senior center Kelli Jo Moore led Sheldon Clark (4-12) with 30 points, nine rebounds and five blocks.

Pike Central 69, Whitesburg 62

In an upset of sorts, host Pike County Central had four different players score in double figures to hold off Whitesburg, a recent All "A" Classic participant.

Sophomore guard Mishay Weddington led the Lady Howard (13-7) with 20 points. Senior forward Ashley Russell chipped in 15 for Pike Central.

Camille Cook led Whitesburg (16-5) with 23.

Briefs

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year-old Michelle Wie shot a 5-over 77 in the Hawaii Pearl Open final round, finishing with an 8-over 224 to tie for 43rd place.

Playing from the championship tees, Wie was the only female in the tournament field of 192, and the youngest overall. Greg Meyer, a Japanese tour player who is the assistant golf pro at Pearl, shot a final round 2-over 74 to win the 54-hole tournament at 7-under 209.

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Dave Barr ended 16 years of frustration and became the first Canadian winner in Champions Tour history.

Barr birdied the final four holes in the Royal Caribbean Classic to win his first title since the 1987 PGA Tour. Barr shot a 5-under 67 on the Crandon Park course to finish at 9-under 207, one shot better than Gil Morgan and Bobby Wadkins, in 10 years.

BOXING

LAS VEGAS — Shane Mosley's first fight at 154 pounds was brief when the bout

was stopped late in the third round Saturday night because of deep cuts over the eyes of Raul Marquez.

The fight was ruled a no contest, but even worse for Mosley was that he did nothing to show he was worth more than the \$4.25 million he was supposed to be paid to meet Oscar De La Hoya on Sept. 13.

WRESTLING

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Rulon Gardner blamed his stubborn right foot for losing the final of the Dave Schultz Memorial International — his first full tournament since he lost a toe to frostbite last year. The 267-pound Gardner lost to Cuba's Mijain Lopez 3-0.

HORSE RACING

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Real Desire was selected 2002 Harness Horse of the Year after winning 10 of 13 races and more than \$1 million in purses. Kadabra, who won 11 of 14 starts, was chosen Trotter of the Year and top 3-year-old trotter. — The Associated Press

COLLEGE

Tenn. Wesleyan sweeps ALC

TIMES STAFF REPORT

PIPPA PASSES — A 40-38 halftime lead wouldn't hold for the Alice Lloyd men Saturday in a loss to visiting Tennessee Wesleyan. The host Eagles fell behind in the second half and struggled from the floor. Wesleyan, thanks to double figures scoring from five different players, won 91-81.

Balford McLeod led Alice Lloyd in scoring with 19 points. J.B. Watkins scored 17 and Mike Brock finished with 13. Brandon Newton and Tyler Jaquess finished with 12 and 11, respectively.

Tommy McKenzie pumped in a game-high 23 points to lead Alice Lloyd. Kent Campbell scored 19 and Nick Samons added 12. Matt Spencer scored 10, giving the Eagles four different players with 10 points or more.

Hondo Hearne just missed double figures for ALC, scoring nine. Jason Knott scored four for

Alice Lloyd and Ryan Shannon and Jason Knott each finished with two points.

The rebounding battle was even between both teams. Each squad pulled down 36 rebounds.

Women's: Tenn. Wesleyan 93, Alice Lloyd 63

The Alice Lloyd women's team wasn't as fortunate in the opener Saturday between the two schools.

Monique Herron scored a game-high 26 points to lead Tennessee Wesleyan to a 30-point win over the host Lady Eagles.

Leah Whitley and Delores Jenkins scored in double figures for Alice Lloyd with 14 and 13 points, respectively.

Andrea Kelley scored nine and Erica Webb chipped in eight. Bridget Smith scored seven. Devon Reynolds, Belicia Mullins and Shannon Sizemore, all had four points in the game.

Golden Eagles pull off comeback win over Pikeville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS EDITOR

PIKEVILLE — Johnson Central head coach Les Trimble, in his third season at the helm as the head coach of the Golden Eagles has seen a little bit of everything. Overtime games. Overtime losses. Blowout wins. Friday night offered Trimble a comeback win. His Johnson Central team trailed Pikeville by 10 points at halftime Friday night only to come back and beat the Panthers 59-57.

The Golden Eagles used a 21-8 third-quarter run to take the lead back and hold on to beat Pikeville.

Senior Justin Woods put Johnson Central up for good in the end. Pikeville tried a three-point shot at the buzzer only to see it fall short.

Brandon Wheeler and Mike Walters each scored 15 points for Johnson Central (14-4). Woods added nine points in the win.

Senior guard Justin Bell led Pikeville (10-7) with 14 points.

Johnson Central was back in action last night at home against top-rival Paintsville at the fieldhouse. Results were unavailable.

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POISON OAK

In a land of make believe

Those of us who were reared in an Eastern Kentucky coal camp may not have been privileged economically, but since we didn't know any better, we might as well have been. After all, you can't miss what you've never had.

As I've mentioned in this column (probably on far too many occasions), in the days before TV, most all the kids in



Clyde Pack

our neighborhood were avid movie goers. Especially on weekends, it was not unusual for eight or ten of us to

walk into town for a double dose of thrills and excitement as we'd take in the double feature at both the Royal and the Sipp.

Anyway, long after I became an adult, someone asked me whether or not I had ever (as a kid) compared coal-camp life to all the fine homes and modern conveniences that were displayed in movies like the Andy Hardy series or those extravagant homes that were backdrops to the big two-hour Technicolor musicals that were screened on Sunday afternoons. You know the ones I mean, where a large family lived in a house with all the modern facilities—individual bedrooms for each member of the family and indoor plumbing—and where the father sat around in his cardigan and read a newspaper while he smoked his pipe, as the mother, who nine times out of ten, was portrayed as sort of a comic figure who did little but scurry about the kitchen, baking pies and uttering silly little remarks that did nothing

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Valentine's Day under the stars

Show your sweetheart the stars on Valentine's Day during the East Kentucky Science Center's Star Party on Maggie Mountain, Prestonsburg, Friday, February 14. EKSC's Star Parties are held monthly, weather permitting, near the Stone Crest Golf Course on Maggie Mountain. The event is free and open to the public. Participants can get up close views of deep space objects through the Science Center's telescopes. Star Parties begin around one-half hour after dusk and are made possible through the assistance of the Morehead State University East Kentucky Regional GEAR-UP project.

For additional information about the EKSC Star Parties, call (606) 889-0303, or visit the Center's website at www.wedo-science.org.

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photo by A.B. Photography
Megan had the opportunity to visit a recording studio in Nashville last summer where she got her first taste of what it's like to make a musical recording.

OUR TALENTED YOUTH



photo by A.B. Photography
Megan, a 15 year old sophomore at Prestonsburg High School, lists singing, acting, journalism and mathematics as favored interests.

by KATHY J. PRATER
FEATURES EDITOR

MISS MEGAN GOBLE

This week we're happy to highlight one of our county's sweetest and most talented young ladies - Miss Megan Goble.

Megan, the daughter of Tommy and Diana Goble, of Prestonsburg, is a 15-year old Prestonsburg High School sophomore who loves to sing and who can stand her own with the best of them.

Megan, who is currently a member of the Mountain Arts Center's KY Opry Jr. Pros, says that she has been singing pretty much "all of her life." "I was the spectacle of the family," she said, "Mom has tapes of me standing on the coffee table, singing the national anthem. Ever since I could speak, I've always enjoyed performing."

Megan relates that once she enrolled in elementary school, her love of performing became even greater through participation in school music programs, Music TAG, and forensics. As a matter of fact, Megan credits her first grade teacher, Linda Wallen, and her music TAG teacher, Rebecca Haywood, with being influential in nurturing those first seeds of a developing musical interest. "They are both a big part of my life and always will be," she said, "they taught me all I know about music and character."

Megan recalls her very first stage performance

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CRITTER CORNER



"Ci-Ci". Ci-Ci is an 8-year old Yorkshire "Yorkie" terrier. She is owned by Mary Mosley, of Wheelwright, who says that although Ci-Ci weighs only six pounds, she is nonetheless very protective of, and faithful to, her owner.

February is National Veterinary Dental Health Month

by DR. CAROL COMBS-MORRIS
DVM

Despite all the jokes that have been made about "doggy breath" and "tuna breath," dog and cat dental problems are no laughing matter!

Have you looked in your pet's mouth lately? If everything looked normal- pink gums and clean white teeth, great; you're in a good position to begin some preventive maintenance. On the other hand, if things didn't look so good, or you didn't get a chance to look before the smell hit you, your pet is probably among the thousands affected from some degree of oral disease.

Actually, the statistics I have say that more than 80% of dogs and cats over 4 years of age suffer from the most common oral affliction, periodontal disease. This is a condition of the gums that results from buildup of food particles and bacteria in the mouth. The bacteria collect in the normally shallow pockets where the gums meet the teeth. Over time, the gum tissue becomes progressively more inflamed, the periodontal pockets get eroded more deeply and the bacteria gain access to the tooth root, which can cause pain and eventual loosening of the tooth.

What we see are red, swollen gums, heavy buildup of tartar (the brown crusty stuff that is providing shelter for the bacteria beneath it), and a foul odor from the mouth. Notice I said foul: normal dog and cat breath may not always be perceived as pleasant, depending on the person doing the smelling and what the animal may have just had in its mouth - but it is not fetid.

The animal may show signs of pain, but these are not always easy to recognize. Some pets may chew more slowly, avoid hard foods, paw at their mouth, or just become more quiet and withdrawn than usual. Occasionally, a tooth will abscess and drain through the skin, usually just below the eye, where the deep roots of the upper fourth premolar lie.

If your vet has recommended a dental cleaning for your pet, it is for more than just cosmetic reasons.

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Kim's Korner: 'Snow Sports'



Kim Little Freasure

This past Friday night was spent listening to Steve and Jamie's play by play of the game between South Floyd High School and Prestonsburg High School, while glancing out our Christian Messenger office window at one of the most beautiful sites around. Snow covered mountains, and trees, and the tiny flakes falling glistening from the

street-light just outside.

Barely able to see our steep driveway from this view, still the sparkle from the ice and snow on the blacktop made my mind begin to wonder.

How on earth could Floyd County have actually had ball-games on a night like this?

I mean school was dismissed last Thursday on a prediction that snow was heading

our way. Comments were blasting about of the oddity that school was being canceled early and not a snowflake in sight. Who, but would come to the defense of this decision but yours truly! Yes, such a decision became clear in this mind. After all we have many curvy, winding roads our school buses must travel while loaded with such precious cargo.

Therefore the thoughts that snow could come quick, and these little darlings could have to be transported on slick roads had to be those in the decision making process' reasoning. Seemed good enough and concrete enough to me anyway.

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School Happenings

ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

Center distributes school activity calendars and newsletters on the last day of each month to all students. Parents please be advised to be watching for these informational materials as a way of staying informed with your school's happenings.

Health Records Update: Parents who have health records to bring in to the school may bring them to the Youth Services Center any weekday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Homework Hotline - 886-9314 - Homework information available from 4 p.m. to 7 a.m. Updated each day after 4:00 p.m.

Center is open each day from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. or later by appointment. For more information about the center or any listed activities, call 886-9812. Center coordinator, Michelle Keathley, Assistant coordinator, Sheila Allen. Center offers services to students regardless of income. Center telephone: 886-9812.

School is collecting Food City receipts. Receipts may be given to any AMS student or staff member, or dropped off at the Youth Services Center.**

ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

Feb. 14 - Spotlight Ceremony.

Feb. 14 - CPR, 8th grade.

Feb. 17 - Respect class, 7th grade.

Feb. 18 - MAC, 6th grade.

Feb. 19 - "Heart Health" presentation, 8th grade.

Feb. 20 - SBDM meeting, 5 p.m.

Feb. 20 - "Bridges" parent meeting, 8:30-10:00 a.m. & 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Feb. 21 - Science Fair.

Feb. 24 - Respect Class, 7th grade.

Feb. 25 - "Eating Disorders" presentation, 6th grade.

Feb. 26 - "Heart Health" presentation, 8th grade.

*Each Monday, 8:30-9:25 a.m., "Respect Class," for 7th grade girls.

Collect Food City receipts and turn them in to home room teachers.

ALLEN ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER

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

appointment.

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

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

Feb. 17, 18 - "TWYSSA," 5th grade.

Feb. 18 - "Dollars & Sense" program, 5th grade.

Feb. 26 - FCHD Dental presentation, grades K-3.

School now collecting "Box Tops for Education" from General Mills products. Parents and community members, please send your "Box Top" coupons to

the school Family Resource Center.

A nurse from the Floyd County Health Dept. is in the center weekly. Please call to schedule an appointment. The center is currently scheduling Hep B immunizations and physicals for students who will enter the 6th grade in the upcoming school year, kindergarten entrance exams and TD boosters for sophomores. Also scheduling appointments for WIC services. These nursing 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.

MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY

Feb. 13 - "Time Out for Parents," 1-2:30 p.m. Parents, please check in at front office to request a visitor's pass.

Feb. 17 - Lexington Children's Theater, school wide assembly, 9 a.m.

Feb. 18 - "Dollars & Sense" program, 5th grade, Jenny Wiley Convention Center.

Feb. 20, 21 - Dental programs for Headstart thru 3rd

grade. Lending Library available for use of students, parents and teachers. Videos on a variety of topics are available.

Floyd Co. Health Dept. is at the school each Wednesday. Services include 6th grade physicals and immunizations; WIC; well-child physicals; Kindergarten and Head Start physicals; blood pressure checks; and more. Must call the FRC at 285-0321 for an appointment. Donna Samons-Bartrum, FRC Director.

DUFF ELEMENTARY

School is collecting Food City receipts that will be used toward receiving free computers and other educational items. Please send your receipts to school with your child or drop them off at the Family Resource Center, or the school's front office. Any help with this valuable school project is very appreciated.

MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

School is collecting Food City receipts. Have your students turn receipts in to their home-room teachers. Community

members may also turn receipts in to school office. Help McDowell Elementary receive computers, audio visual equipment, etc. through the "Apples for Students" program.

SBDM Council meets on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

FRC Advisory Council meets first Thursday of each month in FRC office at 5:30 p.m.

GED classes are held in FRC each Monday and Wednesday from 8-11:30 a.m. Classes are FREE. Please bring paper and pencil. Instructor, Teresa Allen, David School.

Parents of fifth-graders should call now to have their child scheduled for school physicals and immunizations. A series of three HEP B vaccines are required for entry into sixth grade next fall. Students should begin the series now in order to be ready by next fall. Call 377-2678 for appointment.

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.

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YESTERDAYS

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

Ten Years Ago

(Feb. 17 and Feb. 19, 1993)

Floyd County Housing Authority Director Julia May is in stable condition at a Frankfort hospital, recovering from injuries received last week when she was struck by a van. Steve Clark, spokesman for the Frankfort police, said Tuesday that May, 56, was hit at 3:15 p.m., last Wednesday, while she was trying to cross Clinton Street in Frankfort...Two Floyd County brothers were killed, Saturday, when their house at Little Paint burned to the ground. Ronald Clay Freeman, 52, and Paul Freeman, 46, of East Point, were both pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson. Another brother discovered the fire around noon Saturday. Police suspect the fire was caused by an electric space heater in the living room. Ronald Freeman stayed at home to care for his brother, Paul, who had Down's Syndrome, relatives said Saturday...In an effort to improve communications between personnel and the community, Floyd County Superintendent Steve Towler hired a former newspaper editor as an administrative assistant for personnel and communications. Terry Spears, 31, of Pike County was hired last week to the new position created in December by the Floyd County Board of Education. Spears, former editor of the Appalachian News-Express in Pike County and The Martin Countian and Mercury in Martin County, assumed his duties Tuesday...Intense heat, high winds and a store of ammunition contributed to the injuries of five Prestonsburg firefighters, Sunday, when they attempted to extinguish a blaze at the Middle Creek residence of Prestonsburg attorney C.V. Reynolds. Department spokesman Major Mike Wells said, Tuesday, that firemen Tommy Hereford, Mike Mays, James Hager, Kenny Crisp and Adrian Blackburn were taken to the Highlands Regional Medical Center for various injuries and smoke inhalation...The Longrifles are coming back to Eastern Kentucky! No, it's not the famous Kentucky pioneer weapon of years gone by—it's baseball in the mountains. The Kentucky Longrifles will make the Big Sandy Valley their home, according to an announcement, Monday, by Paintsville City Councilman and former major league player Johnnie LeMaster...Georgia authorities released Floyd County native Harry Hale on bond, Friday, but they are looking for him again to assist the Floyd County Sheriff's Department. Hale, 46, is charged in Floyd County with possession of stolen property in connection with a search at his home last month which

turned up several personal belongings of a Swiss traveler, Christoph Zahn, 21, who was reported missing in Atlanta last year. Hale is also wanted for questioning by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department in the 1990 disappearance of Mitchell Manns...A removal hearing for Floyd County School Board Chairman Ray "Shag" Campbell will begin at 9 a.m., Monday, February 22, at the state board meeting room in Frankfort. In January, Education Commissioner Thomas Boysen charged Campbell with misconduct in office for signing architect and construction manager contracts without the full school board's approval. Boysen recommended that Campbell be publicly reprimanded for his actions, but the State Board for Elementary and Secondary Education ruled last month that enough evidence was presented to conduct a removal hearing. Campbell denies any wrongdoing in the case...The Kentucky State Police undercover Operation: CUPID netted nearly 500 suspected drug-offenders statewide, Wednesday, including three Floyd County residents. Among the 13 alleged offenders captured were Glen "Nero" Vance of Mud Creek; Teddy B. Tackett of Tinker Fork; and Mike Riley, no address given. Charges included trafficking in marijuana, prescription drugs and cocaine...There died: Manis E. Gray, Tuesday, February 16, at his home in Lancer; Ronald Clay Freeman, 52, and Paul Freeman, 46, of Little Paint, at East Point, Saturday, as the result of a fire at their residence; Clyde B. Bates, 72, formerly of Buckingham, and more recently of Silver Lake, Indiana, Wednesday; J. David Tufts Sr., 91, of Wayland, Thursday, at the Parkview Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville; Billie B. Little, 71, of Prestonsburg, Thursday, in Our Lady of Bellefonte Hospital; Allie Smith Parsons, 83, of Allen, Friday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Joseph Akers, 50, of Galveston, Sunday, at his residence; Clyde Bates, 66, of Melvin, Sunday, at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington; Andy Reynolds, 11-month-old infant son of Hugh and Becky Hunderson Reynolds of Beaver, Monday; Raymond Lewis, 54, of Sidney, Wednesday, at his residence; Ethel Ward, 70, of Tomahawk, Tuesday, at the Three Rivers Medical Center at Louisa; Vernon Martin, 71, of Wittensville, formerly of Coal Run, Stone Coal, in Pike County, Thursday; Champ Childers, 60, of Dema, Wednesday, at his residence; Christina Lewis, 45, of Sidney, Wednesday, at her residence; Aaron J. Akers, 77, of Louisville, formerly of Banner, Friday, at the Surburban Humana Hospital, St. Matthews; Richard "Dick" Spurlock, 89, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Easter Mae Lowe, 56, of Harold, Tuesday, at the

University Hospital, Augusta Georgia; Cedric Jesse Rodebaugh, 65, of Creedmoore, North Carolina, Tuesday, at his home; Ora Pigman Horn, 88, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Sadie Shepherd Salyers, 81, of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ivan Slone, 73, of Brinkley, Tuesday, at his residence; Oma A. Hackworth, 79, formerly of Prestonsburg, Wednesday, at Meadowview Care Center in Seville, Ohio.

Twenty Years Ago

(February 23, 1983)

The robbery of the home of Frank and Bernice Howard, near Martin, Thursday morning, may be the most dramatic in a recent rash of burglaries and attempted burglaries which has affected this county...Barely four months after it went on the air, radio station WMDJ at Martin was destroyed, Tuesday night, by a fire; arson is suspected in the \$120,000 blaze...Four juvenile inmates of the detention center have escaped custody after locking two staff counselors in a cell, yesterday afternoon...There died: Perry Meade, 70, Thursday, at his home at Printer; Pebble Irene Little, 64, of Weeksbury; Ola Katses, 73, Friday, at her home at Garrett; Sally Collins, 76, of Wayland, yesterday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Dolly Carroll Case, 82, of Craynor, Friday, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Wesley Tackett, 69, of Hi Hat, Sunday, in Lexington; Mae Beam, 86, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mary J. Stephens, 98, of Wayland, Monday, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Catherine Elizabeth Moore, 74, of Hi Hat, last Wednesday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Galloway Lafferty, 63, of Allen, Tuesday, February 8; George Tivis Goble, 76, of Cow Creek, last Friday, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Thirty Years Ago

(February 21, 1973)

Floyd Superintendent of Schools Charles Clark expressed surprise and some indignation, this week, that the Floyd school system was mentioned last week, by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, as one that had failed to comply with desegregation requirements. Clark said, "We were fully integrated...in 1965..."Ten of the 16 children of Mrs. Otela Smiley and the late Vyron Smiley, have achieved college degrees, three others are continuing with college

work and another is headed for college next year...A three-state alert of law enforcement officers followed the holdup, here, early last Sunday evening, of the Kroger Store and the getaway of three men and a woman with an estimated \$1,800 in cash...Paul Patton, president of a major Pike County coal company, in a speech at Eastern Kentucky University, last Thursday, said there is really no energy crisis, such as is claimed by oil and gas company representatives...Harry James Martin, son of Mrs. Nell Martin Campbell, of Garrett, has been awarded the Gibbons Award, and \$100, for the Most Outstanding Surgical Student in Auburn University's Large Animal Clinic, where he is concluding his training in veterinary medicine...Born: A daughter, Tamatha Kay, their first child, to Mr. and Mrs. Ermon Leo Tackett, on February 1, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center...There died: Mrs. Nolie Newsom, 71, of Warsaw, Ind., formerly of this county, Sunday, in a hospital there; Mrs. May Dillon Wallen, 82, of Prestonsburg, at her home, Sunday; Donald Gene Hall, 28, of Huntington, Ind., formerly of Halo, Friday, in a car-truck collision in Huntington.

Forty Years Ago

(February 21, 1963)

The 22-man commission, established last week by Governor Combs, to study and help solve the problems facing Kentucky's coal industry, includes two Floyd Countians and two others who are former residents of this county...Snowfall, again, Tuesday morning, cost the county school system another day of teaching time, and County Superintendent Charles Clark said, later in the day, that the schools may be open for classes Saturday of this week...The Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources has awarded to May's Garage, at Allen, the contract for supplying 200 car-body shells to be placed in Dewey Lake as cover for fish..."I think we're going to have a pretty strong flu epidemic in this county in a couple of weeks," Dr. Russell L. Hall, of the Floyd County Health Department, said Wednesday, in a discussion of the spread of Asian flu into this section of the state...Of the five Prestonsburg men who planned to do a 50-mile Kennedy hike, last Saturday, two didn't start, three did, but of the latter, one dropped out after eight miles, and the other two pushed their legs to the limit. The two best out of five were Estill Lee Carter and Carlos Branham. They were "shooting" for 50, but had to be satisfied with 34 miles...Phil

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Goble

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in front of a public audience: "My first real performance was in a musical performed by the music TAG program at Prestonsburg Elementary. I sang a song called, 'It's Lonely Way Out in Left Field,' about a baseball player who never catches the ball. From then on, I knew I loved performing." Megan continued to perform in school productions, as well as 4-H productions, and to offer her talents at a variety of public events, such as the Floyd County Ministerial Association's 9/11 remembrance. And, she holds the distinction of being the first person ever to sing on the House floor in Frankfort for our Kentucky legislators.

She now regularly performs with the Jr. Pros, to the delight of each attending audience, as Megan possesses a grace and skillful stage presence that far belies her young age, as well as a powerful, yet very sweet, voice with which she can execute any style of song, though country is her favored style. In her free time, Megan says she enjoys listening to "meaningful, inspiring music."

This past summer, Megan had the opportunity to visit Nashville and the recording studio, Island Bound Music, owned by Floyd County native, Julie Bolling Daniel. "It was a wonderful first trip to Nashville," said Megan. "Julie is a wonderful person. She gave me some demos to study and encouraged my songwriting."

When asked about her dreams and hopes for her future, Megan replied, "Everyone like me dreams of being famous and all that, and I want the same things. But really, what I want most is a comfortable life, a big house on a farm, and most of all, a family. I consider anything else beyond this to be extra blessings."

She continued, "Most of all, I want to be happy. Happy

with myself. I will go and accomplish whatever God wants me to. He will take me and use me as he wants, I really have no say. I just hope and pray that God will (continue) to bless me as he has so many times before."

Megan is also adamant about her opinions regarding music and arts programs in the schools. "I think it's horrible the way (these programs) are neglected and pushed aside. The arts are one of the most important things you can learn, and if you notice, you learn skills you can use every day. Music and arts programs are slowly disappearing in Floyd County, and the talent is going along with it. We should get it back in schools and keep it there."

No doubt about it, music and the performance arts have a special place in Megan's heart and she has one in ours. In closing, Megan said that many "wonderful" people have influenced her life and encouraged her to follow her dreams. Among them, and in addition to her teachers, she names Chris Lafferty, a senior member and regular performer of the KY Opry who also teaches music at Allen Elementary, Mrs. Billie Jean Osborne, founder of the Mountain Arts Center and KY Opry and KY Opry Jr. Pros, the Floyd County 4-H program and extension agent Chuck Stamper, Girl Scout Troop 44 and leader Phyllis Allison, and Maggie and Jerry Fannin, who have all been "strong supporters."

But as far as the "one person" in Megan's life who she credits as being a guiding influence in the quest of her dreams, Megan says, "My mother and father. I strive to make them proud and they are always there to pick me up when I fall."

Here's wishing you all the best that life has to offer, Megan. Never stop chasing those dreams!

School

OSBORNE ELEMENTARY - RAINBOW JUNCTION FRC

- Feb. 18 - "Romeo and Juliet" - MAC - 6th grade
- Feb. 18 - "Dollars and Sense" - Jenny Wiley Convention Center - 5th grade
- Feb. 27 - "Self Esteem" character program - Gary Boothe

PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

- *PES is collecting Food City receipts. Have your child turn in receipts to their homeroom teachers. Community members may also turn in receipts to the school office or Family Resource Center.*
- MCCC services available at the center. Call for additional information.
- Center is open weekdays 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
- After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.
- Call 886-7088 for additional information regarding the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center or its programs.

SOUTH FLOYD YOUTH SERVICES CENTER

- Walking track open to public (except during special event).
- Center has a one-stop career station satellite station 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.
- The center is located on the South Floyd campus in room 232. For more information call: 452-9600 or 9607 and ask for Mable Hall, ext. 243, or Keith Smallwood, ext. 242, or Donna Johnson, ext. 153.

STUMBO ELEMENTARY/MUD CREEK FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

- Feb. 13 - Whales, 3rd grade,

(EKSC)

- Feb. 13 - "Time Out for Parents." Topic: "Helping Your Child Succeed in School." 1:00 p.m. Lola Ratliff, presenter.
- Feb. 18 - "It's Not Just Dirt," K-1, (EKSC)
- Feb. 19 - "It's Not Just Dirt," grades 2-3, (EKSC)
- Feb. 20, 21 - "Quality Kids," Hygiene and Lice, 8:30 a.m.
- Feb. 25 - Whales, 4th grade, (EKSC)
- Feb. 26 - Whales, 5th grade, (EKSC)
- Feb. 27 - Whales, 6th grade, (EKSC)
- The Bridges Project is located in the school each day, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have any questions about the Bridges Project, call 587-2644.
- 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.

THE DAVID SCHOOL

Adult Education Class Schedule
 ■ Monday and Wednesday Betsy Layne High School, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Call 478-3389 for more information.
 Morehead State Prestonsburg Campus, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Call 886-2405 for more info.
 ■ Tuesday and Thursday St. James Episcopal Church, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Church is located on University Drive, Prestonsburg, between PCC and the BP station.
 ALL GED CLASSES ARE FREE. BOOKS AND MATERIALS ARE ALSO FREE, EVEN THE ACTUAL GED TEST IS FREE! So, please take advantage of this wonderful learning opportunity. For more information about the free GED program, call Crissy Compton at The David School at 886-8374 (Fridays).

WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

■ School is participating in Food City "Apples for Students"

program. Please send your register receipts to school with your student, or drop them off or mail them in to school office at: P.O. Box 454, 103 Methodist Lane, Allen, KY 41601.
 ■ Weekly Chapel Services, each Wednesday morning, 10 a.m.

W.D. OSBORNE RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

■ TBA- Recycling program, all grades.
 ■ "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.

Critter

Dental disease can lead to some major problems for the entire body. The blood supply to the gums lies very close to the surface, and when a pool of bacteria is constantly present, it is easy for the bacteria to enter the bloodstream and spread to other parts of the body.

Two organs that are commonly affected are the heart and the kidneys. Bacteria can colonize in the heart valves and cause a condition called bacterial endocarditis. This can cause the valves to become leaky and lead to a form of heart failure.

An even more dangerous possibility is that clumps of bacteria and tissue can break off the damaged valve and send an embolus, or clot, into the bloodstream. These are usually small enough to pass through a major artery, but they tend to lodge in small vessels, especially in the lungs and kid-

neys. If you've ever taken an animal to the vet for a urinary infection, and he seemed awfully interested in its mouth, this is why. This is also why it is important to give your pet all of the antibiotics prescribed for a dental infection even if the mouth is looking better and further treatment seems pointless.

Brushing your pet's teeth is not as fartetched as it sounds. While it will not remove existing tartar, it can prevent problems in a healthy mouth, and can vastly improve the condition of the mouth following a professional cleaning.

No, animals in the wild don't get it done, but their diet is much harsher, and their life expectancy is much shorter; those that live long enough probably do develop tooth and gum disease. Your vet can show you how to start teaching your pet to accept tooth brushing, initially just using moist gauze squares.

Don't try using regular human toothpaste; it isn't designed to be swallowed, and few animals appreciate its foaming action. Animal toothpastes are generally meat-flavored, and if properly introduced are well tolerated. A child's soft toothbrush with very soft bristles is okay if it's not too

big for your pet's mouth, but again, those designed specifically for animals may be easier to use.

Chew toys and hard biscuits may help remove plaque (the soft precursor to tartar), but are not really a substitute for brushing. Bones are definitely out; any benefits they might have for teeth are outweighed by the risk of injury or death from the pieces that splinter off. The large sterilized type sold for dogs are one exception. Even then I would be very cautious with large dogs with very powerful jaws - get a size appropriate for your pet. Even cats sometimes like to gnaw on chewies.

My opinion on rawhide toys is to use your own judgement. My rule of thumb with my own dogs is that they can have them if they chew on them over a long period. The dogs that eat a medium thickness chip in a few minutes are not allowed to have them. I limit them anyway, and try to supervise the dogs while chewing, both because they do represent a small choking hazard and because they seem to provoke dogfights over possession.

Now go check that mouth! Your own dental cleaning may not be the only one that's overdue!

Yesterdays

Coleman sparked Wayland in the fourth quarter at Wayland, Saturday night, to register a 75-66 victory over Maytown...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rice, of East Point, a daughter, Susan Darnelle, February 10; to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McNally, of Prestonsburg, a daughter, Charla Dene, February 10, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital...There died: Luther Hensley Jr., 15, of Melvin, Saturday, at McDowell Memorial Hospital; Mrs. Ruby Scarborough, 55, of Weeksbury, Sunday, at home; Ike M. Conley, 52, Floyd County native, Feb. 2 at Alger, O.; Mrs. Judy Tackett, 70, Saturday, at her home at East McDowell; Ollie Crum, 61, of Ivel, Monday, at the home of a sister.

Fifty Years Ago

(February 19, 1953)

U.S. Senator John Sherman Cooper told Prestonsburg Mayor Curtis Clark, last week, that new hope has risen for the canalization of the Big Sandy River...The ailing coal industry of the Big Sandy valley lost a market for approximately 899,000 tons of coal last year as the result of importation of cheap foreign residual oil...The body of Pfc. Clyde D. Spradlin, 22, of Spradlin's Branch, who was killed in action in Korea, arrived here this week...Higher gas rates, which will add \$96,000 to fuel bills, are foreseen for residents of eastern Kentucky communities served by United Fuel Gas Company...Kentucky's biggest experiment with Northern pike began Friday, with the release in Dewey Lake of 500 of that species...Floyd County's tax assessment, in comparison to market, value is next to the bottom of the list of Kentucky's 120 counties... L. B. Brashear, of Manton, again will head the Floyd County Red Cross fund drive this year...Born to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hale, a daughter, Mary Ann, February 11, at Maryville, Tenn.; to Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lafferty, of Martin, a daughter, Sunday, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin...There died: Ernest Bradley, 51, formerly of Eastern, at Stockdale, O., Tuesday; Henry Reffett, 33, of Blue River, Feb. 11, at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Elsie May Crisp, 49, of Allen, Friday, at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Jack Adkins, 58, of Brush Creek, Monday, at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey; Mrs. Opal Moore, 28, of Langley, Feb. 13, at Stumbo Memorial; Adam Allen, 88, formerly of Hueysville, Sunday, at Oldtown, Ky.; Mrs. Cora Music Foley, 37, of Lancer, Wednesday, at the Paintsville Hospital; Mrs. Oma Gibson, 83, of Emma, Tuesday, at the home of a daughter; Mrs. Sarah Ann Keathley, 82, Feb. 17, at home at Amba; Mrs. Jonathon Preston, 82, of Lackey, Feb. 10, at the home of a daughter.

Sixty Years Ago

(February 18, 1943)

In two fires here, last week, the first, Monday afternoon, caused an estimated damage of \$5,000 to the residence of E. R. Burke, on Second Avenue, and the second, Wednesday morning, destroyed the residence property of A. H. Spradlin on North Second Avenue...Monday, February 22, was designated, this week, by County Superintendent Town Hall, in a letter to the 19 Floyd County schools yet in session, as the day for school collection of clothes for Russia...Authority of the State Revenue Department to make a complete reassessment of property in a county, at the expense of the county Tax Commissioner, was upheld by the Court of Appeals this week...Malone's Service Station, at Allen, was burglarized this week, the thief taking a box, containing a part of the infantile paralysis funds contributed by the community...The garage building, owned by A. C. Carter, and now occupied by the Valley Chevrolet Sales was purchased a few days ago by J. T. Hughes, owner of the Hughes Motor Company at Allen...D. C. Stephens, Prestonsburg, this week acquired gas properties on John's Creek formerly owned by Lawrence Keathley, Martin, at a reported cost of \$27,500...Funds contributed thus far by Floyd Countians to fight infantile paralysis total \$375, Mrs. Lon C. Hill, fund chairman, said this week...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Jones Tallent, of Lake Mary, Florida, a son, William Anderson, February 1...There died: Mrs. Martha Tackett, 49, at Marion, Virginia, last week; William P. Jones, Floyd native, at Baltimore, Maryland; William Burchell, 68, at his home on John's Creek, Tuesday.

Seventy Years Ago

(February 17, 1933)

A volley of bullets, intended for President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Wednesday night, at Miami, Florida, missed its mark, but wounded five others, among them Chicago Mayor Anton Cermack, who is in critical condition...Martin has been selected as the site for this year's district basketball tournament...The store of A. M. Layne at Betsy Layne was robbed, Sunday night, of merchandise valued at approximately \$100, and an attempt was made, shortly after, to burglarize the Pike-Floyd Coal Company's commissary there, but was foiled by the night watchman...Fees of members of juries in circuit courts of the state, cost the state a total of \$501,683, the first 11 months of 1932...The McDowell debating trio, in its first debate, Friday, won over the undefeated Wayland team, 2 to 1...Members of the Abbott Heights Golf Club are preparing for a membership drive, with a goal of one hundred members as its objective...There died: Taylor Merritt, 74, at his home near Emma, Saturday; Elizabeth Meade, 38, at Eureka, Friday.

Oak

to add to the plot of the tale being told.

My response to the question, of course, was that not once did it ever enter my mind that those folks were living better than I was. Perhaps it was because I just considered them as residing in a land of make believe, that in no way resembled reality.

I suppose that if I had compared any incidents that I experienced via the silver screen to real life, they would have related more to the B-western movies than anything else. I can imagine myself wondering about how a six-shooter could fire 15 or 20 times without having to be reloaded, or how come the horses in the movies never had to use the bathroom when all the horses and mules that were kept in the old dairy barn at the head of Silk Stocking, went about every half hour or so.

But such were not the thoughts

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of a ten-year old boy who had never been so far from home that he couldn't get back before dark. I can remember, however, as a bunch of us walked home one night through Greentown, having a pretty good argument about where the band was hiding as it accompanied Gene (or was it Roy?) as he rode alone down the dusty trail, singing to his horse.

Other than that, though, movies then were simply to enjoy without having to give them too much thought.

But these days, I sure do a lot of thinking... about a couple of girls.

Since Friday has been designated as that time of the year when it's perfectly okay to tell someone special how you feel about them, may I say... Happy Valentine's Day, Wilma Jean and Alison. I love you both.

Birthdays

Alexis is 4!

Alexis Makenzi Hall, the daughter of Kevin and Krystal Hall, of Wayland, celebrated her fourth birthday on January 10, 2003. Alexis was joined by many family members and friends at her "Scooby Doo" theme birthday party held at the Pin Zone in Prestonsburg. Alexis is the maternal granddaughter of Bruce and Kathy Scott, of Garrett. Her maternal great-grandmother is Sybol Bentley, of Wayland. She is the paternal granddaughter of Palmer Hall, of Tennessee, and Ann Tignor, of Virginia. Her paternal great-grandparents are Bubby and Marie Stone, of Estill.



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Korner

Then Thursday night we received our blanket of our most beautiful snow yet. School was canceled, and that was as close to a "given" as one can get. However, rumors began to circulate on Friday around our office that Friday night's scheduled basketball game was on between South Floyd and Prestonsburg. Figuring this was simply just a rumor I didn't tend to give it much thought. Then at one point during the day I even considered attending this game. That is until the snow began to fall, and continued to do so.

What baffles me is that we cannot run school buses full of our precious children and take a chance with their lives getting them to and from school. Right? Right!

But, am I to assume we can take the chance on getting them to and from a ballgame? The snow was already here for crying out loud. It was a "Fact", no longer a prediction! When the Spouse picked me up from work at 5 p.m. that evening it was pouring the snow. To fathom a ballgame on a night like this was unthinkable to me. Yet it took place, and I also heard Betsy Layne and Allen Central were playing as well.

I immediately began to pray, "Lord be with all these families and children having to be out on these slick roads this night." If you don't have a clue where South Floyd is, let me tell you, it's approximately 45 minutes away (depending on your speed) sitting ever so lovely atop a beautiful little hill in Left Beaver. It's where I grew up. And though the stretch of four-lane from Eastern to McDowell is wonderful, the four-lane ends there, and the curving, winding two lane roads begin. Meade Hill came in to mind, thinking how many of these students on South Floyd's team would have to climb that? What a dangerous night this has turned out to be, and the many children whose lives were being put at stake were flashing in the minds eye.

There are roads right here in Prestonsburg that are equally dangerous. Betsy Layne has the Mud Creek roads to consider, Allen Central's children have just as many curves and winding roads to travel as well.

The chills that ran up my spine were as cold as if I were standing out in the icy white driven snow. Yet, I was safe, warm, and sitting typing these thoughts on the computer. Do I dare finish this piece, attach it to an email and send it to be in print? Or do I save it as a reminder of my frustration over the situation? It struck me that if a parent of one of these children could have the space to voice their opinions they would do it in a second. A friend and I were talking on the phone earlier, and she had commented she had heard there were four wrecks in Prestonsburg and all had taken place before 8:30. Now whether she had gotten her information from a scanner, or word of mouth, I'm not sure. I just know the ballgame I was listening to wasn't over until 9:10 p.m. and the temperature had dropped even more. That's when the thought our roads could be covered in black ice entered my mind.

How dangerous black ice can be, how hazardous to have to travel. Granted my location is closer to the sky, up here on this mountain, and evidence lying on our blacktop of ice sparking may not be the case down below in the valley. And pray tell I hope it's not!

But just exactly who's decision it is to go ahead with a ballgame when school has been canceled due to slick roads, (or in last Thursday's case the chance thereof), is beyond me.

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However, whoever has that responsibility I send this plea, "Please don't ever consider a ballgame on a "snowy" night when school cannot even be a consideration with the "prediction" of snow". Here I sit with not a child involved, or even in high school any longer, and I am riddled with fear for those who will have to be traveling. And for those actually involved I can only imagine. My thoughts and prayers have been with you all - May you have reached your destinations safely, and May God grant the wisdom to keep this situation from ever happening again!

On a lighter note, I'd like to say "Congratulations" to my brother-in-law Barry, sister-in-law Lora, and nephew Coty, on the new addition to their family and ours, Conner Thomas. Conner joins the Frasure Clan weighing in at 7lb. 14oz. And 20-1/2 in. long. Can't wait to get a hold of him either! Children truly are God's most precious Blessing.

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Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

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A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, which is more particularly described as follows:

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Inquiries should be directed to:
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NUMBER 836-5428, RENEWAL

(1) In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operations located 1.0 mile Southwest of Blue Moon in Floyd County. The operation disturbs 8.07 surface acres and underlies 1,113.81 acres and the total area within the permit boundary is 1121.88 acres.

(2) The operation is approximately 1.1 mile Southwest of Little Mud Creek Road's junction with the Morgan Fork Road and located adjacent to and 0.50 miles North of Morgan Fork. The Latitude is 37 degrees 29 minutes 28 seconds. The Longitude is 82 degrees 42 minutes 33 seconds.

(3) The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area disturbed is owned by the

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COMMON-WEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II C.A. NO. 02-CI-00213 MID-STATE TRUST, VIII PLAINTIFF VS. JODY L. HALL AND ANITA G. HALL AND FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S SALE

BY VIRTUE OF Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court entered on the 30th day of January, 2003 in the Floyd Circuit Court, in the above styled action, in the principal sum of \$77,411.74, together with interest, costs and fees, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Old Floyd County Courthouse Door, 3rd Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, (behind the new Floyd County Justice Center) to the highest bidder, at public auction on Thursday, the 20th day of February, 2003, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., the following described real estate located in Floyd County, Kentucky, and more particularly described as follows:

A certain tract or parcel of land lying on the waters of Tanyard Branch, a tributary of Little Mud Creek in the Community of Harold, Floyd County, Kentucky, and being a portion of the same tract of land conveyed to Clarence E. Kidd, et al, by deed dated October, 1986 and recorded in Deed Book 325, Page 370, records of the Floyd County Clerk's Office and more particularly described as follows:
Beginning on a set iron pin and cap, a corner common to (now or formerly) Christa Hall (DB 894, Pg 409), said pin

being located approximately 0.50 miles northeast of the intersection of Tanyard Hollow Road and Ky. Hwy. 1426, thence with a line common to said Hall S 47-30-16 E 168.25 feet to a set iron pin and cap, thence leaving line common to said Hall and with 4 new division line severing the parent tract N 47-31-33 E 194.81 feet to a set iron pin and cap near a large beech, thence N 50-19-11 W 247.59 feet to a set iron pin and cap on the southeastern edge of a drain, thence down drain S 29-29-43 W 186.71 feet to a set iron pin and cap on the southeastern edge of said drain, thence leaving edge of said drain S 47-34-49 E 19.96 feet to the point of beginning, containing 0.94 acres by survey conducted on May 20, 1999 by Richard A. Reece, PLS#3358 with H & R Surveying, Rt. 1, Box 240, Gray, KY 40734.

Also conveyed herein is a 12' right of way for the purpose of ingress and egress from Tanyard Hollow Road and described along the centerline as follows: Beginning on a point in the southwestern boundary of the above described tract of land, said point being located S 47-34-49 E 12, 26 feet from the southwest corner of the above described tract, thence along the centerline S 50-58-16 W 65.47 feet, thence S 35-29-19 W 58.57 feet, thence S 21-09-40 W 53.05 feet, thence S 41-42-16 W 25.71 feet, thence S 51-52-35 W 36.91 feet to a point in the eastern edge of Tanyard Hollow Road.

It is also understood that the Grantors retain a 12' easement across the above described tract of land for the purpose of ingress and egress to the remainder of their property, said easement will run along the northwestern boundary of the above described tract of land and on the east side of the drain.

Unless stated otherwise any monument referred to herein as a "set iron pin and cap" is a set 1/2" by 18" iron pin with a red plastic cap stamped H & R PLS#3358. All bearings given herein

are referenced to the magnetic meridian as observed in the field on May 20, 1999 by taking random sight and turning angles therefrom.

Being a portion of the property conveyed to Jody L. Hall and Anita Gaye Kidd Hall (husband and wife) by Clarence E. Kidd and Christine Kidd (husband and wife), Andrew Hall and Sharon Kaye Kidd Hall (husband and wife), and Jody L. Hall and Anita Gaye Kidd Hall (husband and wife) by deed dated June 1, 1999 in Book 436, Page 431, recorded in the Floyd County Court 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 20% 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, 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 takes precedence over printed matter contained herein.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE PURSUANT TO APPLICATION NO. 836-5368, RENEWAL

1) In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that FCDC Coal, Inc., 750 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Ky 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation. This operation includes 4.24 acres of surface disturbance, and underlies an additional 118.0 acres, for a total permit acreage of 122.24 acres, located 1.5 mile north of Drift, in Floyd County.

2) The operation is approximately 1.5 mile north of KY Hwy 122's junction with Stonecoal Branch Road, and is located 1.0 mile east of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 29 minutes 30 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 44 minutes, 46 seconds.

3) The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation uses the underground method of mining. The surface area is owned by Alma Land Company. The area underlies land owned by Alma Land Company, Hargis and Ruth Hall, and Zella Martin heirs. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of a public road, Stonecoal Branch

Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

4) 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, objections or requests for a permit conference, must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Ky 40601.

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Do you feel with your heart?

Are you making pictures of hearts and giving little heart-shaped candies to friends for Valentine's Day? When you make a promise you really, really mean, do you "cross your heart?" Or, do you listen to songs about broken hearts?

We see and hear about hearts everywhere. Long ago, people thought our feelings came from our hearts. Maybe because strong feelings can make our hearts beat faster. Now we know feelings come from the brain, not the heart.

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Understand the purposes of and events honored in holidays.

Broken Heart Puzzle

Cut out these shapes. Can you put them together to make a heart? What does the Valentine message say?



Draw a heart around the healthy snacks. Draw an X through the unhealthy ones.



SNACKS		

Standards Link: Health: Recognize the fitness benefits from various types of foods.

My Funny Valentine

Make a Valentine Puzzle for your special Valentine. Cut a heart shape out of some pink or red paper. Write a message on your heart. Then cut the heart into four or five puzzle pieces. Put all the pieces in an envelope and give it to your Valentine!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: follow simple written directions.

Be Sweet to Your Teeth!

Every day a terrible troublemaker hides in your teeth, waiting to carve holes in them - PLAQUE! (Say it like *plak*, rhymes with *tack*.) You must remove it everyday, or else it will cause your teeth to decay.

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7 - 12 - 12 - 7 - 19 - 25 - 9 - 6 - 8 - 19

21 - 15 - 6 - 12 - 9 - 18 - 23 - 22

21 - 15 - 12 - 8 - 8

7 - 12 - 12 - 7 - 19 - 11 - 26 - 8 - 7 - 22

Do this after every meal to keep germs off your teeth:
25 - 9 - 6 - 8 - 19

Standards Link: Health: Understand good personal hygiene practices that include caring for teeth.

Valentine Pals

Jill and Phil are pals. They like many of the same things. How many ways can you find that Jill and Phil are the same?



Standards Link: Recognizing similarities and patterns in objects.

Extra! Extra! Teeth in the News

Look through the newspaper for ads and/or articles that encourage kids to eat or drink things that are bad for your teeth. Can you find anything in the newspaper that encourages eating and drinking things that are good for your teeth?

Standards Link: Health: Recognize foods that promote good health.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

SWEET
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Have a Heart!

Look through the newspaper for an example of someone who was "heartless" or totally lacking compassion or caring. Is there a way they can make up for their behavior?

Standards Link: Social Science: Recognize behaviors that demonstrate good character.

What did the paper clip say to the magnet?

ANSWER: "I find you very attractive."

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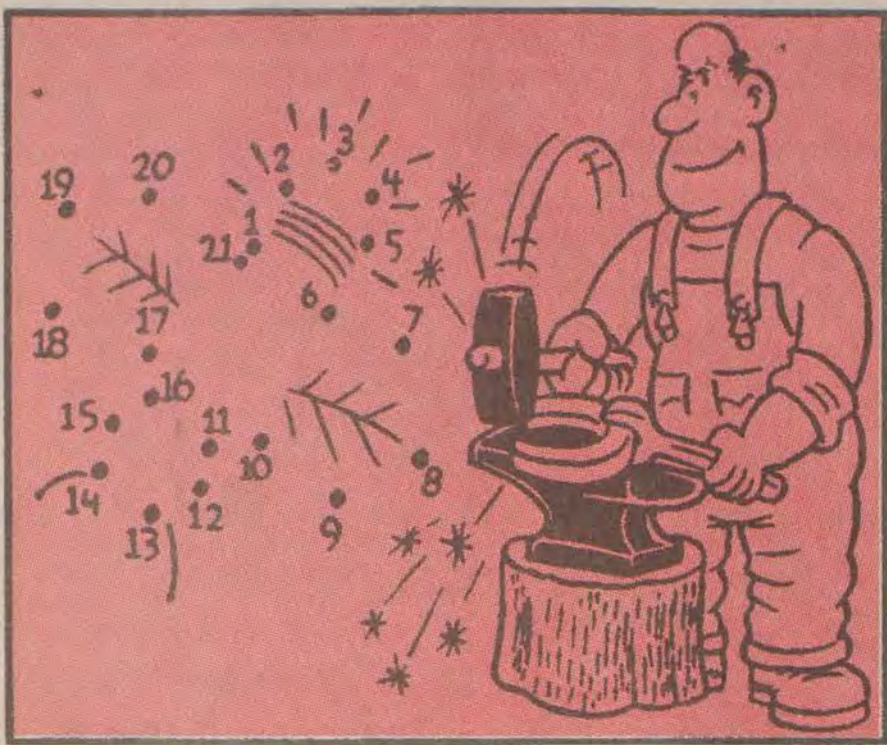
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Answer: He makes the firefly.

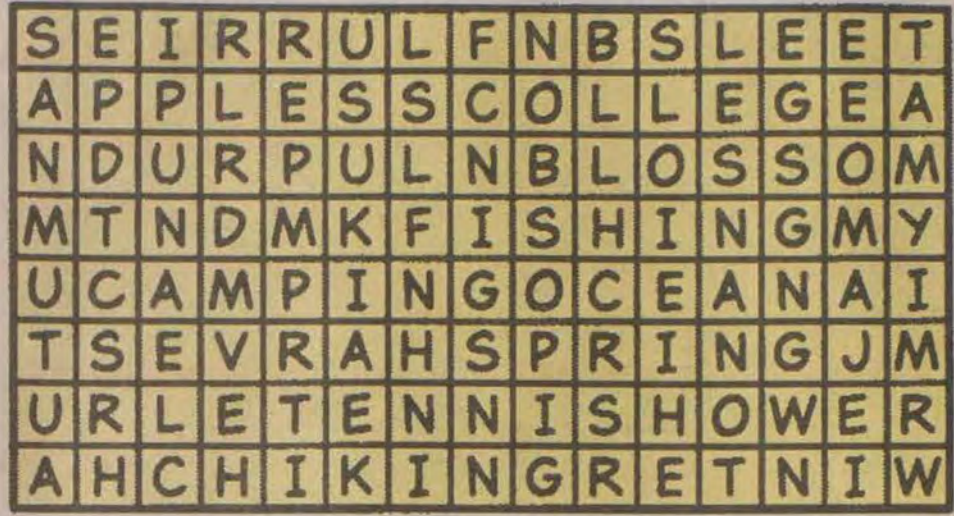


Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend

A PUZZLE FOR ALL SEASONS!

Illustrated by David Coulson



SHAKES, FRIES AND ALPHAMATH! To solve this AlphaMath puzzle, you must replace the letters with the digits 0, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9, so that you have a correct addition problem. The same letters get the same digits. Try to get the highest possible total.



Our answer: H=7, A=6, R=1, D=2, O=0, C=8, K=3, F=9, E=5 (7612 + 1083 = 8695).

DON'T GO DRY ON THIS ONE! Can you complete the Word Square on the right using the definitions below. All words must read the same both across and down.



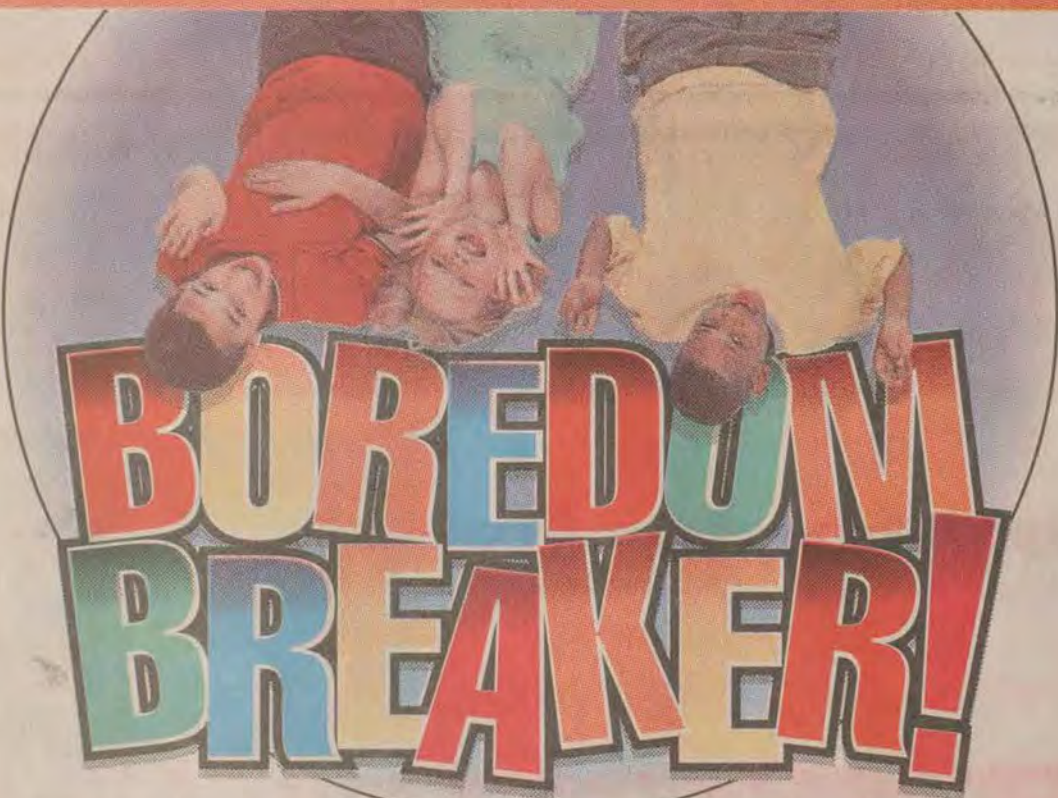
1. A refuge (in place).
2. To make embarrassed.
3. Lively and spirited.
4. Set of new stamps.
5. More reserved.

Answers: 1. Oasis. 2. Abash. 3. Sassy. 4. Issue. 5. Shyer.

Hidden in the diagram above are 19 words pertaining to the four seasons of the year. They can be found reading up or down, or side to side. You'll even find them diagonally going up or down. Letters can be used more than once. Listed below are the words that you're looking for.

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| AUTUMN | FLURRIES | SLEET |
| BLOSSOM | FOLIAGE | SPRING |
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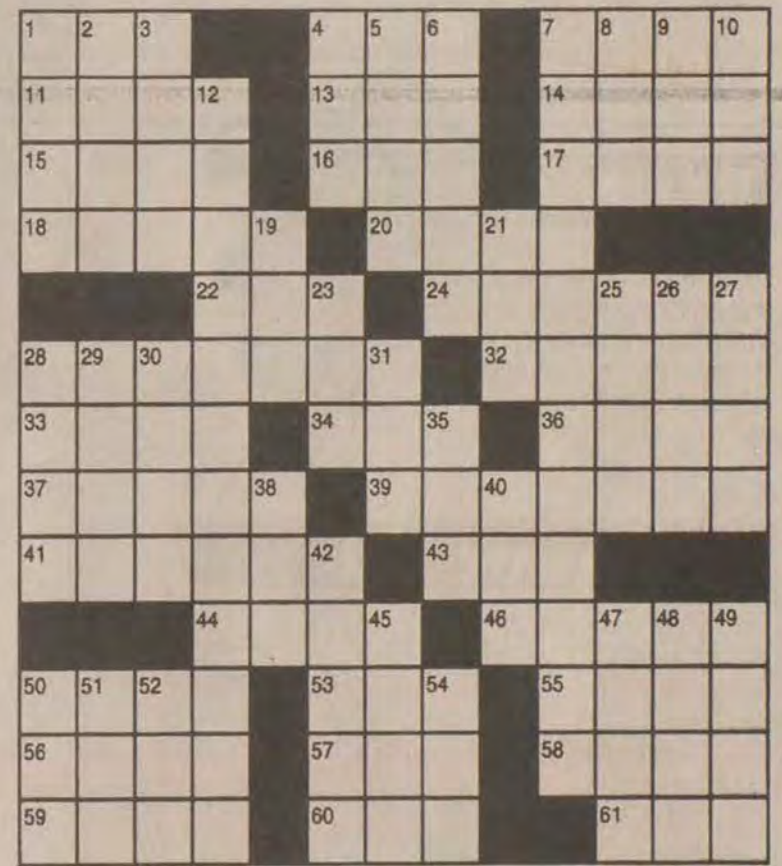


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- 4 Not in
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- 11 Speedy horse
- 13 The maiden
- 14 Ellipse
- 15 Pinnacle
- 16 Scale member
- 17 Semester
- 18 Bundle of wheat
- 20 Steerer's place
- 22 Yank
- 24 Japanese entertainer
- 28 Uneventful way of proceeding
- 32 Standard
- 33 Beehive State
- 34 Playground game
- 36 Actress Ward
- 37 Emulates Marceau
- 39 November birthstones
- 41 Mind
- 43 Go up and down
- 44 Harp's ancestor
- 46 Necklace component
- 50 Head light?
- 53 Give a massage ...
- 55 ... to remedy this
- 56 DeMille



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| movie, often | 7 Continue unrattled | 31 Tit for - |
| 57 Raw mineral | 8 St. crosser | 35 Sailor |
| 58 Genealogy chart | 9 Standard | 38 Bashful |
| 59 Earth's inheritors? | 10 Shade source | 40 Dad |
| 60 Angler's tool | 12 Long-popular game show | 42 Slip-up |
| 61 Audience | 19 Canine coat | 45 Coin of 12 nations |
| | 21 Romanian money | 47 Realty unit |
| DOWN | 23 Understood | 48 Talk-show host Caroline |
| 1 Sheep's comments | 25 Egyptian seaport | 49 Ogler's look |
| 2 St. Louis attraction | 26 In fine fettle | 50 Height of fashion? |
| 3 Appellation | 27 Reaction re Yorick | 51 Gorilla |
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Find the key that matches each lock.



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My Letters

K is for Key
k is for key



Learning Buddies: Read the two phrases aloud. Have your child read with you. Trace the uppercase and lowercase letter K. Say the letter as you trace it.

How many words or pictures can you find on this page that have the sound that the letter K makes in the word key?

My Numbers

How many ?



How many ?

Learning Buddies: Trace and say the number. Read the questions. Touch and count to find the answers.

My Sentence

Learning Buddies: Read the first part of the sentence aloud. Ask your child to think of a way to finish the sentence. Write your child's words in the lines. Read the entire sentence to your child while pointing out that reading is done from left to right. Older children may want to trace all or some of the letters in the sentence.



My key opens a _____



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Letter Identification With your child, look through the newspaper to find pictures of things that start with the same sound as the letter K in key.	Math Play Point to the number 8 in the newspaper. Have your child say the number and, if it's large enough, have your child trace the number.	Open and Shut Find newspaper pictures that show the meaning of the words open and shut . (Example: a window, a door, a curtain.) With your child, discuss whether or not a key could be used to open one of the pictures that shows something that is shut .	Big K and Little k On one page of the newspaper, find an uppercase K . Then find a lowercase k . Have your child draw a line to help the lowercase k find its big sister or brother.	Key to Travel Look for newspaper pictures of things you can travel in. Cut them out and make a picture called Things We Travel In . Pretend you have a key that will start each kind of transportation pictured. Ask your child where you will go in each one.	Picture Count With your child, look at a picture or ad in the newspaper that pictures lots of different objects and/or people. Together, count the number of items or people. For example, count the number of fruits in a grocery store ad.	Family Fun Have your child find pictures in the newspaper that show things that he or she likes to do with your family.



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Rational Numbers by Linda Thistle

Using the clues, simple arithmetic, and a little logic, place a single digit (0 to 9) in each empty box in the diagram. To help you get started, the answer for clue 2-Down has been entered in the diagram.



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- 12-Down minus 5-Down
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- One less than 11-Down
- Three times 8-Down
- Six times 18-Across
- Two times 3-Across
- Eight times 10-Down
- Four times 5-Across
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- One-fifth of 3-Down

- Three more than 13-Down
- 1-Down plus 2-Down
- Three less than 19-Across
- 5-Down plus 14-Down
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- Consecutive digits in ascending order
- 12-Down minus 1-Down
- Five less than 15-Down
- Digits of 1-Across reversed
- 19-Across plus 1-Down
- Digits of 5-Across reversed
- Two more than 4-Down

DOWN

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What is a slave?

A slave is a person who is owned by another. Slaves have no rights or freedoms — they are thought of as property.

Abolitionists

People who wanted to abolish slavery were called **abolitionists**. The antislavery movement in the United States began when Pennsylvanian Quakers took a stand against slavery on moral grounds in the late 1600s. The abolitionist movement was at the height of its activity during the 1800s. Black and white abolitionists played a large role in the Underground Railroad.

THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

The Underground Railroad was not a formal organization. It was made up of free blacks and whites who aided escaped slaves with food, clothing, guides and information on safe routes, in addition to places to hide. Aided by a secret network of stations and conductors, thousands of blacks escaped slavery in the Southern states in the 50 years before the Civil War (1861-1865).

On the road to freedom

Though some women and children risked their lives in the quest for freedom, most runaways were men between the ages of 16 to 35. Women and children escaped, too, but their numbers were small in comparison to the men because they were more easily captured. Runaways usually traveled alone or in small groups. The majority of these fugitives headed to the Northern states and Canada, where slavery was illegal. But runaways also headed for the Western territories, Mexico and the Caribbean.



Fugitive slaves faced many hazards on their journey to freedom, from bounty hunters to geographic obstacles like mountains and rivers. A slave could travel only a few miles a night, using the North Star as a compass.

The term Underground Railroad was first used in the 1830s. During its peak activity, this secret network helped thousands of slaves find freedom. Because the organization was so secret, little documentation exists that can tell us the true number of people who traveled the railroad to freedom. Slave owners regarded the Underground Railroad and its agents as thieves.

Secret symbols and codes were developed. Much of this secret language was based on railroad terms. Hiding places were called **stations** and people who helped the fugitives were known as **conductors**.

Secret code words

- Agent** — A person who planned the escape routes for fugitive slaves
- Baggage** — Escaped slaves
- Black grapevine** — A method of communication within the black community
- Brakeman** — A person who made contact with fugitive slaves
- Bypass or runaround** — A secondary escape route
- Conductors** — People who directly transported escaped slaves
- Drinking gourd** — The North Star
- Flying bondsmen** — The number of fugitives in a group
- Forwarding** — Taking slaves from station to station
- Freedom line** — The route of travel of an escaped slave
- French leave** — Secret departure
- Jumping off place** — A shelter for fugitives
- Load of potatoes** — A wagon of slaves hidden under farm produce
- Operator** — A conductor or agent on the Underground Railroad
- Patter roller** — A bounty hunter hired to capture slaves
- Pilot** — A guide for runaway slaves
- Sanctuary** — A hiding place
- Scattered way wagons** — A number of hiding places
- Shepherds** — People who encouraged slaves to escape
- Station** — A safe hiding place
- Station master** — Person in charge of a safe house or hiding place
- Travelers** — Runaways
- "The wind blows from the South today"** — A warning to Underground Railroad workers that fugitive slaves were in the area



Mary Ann Shadd (1823-1893) was born a free black in Delaware. Her father was a shoemaker who was very involved in the Underground Railroad. In 1851, Mary Ann moved to Windsor, Ontario, and became a teacher and abolitionist activist who fought for the equal rights of blacks. At the age of 60, she became the first black female attorney in North America.



Frederick Douglass (1818-1895) is one of the most famous leaders of the abolitionist movement. Douglass was born a slave in Maryland. He escaped in 1838. A brilliant speaker, he toured the North with a series of anti-slavery lectures. Douglass established an anti-slavery newspaper called the North Star in Rochester, New York, which he edited for 17 years. Douglass served as an occasional adviser to President Lincoln during the Civil War.



Lucretia Mott (1793-1880) was a Quaker minister from Massachusetts and a leader of the antislavery and women's rights movement. She was well known for her eloquent speeches against slavery and, after the war, supported the rights of black Americans to vote.



Harriet Tubman (1820-1913) has gone down in history as one of the most well-known conductors on the Underground Railroad. Tubman was born into slavery. After she escaped, she dedicated her life to helping other runaway slaves find their way north to freedom. During the Civil War, Tubman volunteered as a Union spy and scout. Harriet returned to the South 19 times and personally helped more than 300 fugitives find their way north. She was nicknamed "Moses" because she led so many to freedom. After the war, Harriet Tubman lived in Auburn, New York, where she continued to work for the rights of blacks and women.



Ohio, Indiana and western Pennsylvania had the most active Underground Railroad routes. Detroit and Niagara Falls were the main border cities for crossing into Canada, but the "Promised Land" was also reached by sailing across the Great Lakes.

Safe in Canada

In 1793, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada (today's Ontario) **John Graves Simcoe** presented a bill to abolish slavery. When that bill became law, Canada became a place of freedom. Canada declared that any blacks who came to Canada would be free citizens. Canada also refused to return runaway slaves to their Southern masters or to allow American slave hunters into the country. A slave could be free in the Northern states, but there was the risk of capture and return to slavery. For this reason, many fugitives headed for Canada. It is estimated that more than 30,000 blacks immigrated to Canada through the Underground Railroad between 1830 and 1865.

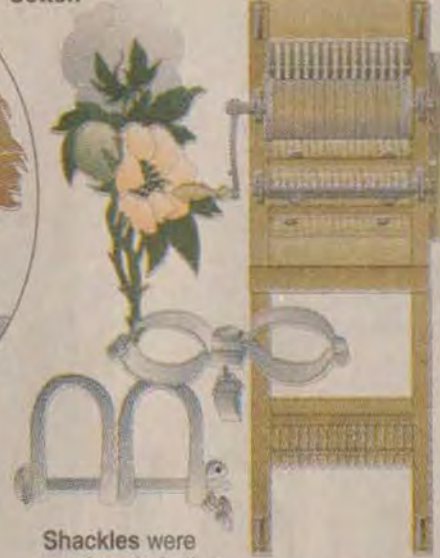
Fugitive blacks who came to Canada were not given land by the government like many earlier immigrants and refugees. But individual groups of abolitionists often raised money to buy land for the newcomers. Most settled in the Great Lakes region and worked as laborers.

When slavery was finally abolished in the United States in 1865, some blacks who missed their families and original homes chose to return to the States, but many chose to remain in Canada.



Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe (1752-1806)

Cotton



Shackles were used to chain the slaves together.

Cotton gin

Eli Whitney's invention of the **cotton gin** in 1793 revolutionized cotton agriculture and unintentionally increased the demand for slaves. Suddenly, cotton was a major cash crop, replacing the traditional crops of tobacco, rice and sugar. Cotton cultivation is very strenuous labor and the demand for bonded workers (slaves) grew in proportion to the demand for cotton.



Levi Coffin (1820-1913) and his wife **Catherine** were Quakers who lived in Newport, Indiana (now Fountain City). Levi Coffin is sometimes referred to as the "president of the Underground Railroad" because he assisted so many fugitive slaves — it is estimated that he helped more than 3,000 slaves escape. The Coffin home was an Underground Railroad station conveniently located on three main escape routes to Canada. Escaped slaves could be hidden in the house for several weeks, recovering their strength and waiting until it was safe enough to continue on their journey north. One of the more famous slaves who hid in the Coffin home was "Eliza," whose story is told in the book "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The Coffin home is now a registered Historic Landmark and is open to the public.

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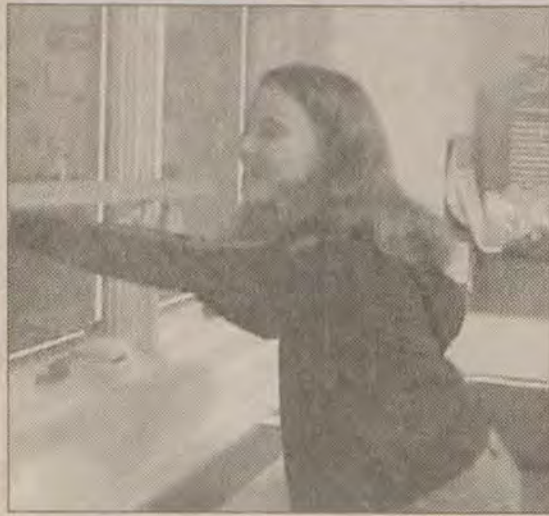
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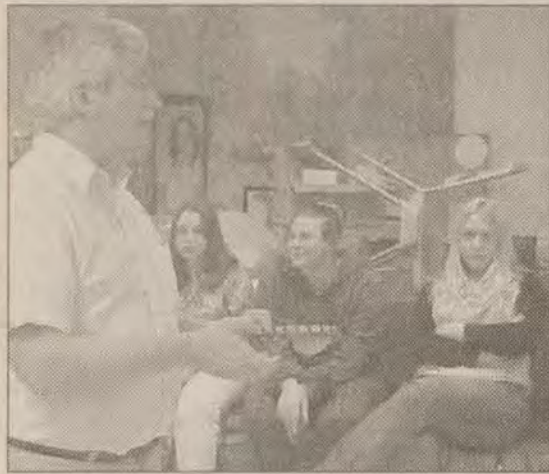


STUDENTS FROM ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL WORKING IN 8TH MATH CLASS TAUGHT BY JENNIFER WEST COLLECTED MEASUREMENTS AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE CLASSROOM TO COMPLETE A SCALE DRAWING OF THE ROOM USING METERS. STUDENTS WILL USE DATA AND FORMULAS TO CONVERT METERS INTO CENTIMETERS.



PEACE CORP

Father Bob Damron, priest from St Martha's Catholic Church visited Arts & Humanities class to tell the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade classes about the cultures he encountered as a Peace Corps volunteer. He discussed the language, music and daily life in Africa and South America.



Allen Central High School



Allen Central High School students participate in the Adopt-A-Child Program. A child is given Christmas gifts brought in by groups of students.



Allen Central High School Beta Club Initiation 2002

In November of 2002 the Allen Central High School Beta Club inducted 25 new members into their organization. This is a chapter of the National Beta Club and the chief requirement that the students must meet is to obtain a 3.0 overall grade point average. ACHS currently has 42 old members from the last three years bringing the chapter to a total membership of 67. Each member participated in the initiation and it was followed by a reception in the school cafeteria for both students and parents. The senior officers in the Beta Club this year include Shellie Hayes, president; Erin

Majakey, vice president; Tiffany Turner, treasurer; and Amanda Potter, secretary. The Beta Club works year around to help both the school and community.

Some of the current activities that are taking place within the club include campus beautification projects, donations to the Kosair's Children's Hospital, donations to the Floyd County Animal Shelter, food and clothing drives, Adopt-a-Child program, circulation of a petition to help prevent teenage smoking, hosting a blood drive every 6 months, the purchase of new VCR's for the school, and many more things.



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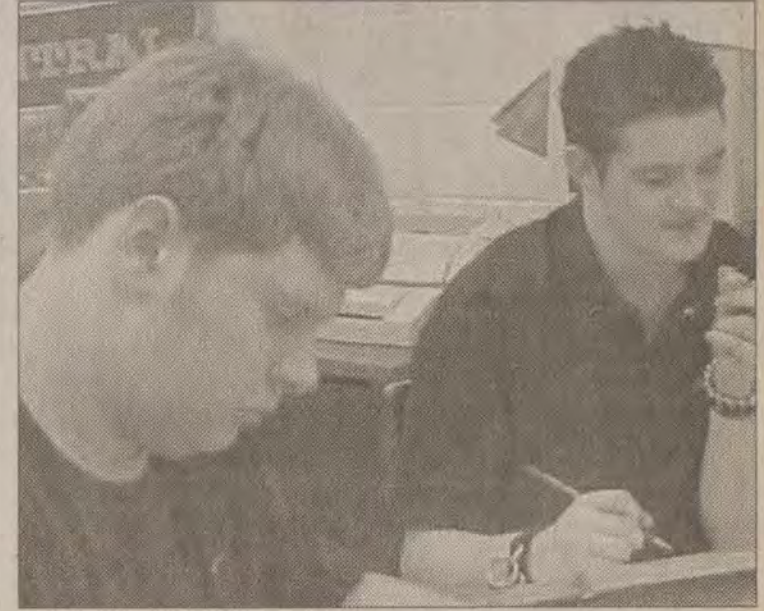
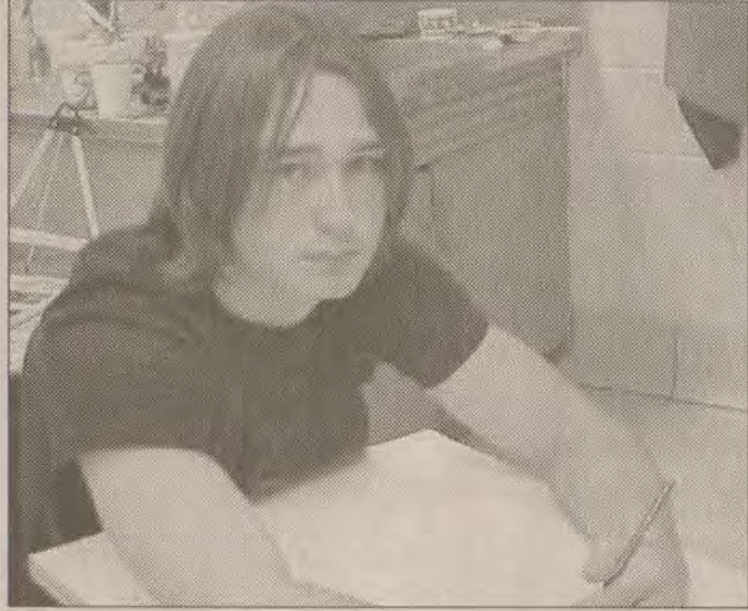
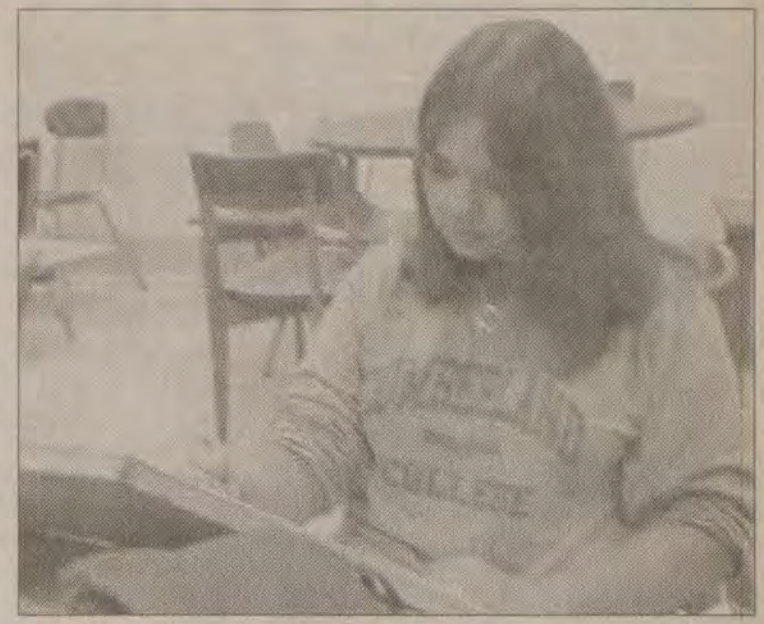
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ART

Mrs. O'Quinn's art classes prepare for competition in the Kentucky All-State High School Art Exhibit at Morehead State University.

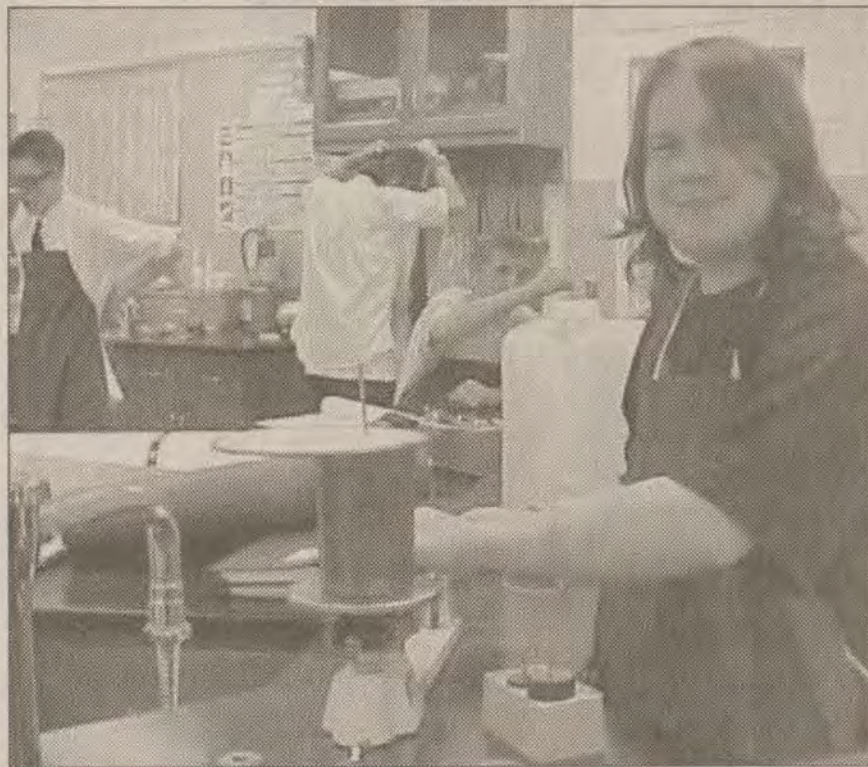


The Allen Central High School chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America entertained teachers and other faculty and support staff with a Christmas tea in December. The food lab was decorated for the occasion with Christmas colors and candles.

Recorded music added to the atmosphere as faculty members enjoyed their afternoon break with refreshments prepared by the students. FCCLA members involved were Erica Howell, Angel Spradlin, Leavodis Casebolt, Stacy Salisbury, Lara Tackett, Amber Wireman,

Autumn Wireman, Sabrina Howard and Natasha Shepherd. Their chapter advisor is Patricia (Huffman) Mayton. FCCLA is the current version of the Future Homemakers of America. Since 1945, this organization has been true to its mission of promoting personal growth and leadership

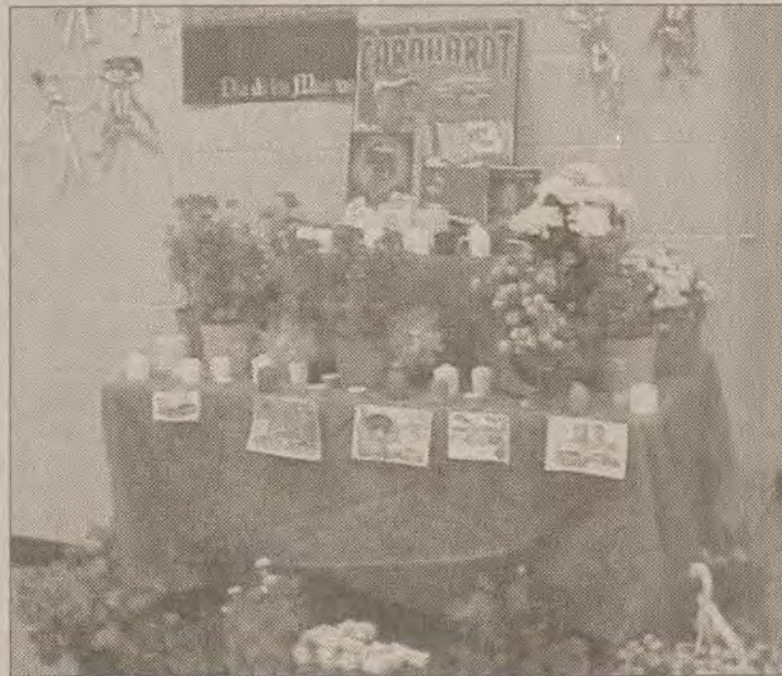
development through family and consumer sciences education. Focusing on the multiple roles of family member, wage earner and community leader, members develop skills for life through character development, creative and critical thinking, interpersonal communication, practical knowledge and career preparation.



Physical science students conduct experiments under the direction of Mr. Danny O'Quinn.



Allen Central High School was host to the second TAG Leadership Challenge Meeting. Rita Osborne, ACHS TAG coordinator, said, "The students were involved in many different activities on the topic of communication." Chuck Stamper and the 4-H Leadership Council were the coordinators of the day. Students involved in the TAG Leadership meeting included: Alanna Cline, Amanda Mills, Jackie Martin, Jessica Isaac, Mara Billiter, Justin Jacobs, Robbie Vanderpool, Josh McKinney, Morgan Salisbury, Brett Watson, Brittany Crisp, Kellie Bailey and Brett Whitaker.



Deshia Holliday's Spanish students celebrate El dia de los muertos.

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Allen Central Middle School



Allen Central Middle School Academic Team

Allen Central Middle School participated in the district Governor's Cup Academic Competition where they walked away with several awards. The quick recall team came in first. The Future Problem Solving Team came in first. FPS team members are Brittany Frasure, Andrea Moore, Melissa Noble, and Tiffany Owens. In the area of composition, Melissa Noble came in 4th place and Brittany Frasure came in 3rd place. In the area of Mathematics, Brittany Frasure came in 5th place and Josh Martin came in 3rd place. In Social Studies, Carl Little came in 5th place and Dagan Bickford came in

3rd place. In Science, Weston Reid came in 5th place and Dagan Bickford came in 2nd place. In Language Arts, Josh Manuel came in 4th place, and Richard Vanderpool came in 2nd place. In General Knowledge, Zack Griffith came in 4th place, and Josh Martin came in 3rd place. Mrs. Billie O'Quinn coaches the Future Problem Solving Team, Mrs. Sandra Stapleton coaches the Quick Recall team and Mrs. Lynn Handshoe coaches the students in the assessment areas. All students who score in the top five places will advance on to regional competition.

Remembering the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia
Allen Central Middle School Students and Duff Elementary students met around the flagpole to remember the seven astronauts who lost their lives in the shuttle disaster. The names of the seven crew members were read and the flag lowered to half mast.



Student Council

Allen Central Middle School students recently participated in electing their student government. Students were given a time to campaign for their office and then present their platform in a speech in front of the student body. The elected president is Christina Blevins, vice president, Melissa Noble, secretary, Tiffany Owens, treasurer, Rebel Lawson, and Pricilla Greer will serve as public relations coordinator. Jeremy Hall and Liz Barnett serve as student council sponsors.

Student Council candidates



Student Council members

Betsy Layne Elementary



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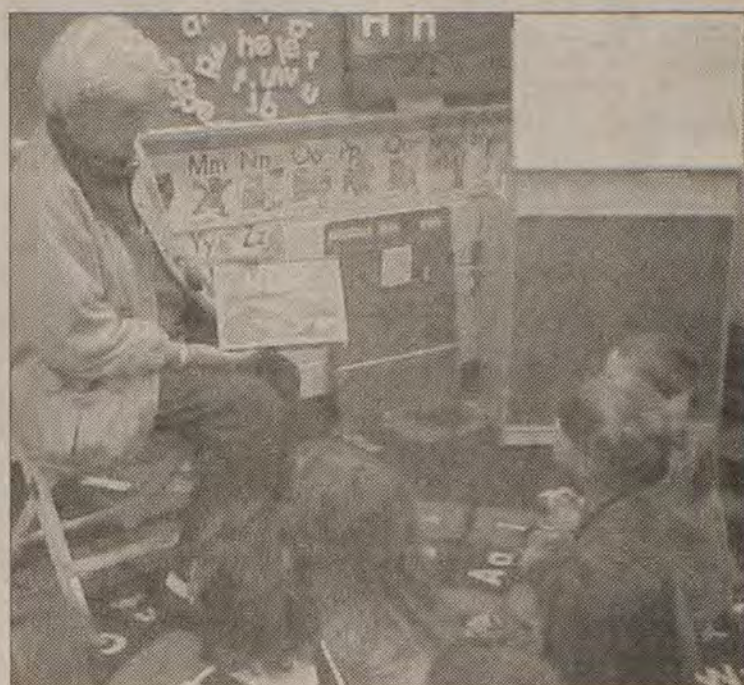


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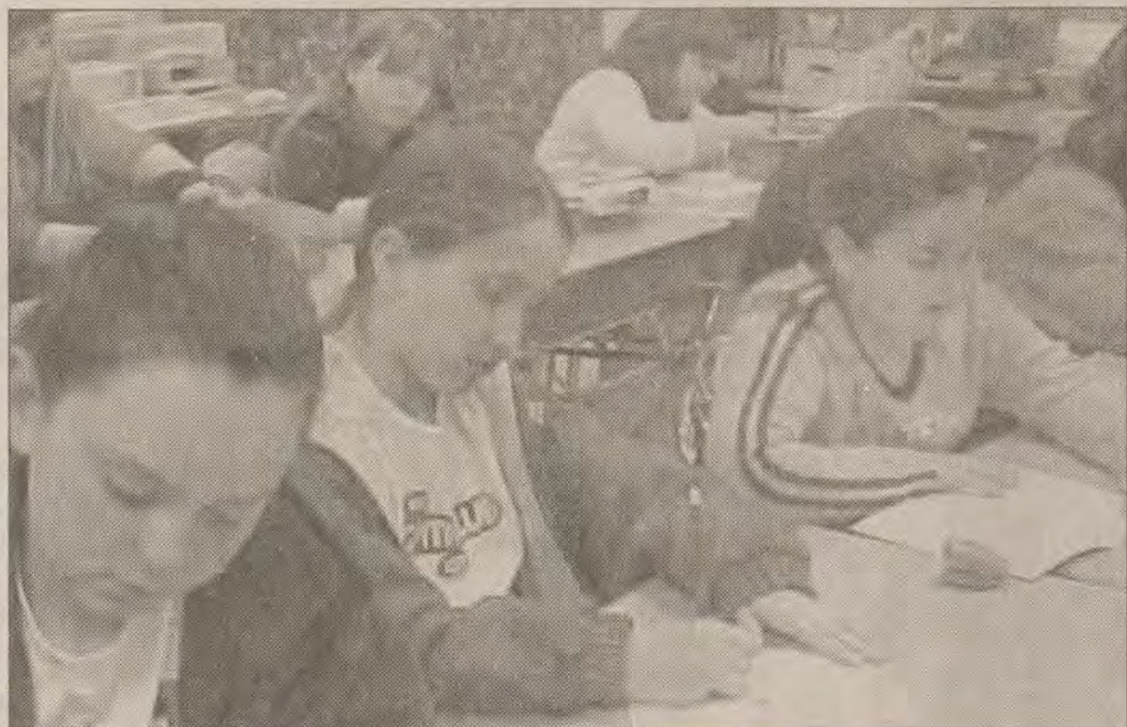
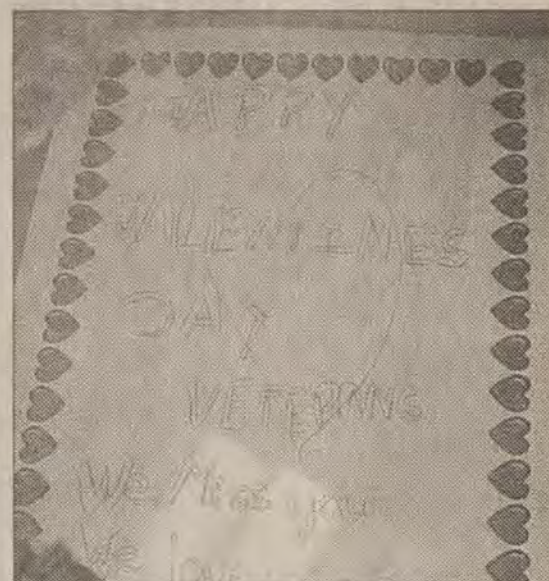
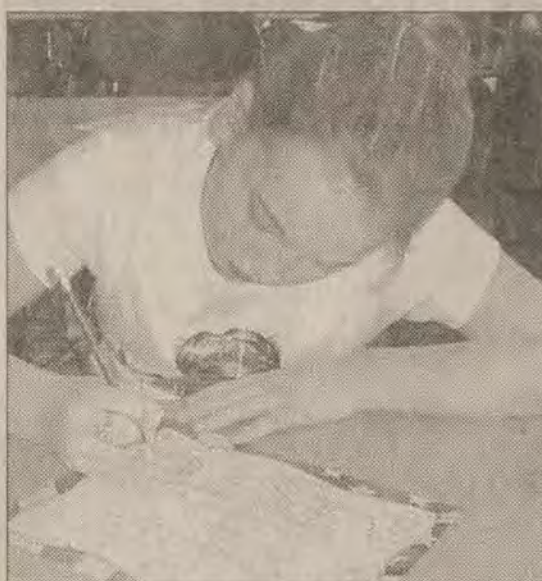
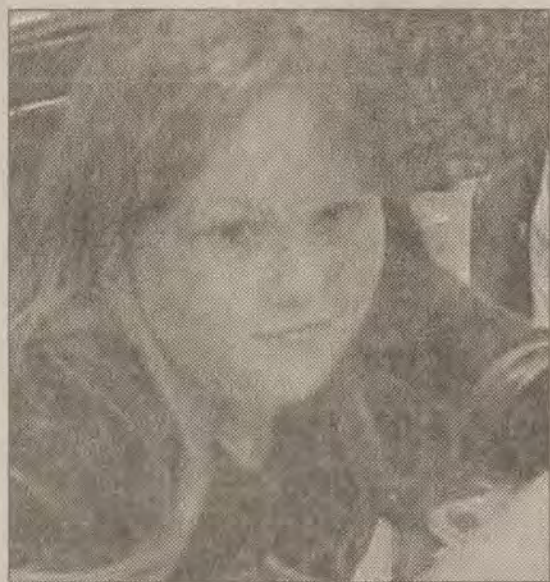
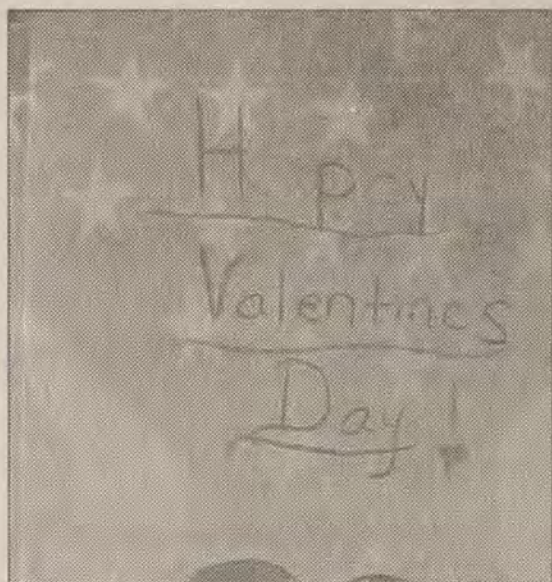
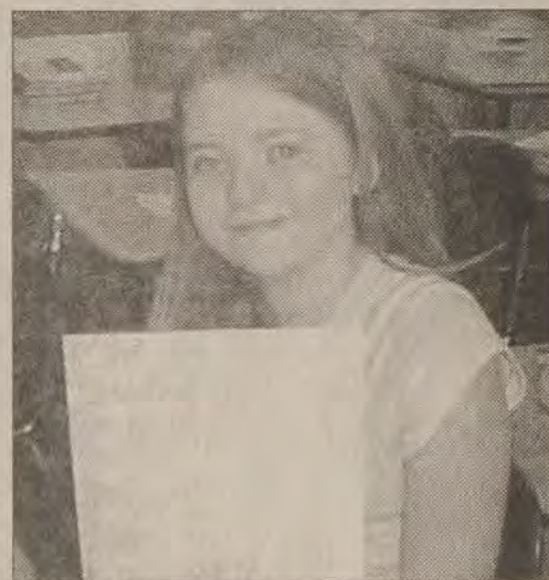
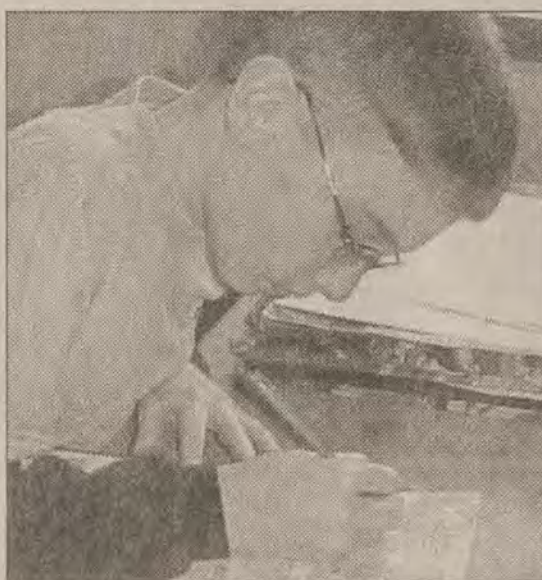
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Operation Heart-to-Heart

Betsy Layne Elementary fourth- and fifth-graders designed and sent Valentines to veterans.



Donna Collins' primary class at Allen Elementary celebrated Christmas around the world. Their country was Germany. They sang "Oh, Christmas Tree" and made gingerbread houses.

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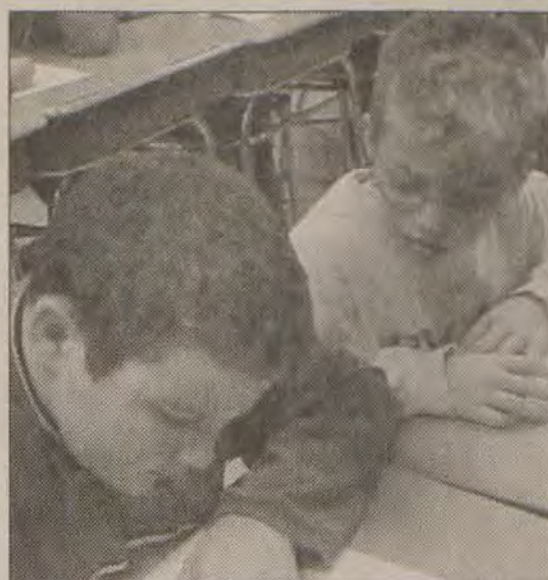
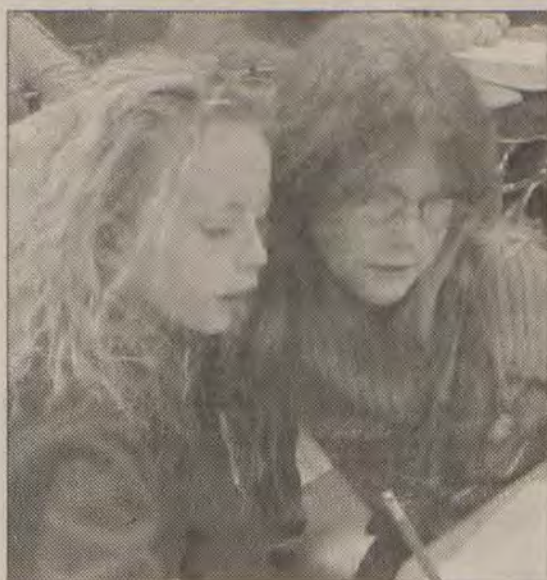
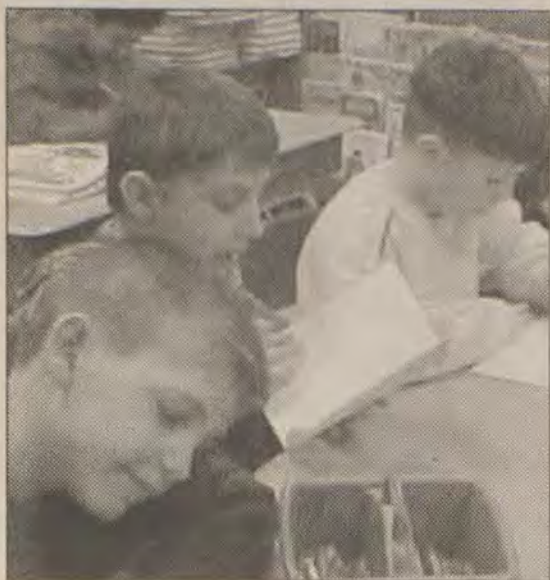
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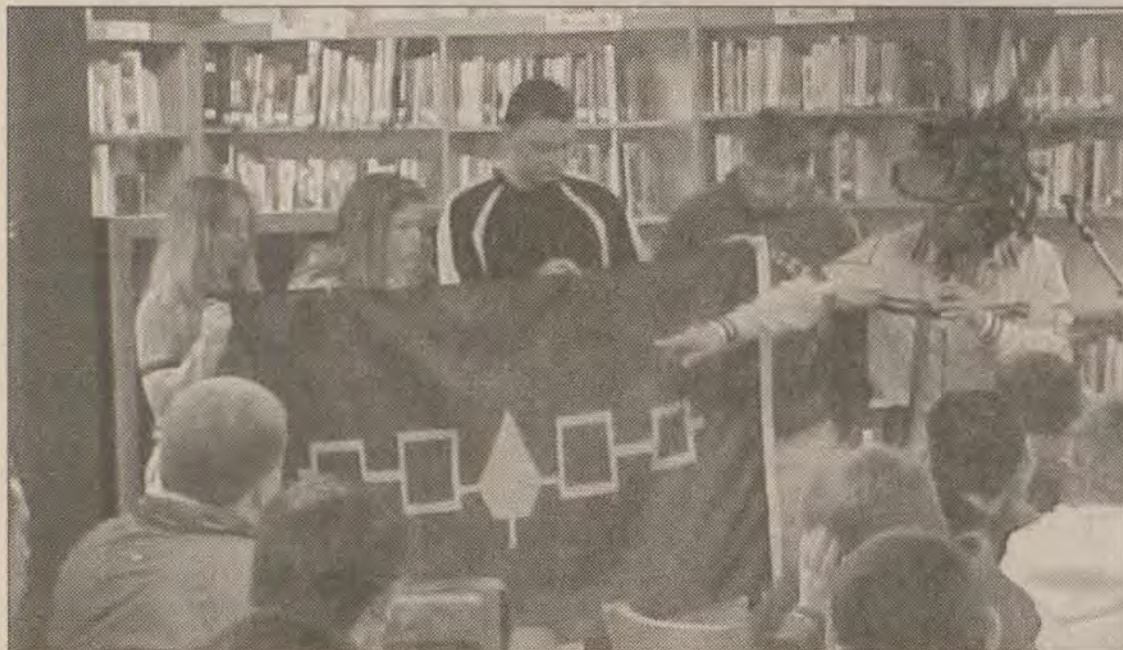
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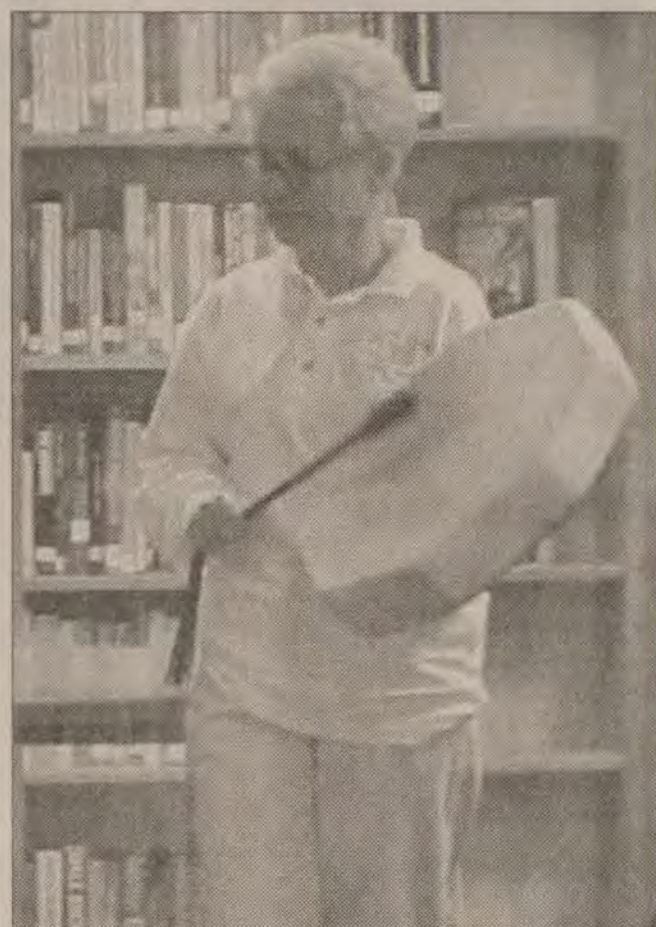


Above is Mr. Howard Lyons with traditional Iroquois headdress explaining the Iroquois Confederacy flag to the audience. Holding the flag are BLHS seniors Matt Gillespie, Steven Gillespie, Ashley Stevens, and Trish Robinson.

Many BLHS students received an unforgettable lesson in Native American heritage and culture on Thursday, January 30th when the 2002 Native American Music Awards Nominee, Howard Lyons lectured and performed in the BLHS library. Lyons, who is a member of the Mohawk Wolf Clan of the Six Nations Iroquois Confederacy, is an award winning songwriter, vocalist, recording artist and lecturer. Students from social studies and language arts classes attended the "interactive" presentation.

With each performance, Lyons requested volunteers from the audience to try their hand at playing a Native American instrument or singing along in his native language. From water-filled drums to deer-bone rattles, students were introduced to many unique and strange looking instruments, not typically found in music class.

Lyons also highlighted authentic Iroquois artifacts, including jewelry, baskets, clothing, and the traditional ceremonial headdress. With each artifact, Lyons explained not only how it was made and used, but also its purpose and symbolic meaning in the Iroquois culture. The event helped to promote cultural diversity and enhance student understanding and appreciation of Native Americans.



Above is social studies teacher Mrs. Dennyne Layne volunteering her hidden drum talents. This performance earned her the title of "Clan Mother" from Mr. Lyons.

Clark Elementary



Congratulations to the 2002 Conservation Contest third-place winner, kindergarten student Brittany Brown, center. Fifth-graders Jake Layne and Brittany Compton were conservation winners at the school level.



How can we make this bulb light up?

Kyle Shepherd and Tyler Poe, from Mrs. Parson's fourth-grade class, apply their knowledge of current electricity. They discover that the current must flow in a path from the battery, through the wires, switch, bulb and back to the battery, that is the source.



Steve Mills and family perform for Clark Elementary School.



Students in Mrs. Barrows' room collected the most Food City receipts for the month of December. They collected \$6,458.

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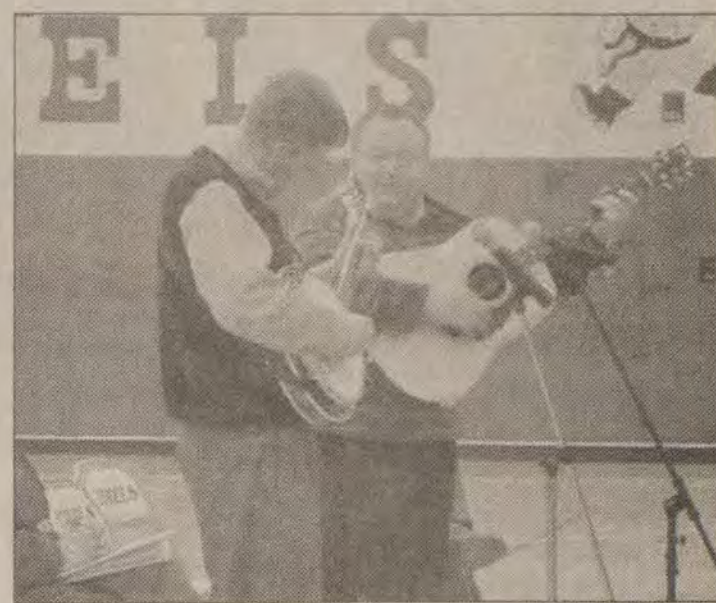
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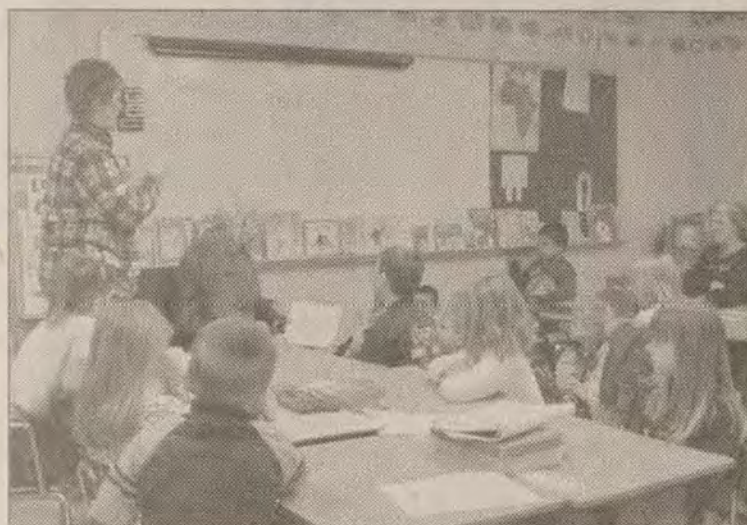
Duff Elementary



Fourth grade students in Mrs. Martin's, Mrs. Duncan's and Mrs. Ratliff's rooms recently completed a unit on animal habitats. As a culminating activity, the students made bird nests from materials found in nature.



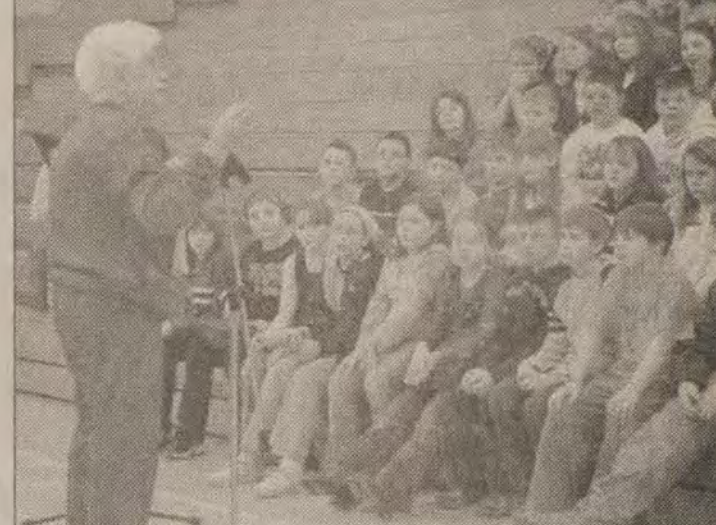
Pictured above are Bruce Davis, playing the banjo, and Ronnie Spriggs, on guitar. Seated is Mrs. Imogene Caldwell, writer and storyteller.



Kindergarten students at Duff Elementary enjoyed their visits by volunteer readers as part of Big Sandy RECC "Read Around Program."



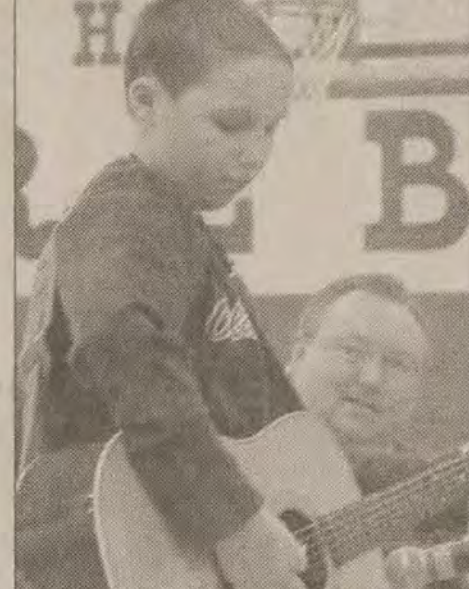
Pictured are students from Ms. Manns classroom with volunteer reader Imogene Caudwell



Big Sandy RECC volunteer reader Dallas Peavey shares a story with students.



Students listen as Bruce Davis of Big Sandy RECC visits to read with students as part of the "Read Around Program."



Students Michael Howard and Michaela Tussey and teacher Melanie L. Turner shared in the fun by playing with the group.

Congratulations to the following students for having the top Accelerated Reader points per grade level for the second nine weeks:



Caleb Conn - 3rd



Chad Nelson - 5th (Chad Nelson was the top point winner for the school)



Gary Arnett - 2nd



Melanie Mills - 1st



Thomas W. Case - Kindergarten



Wallace Coburn - 4th

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Courtland and his mom, Jessica, eat with Niah.



Bryce, mom and papaw had dinner.



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Kendal, grandmother and mom pose for a picture.

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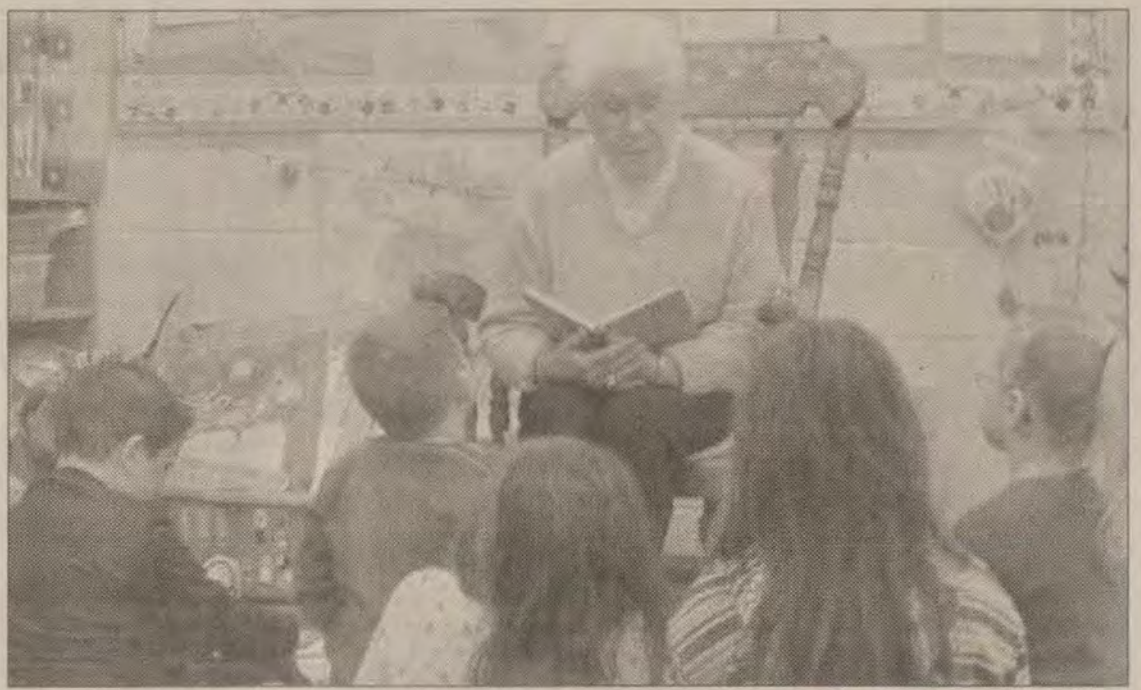
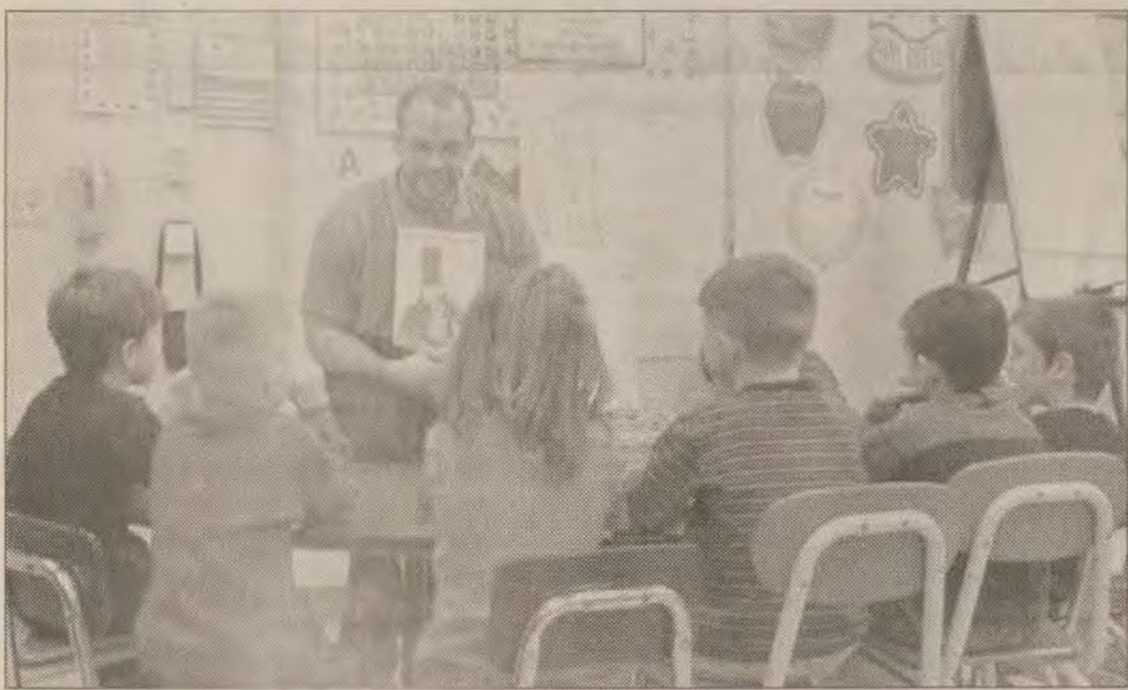


Kaitlyn and mom Monica and grandmother Drucilla.



Bailey, mom Jessica and dad Jonathan have a good time together.

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Volunteer readers from Big Sandy RECC visit Lisa Thornsberry's kindergarten class as part of the "Read Around Program."



"The Kentucky Heritage Program" sponsored by Big Sandy RECC provided fourth- and fifth-grade students with a history and appreciation of music and our heritage. Pictured are volunteers Bruce Davis, on banjo, and Ronnie Spriggs, on guitar. Imogene Caldwell shares from her writings. Students from Wesley Moore, Greta Howard, Tammy Farmer, Cassandra Fultz and Monica Compton's rooms participated.



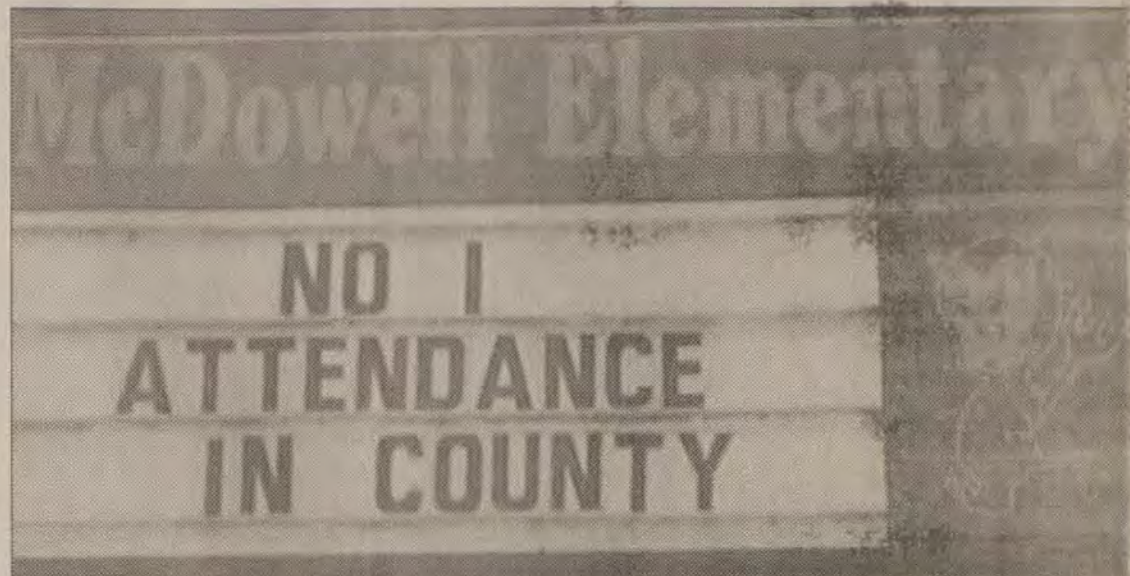
McDowell Elementary



Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Crider wanted to congratulate their fifth-graders for being on the Academic Team. They are very proud of each of you.



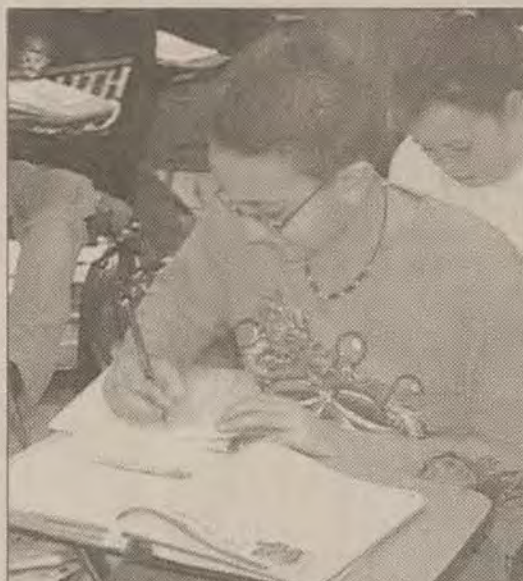
Ms. Danita Johnson's 6th grades prepared a plaque in remembrance of the 9-11 tragedy.



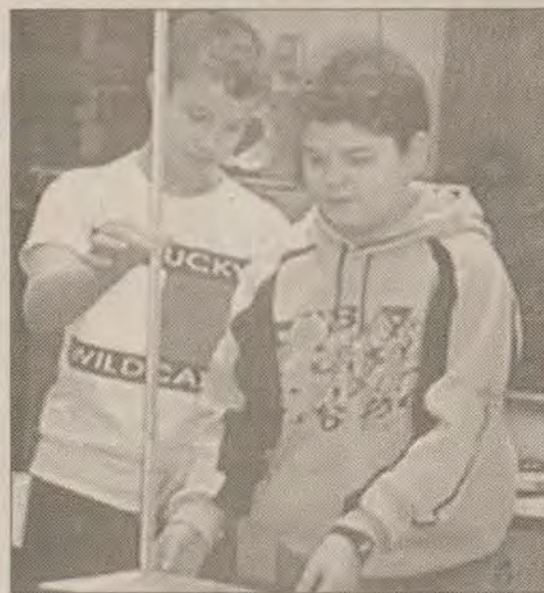
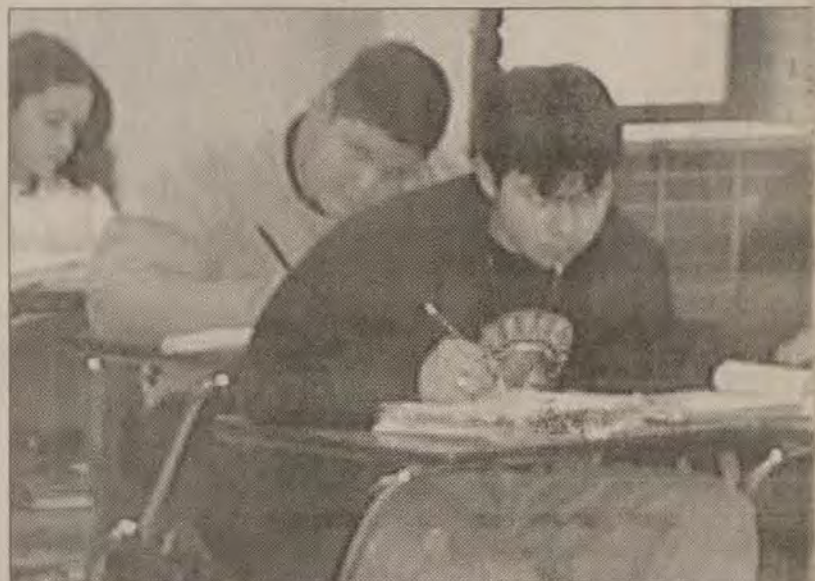
McDowell Elementary is celebrating best County Attendance for four months in a row. Way to go!



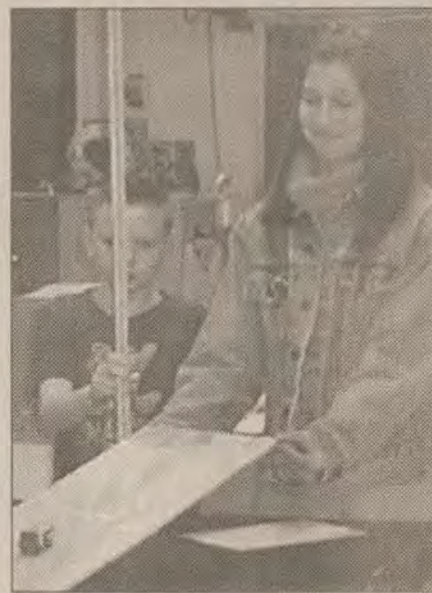
Mrs. Ruth Hamilton's fourth-grade class created persuasive ads for their class.



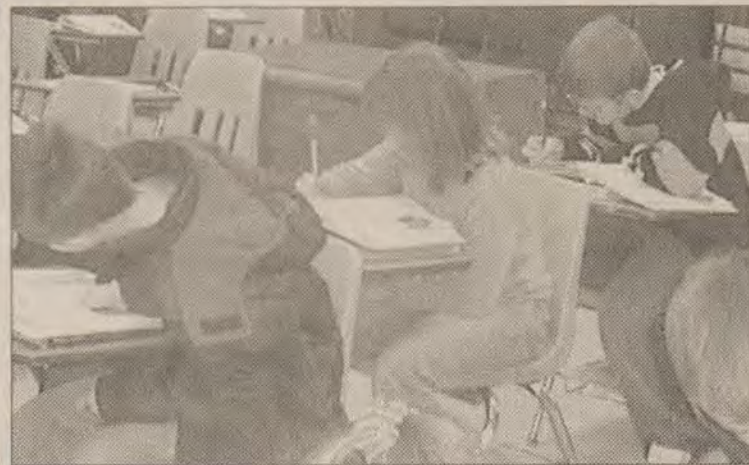
Mr. Greg Johnson's sixth-grade math students are working extra hard on fractions in math.



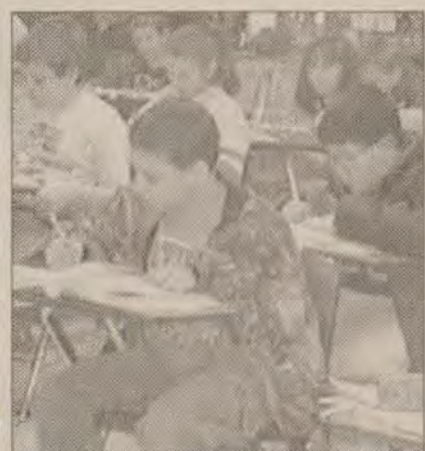
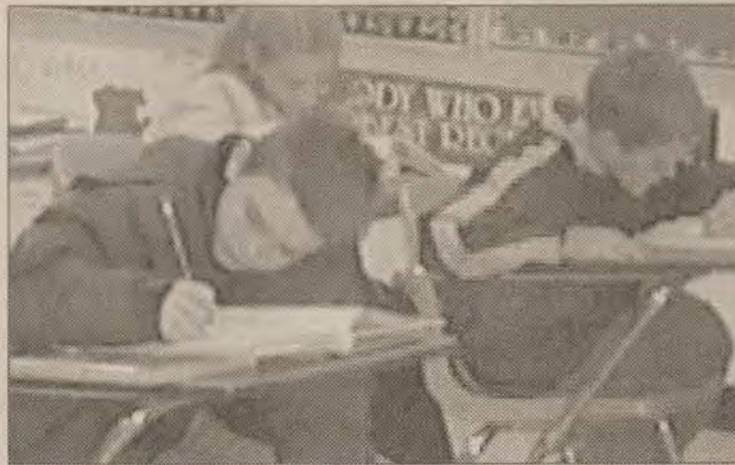
Mrs. Gwen Hamilton's sixth-grade class have been studying force and motion.



McDowell Elementary is very proud of their 42 students who have perfect attendance with three or fewer tardies.



Ms. Misty Little's class is beginning to polish up their portfolio pieces.



Students in Mrs. Rachel Crider's classroom completed enrichment projects covering the American Revolution. The students pictured are Steven Johnson, Casey Gayheart, Ariel Sallsbury and Bridgett Slone. The class is preparing extra hard for the CATS test in May. Each student will be creating their own invention for their unit on Industrial Revolution.



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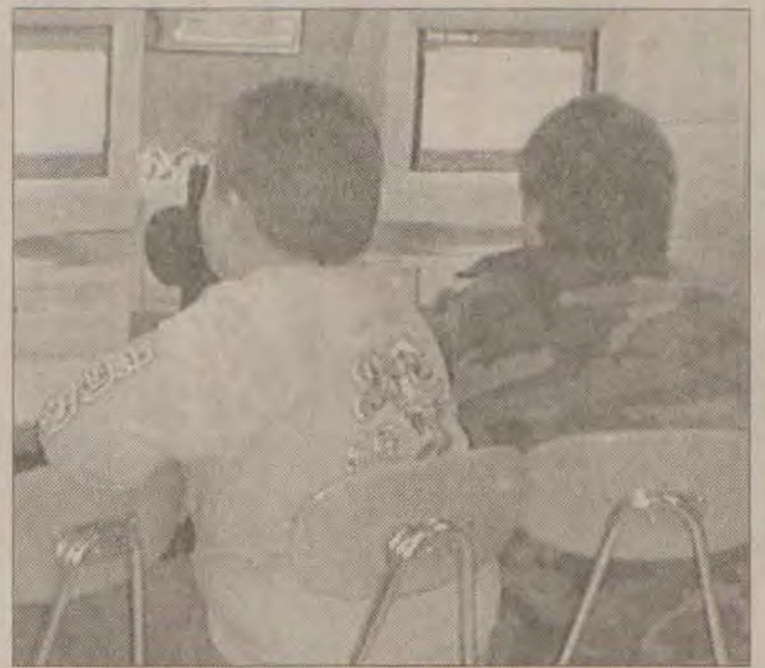
Mr. Greg Johnson and Mrs. Joy Adams have tied for having the best attendance in the school for two months each. Wonder who will have it next month?



Mrs. Carolyn Wallen has been volunteering in the office every Wednesday for two consecutive years. Thanks for all of the hard work, Carolyn!



Jacqueline Akers volunteers with the students twice a week. Thanks for all of your hard work.



Mr. Wickers' class has been learning how to use Microsoft Word.

Mtn. Christian Academy



MCA academic team wins district championship

Mountain Christian Academy middle grade academic team brought home the district championship. Congratulations to all of our participating students!



National Geographic Bee

Congratulations to seventh-grader Lynsey Caudill for winning the championship round of the National Geographic Bee at MCA. As school winner, Lynsey took a written test that may qualify her to participate at the state level. Seventh-grader Taylor Clark took second place, while eighth-grader Jacob Moak and sixth-grader Taylor Moak tied for third place. MCA is proud of all geography bee participants.



The preschool enjoyed a visit from Santa and parties to celebrate Christmas. Many special activities were enjoyed by our youngest students.



MCA seventh-graders study force and motion. They are experimenting with air flow.



MCA's Student Government Association participated in several community service events during the holiday season. Cans of food and new and used toys were donated by our students and delivered by the SGA to needy families.



MCA fourth-grade students studying electricity supplemented their learning with experiments. In the static electricity horse race, students learned how moving the electrons makes two objects attract one another. Students also built an electric circuit to figure out how to connect the parts of a circuit (wire, battery, switch and buzzer) to make the buzzer sound.



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MCA middle school students embarked on the art of making piñatas. The students worked for over a month to create piñatas for grades K-5 to break. Everyone enjoyed learning and participating in the Mexican holiday tradition.



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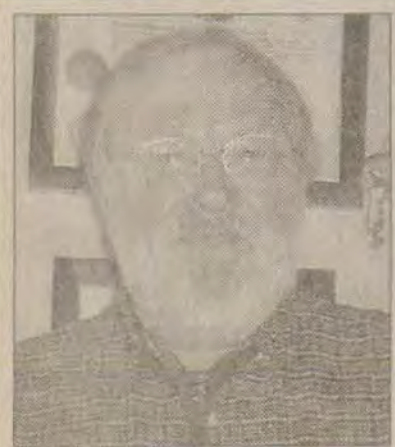
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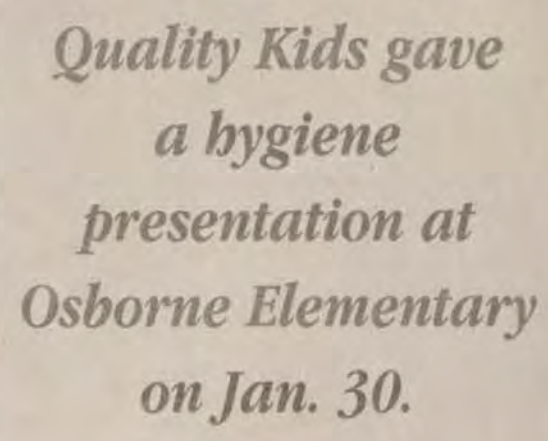
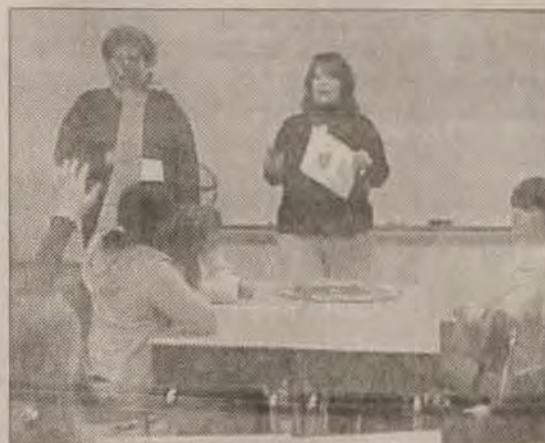
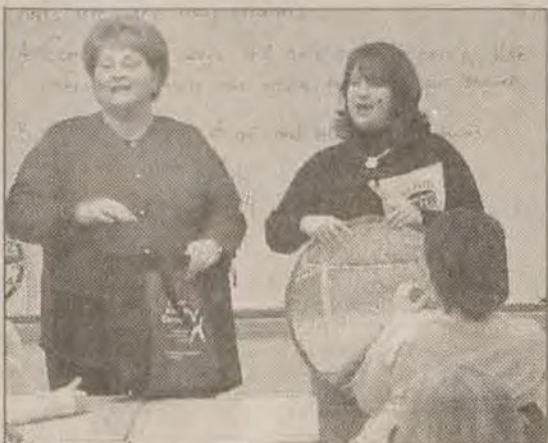
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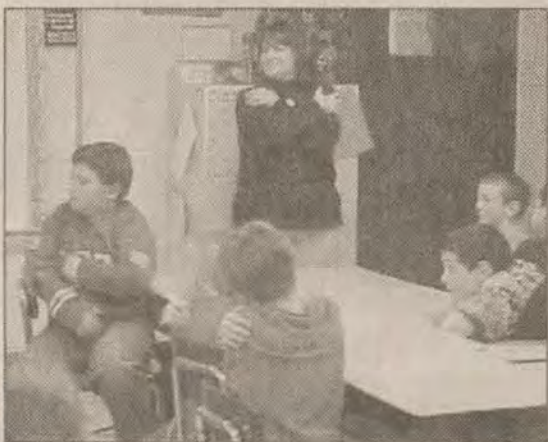


Our preschoolers had a special day for their parents in the spirit of the holiday season. The children prepared a special dessert to be served at lunch for their parents.

Osborne Elementary



Quality Kids gave a hygiene presentation at Osborne Elementary on Jan. 30.



Winners of the four bicycles given away at Christmas by Osborne Elementary PTO.



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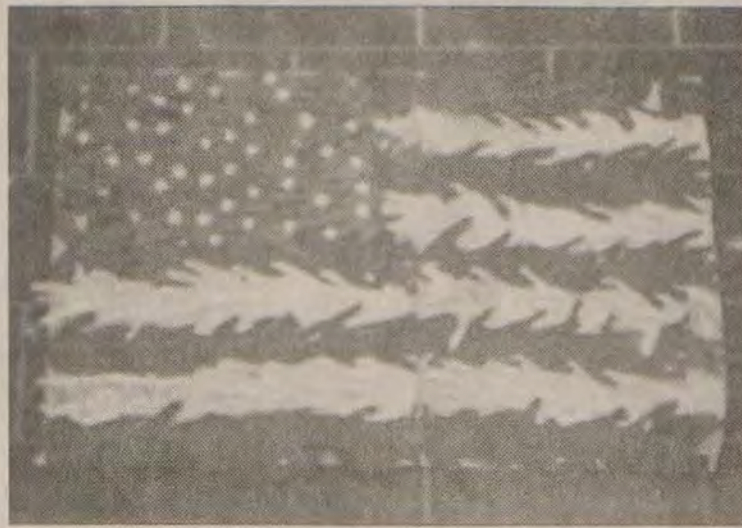
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Leigha Johnson, Sarah Caldwell, Trevor Stovall and Whitney Walker.

Fifth grade

Ethan Spears and Nicholas Osborne.

Sixth grade

Emilee Carr, Rachel Johnson, Adam Mosley, Brandon Tackett, Dakota Moore and Justin Johnson.

First nine weeks B honor roll

Primary grades

Joshua Bates, Jeremy Crider,

Whitney Flanery, Brianna Glover, Diamond Griffey, Taylor Johnson, Zella Johnson, Jarrid Little, Chelsea Martinez, Crystal Osborne, Keiven Redford, Cody Allen, Austin Bailey, Janceal Brown, Joshua Clemons, Diamond Hall, Racheal Hall, Teiona Hatfield, Taylor Johnson, Tyler Little, Jasmin Mardiz, Aaliyah Sanders, Tia Young, Erica Collett, Toby Tackett, Savannah Newsome, Mack Little, Latisha Moore, Shiann Hall, Sierra Hall, Hunter Bailey, Danielle Barnett, Kaitlan Bates, Matthew Caudill, Dylan Hall, Sara Hall, Trevianne Hearst, Austin (A.J.) Johnson, Ciara

Jones, Dakota Justice, Johnathan Newsome, Shelly Slone, Candice Brooke Tackett, Sadie Slone, Baylon Branham, Jeremiah Dunn, Erica Tackett, Kristen Rowe, Sarah Johnson, Michael Alan Collins, Megan Barker, Latitia Carr, Tyler Compton, Tanesha Hood, Byron Johnson, Brent Reed, Austin K. Tackett, Gabrielle Bailey, Christian Burchett, Ashley Castle, Kendra Hall, Keisha Johnson, Bridgett Slone, Chris Tackett, Branda Hamby, Logan Conn, Kandase Vicars, Heather Hall, Jordan Vance, Chris Bates and Brittany Little.

Fourth grade

Allison Hall, Ashley Shelton, Becky Branham, Cody Hill, Cory Tackett, DreShaun Sanders, Frankie Branham, Jonathan Ramsey, Kayla Mosley, Lance Johnson, Meshawna Ray, Mitch Johnson, Paul Younce, Randi Stovall, Stephan Johnson, Timmy Dorton and Tylan Branham.

Fifth grade

Brenna Bates, Courtney Anderson, Derek Hatfield, Hannah Tackett, Jacob Tackett, Jasmine Isaac, Julie Jones, Kayla Hall, Kelsey Jones, Kiana Faine, Laken Hall, Leslie Hall, Reta

Adams, Rhyon Thornsby, Sara Tackett and Tommy Joe Hall.

Sixth grade

Alanna Meade, Allison Daniels, Brandi Frasure, Bridgett Newsome, Brittany Tackett, Chelsie Hunt, Cody Ray, Deven Adams, Heather Hall, Jacob Johnson, Jessica Tackett, Jimmy Skeens, Josh Blevins, Kayla Slone, Kyle Elkins, Latosha Moore, Marissa Spears, Misty Hill, Rachel Stanley, Rebecca Jones, Ronsheena Ray, Sandra Johnson, Savanna Bartley, Savanna Jonson, T.J. Johnson, Veronica Smith and Whitney Mosley.

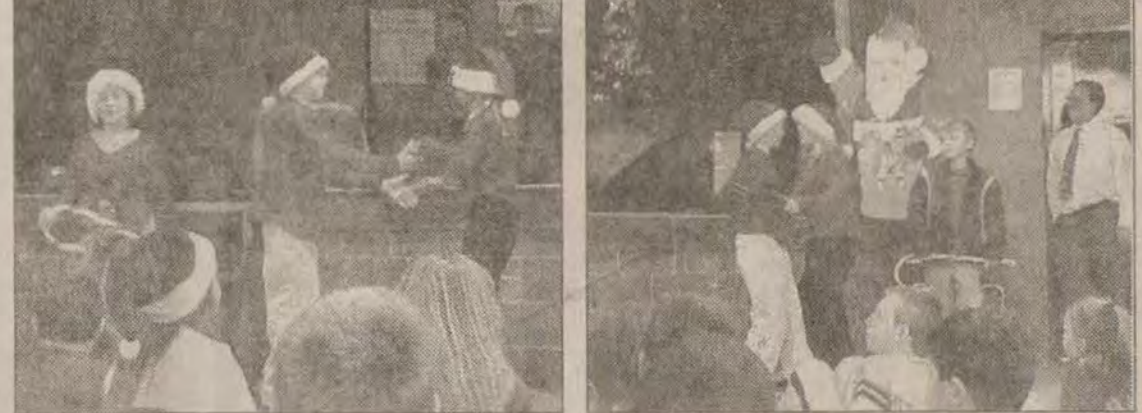


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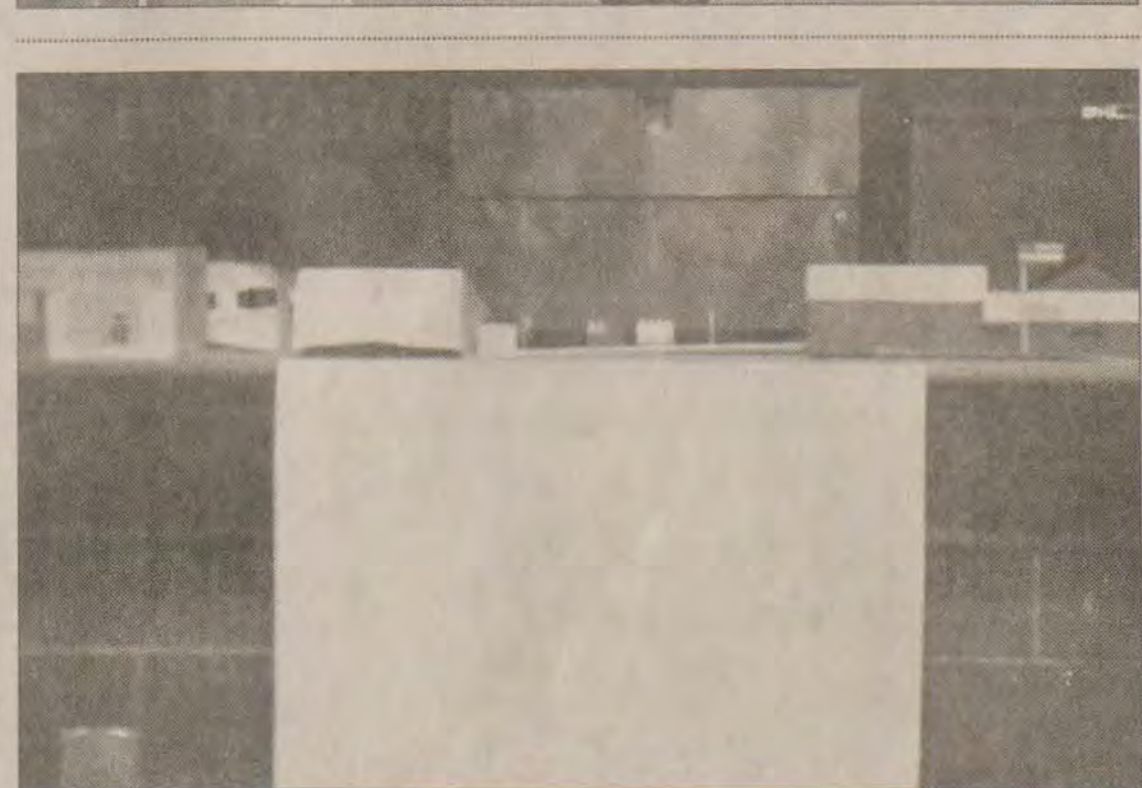
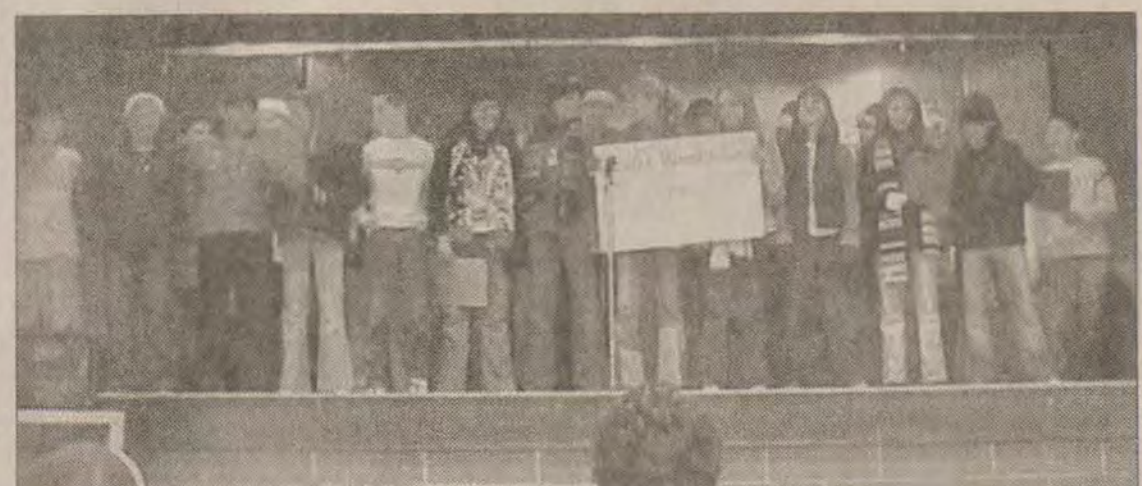
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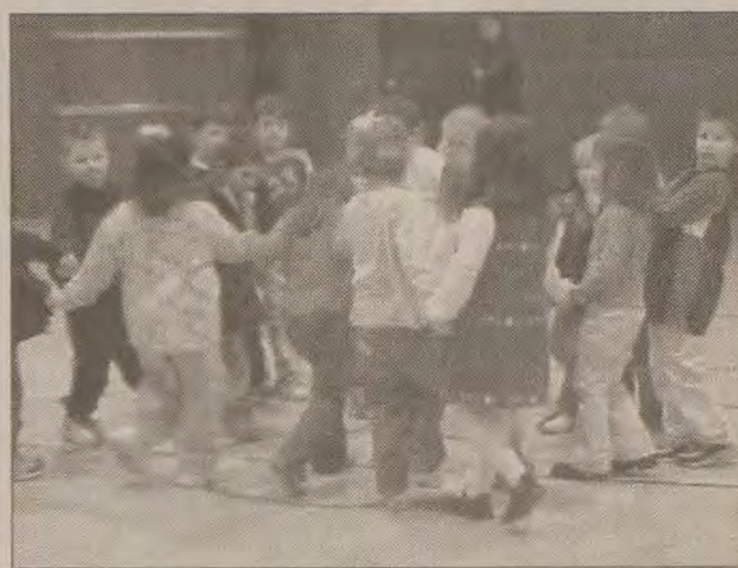
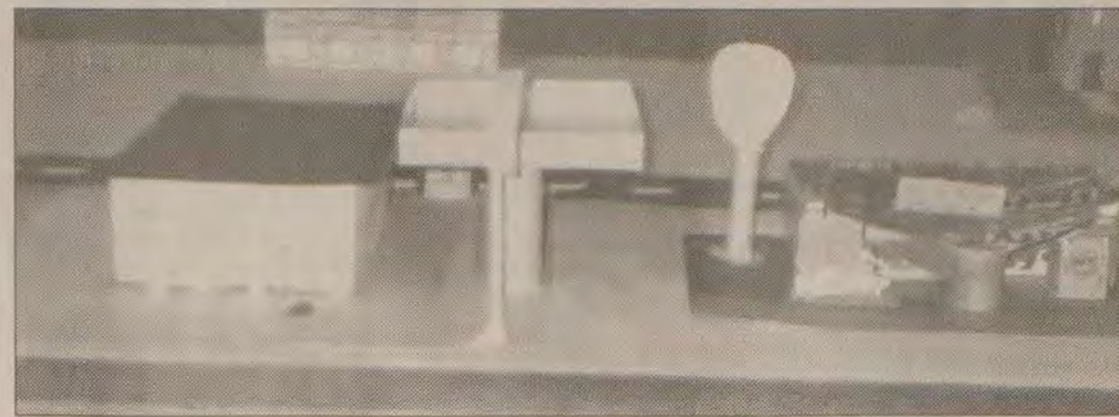
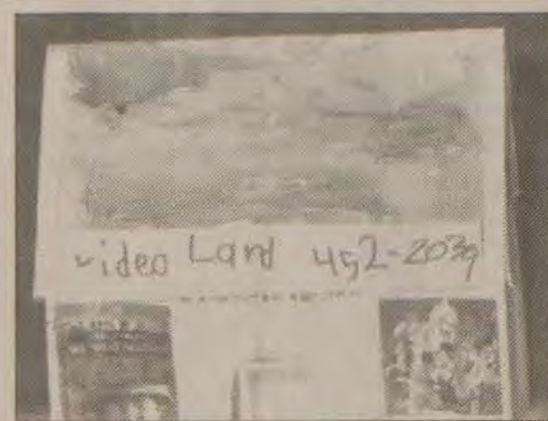
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Christmas play held in December at W.D. Osborne Elementary School.



Students at W.D. Osborne Elementary built a replica of their Left Beaver community.



Students learn to square dance at Osborne Elementary.



Dale Pack and Janice Hall were teacher winners of the Osborne PTO attendance prize. Charlene Smallwood was the winner of a \$50 cash prize given by Osborne PTO. Joanie Helton was parent volunteer with the most volunteer hours for 2002, earning her a \$50 cash prize.

Prestonsburg Elementary



Welcome Mickey McGuire

On Thursday, Jan. 16, in the Prestonsburg Elementary auditorium, Earl Martin "Mickey" McGuire was sworn in as our Floyd County Board of Education member. Mrs. Gwen Hale-Frazer, Judge David Barber, Rep. Greg Stumbo, Judge Julie Paxton and Rev. Mark Walz participated the ceremony. Mr. McGuire said that he is looking for suggestions from our area. We are sure that Mr. McGuire is going to be a great supporter of Prestonsburg Elementary and all of Floyd County's schools. A reception followed the ceremony.



Students in Mrs. Joann Conn's classroom are planting tulip bulbs in the garden at Prestonsburg Elementary. The garden is planted by the children each year as part of a PRIDE grant with the school.

Math winners

Grade math winners, who received a \$25 gift certificate:

NOVEMBER

- P1, Brett Daniels
- P2, Crystal Osborne
- P3, Gordon Kidd
- P4, Bridgett Slone
- Fourth, Sarah Caldwell
- Fifth, Kiana Faine

Sixth, Ronsheena Ray

DECEMBER

- P1, Brett Daniels
- P2, Joslyn Isaac
- P3, Jasmine Mardiz
- P4, Tyler Moore
- Fourth, Annie Hall
- Fifth, Cameron Butler
- Sixth, Ronsheena Ray

2002-03 academic team

This year's academic team consists of 23 students. These students are in third, fourth and fifth grades. They have worked and practiced very hard to prepare for competitions.

At the Duff Elementary competition, Nicholas Osborne placed third and Hannah Tackett placed fifth in general knowledge.

Third grade academic team members are Joshua Akers, Gabrielle Bailey, Kiana Hall, Mickeah Johnson, Nicholas Johnson, Christina Jones, Tyler Moore and Kimberly Little.

Fourth-grade members are Kyle Bailey, Sarah Caldwell, Annie Hall, Leigha Johnson, Mitch Johnson, Dreshaun Sanders and Whitney Walker.

Fifth-grade members are Reta Adams, Brenna Bates, Kelsey Jones, Nicholas Osborne, Ethan Spears, Haley Sword, Hannah Tackett and Jacob Tackett.

"I am very proud to be the coach of such a great team of students," said Teresa Evans. "They make our school very proud."



Mrs. Joann Conn's classroom proudly shows off the bulbs that will be planted in the garden at Prestonsburg Elementary. The students are Tyler Keens, Mikka Fraley, Nick Burchett, Destine'e Stewart, Austin Blanton, Brandi Daniels, Curtis Griffith, Paige Caudill, Dustin Bartrum, Amber Hayden, Brittany Osborne, Jimmy Brown, Eric Osborne, Stephen Reffitt and Katlin Hampton.

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Kindergarten students in Mrs. Allison's classroom at Prestonsburg Elementary enjoyed a nice, sunny day in January. They are using the outdoor classroom area on the campus that was made with money from a PRIDE grant.



Mrs. Joann Conn, second-grade teacher at Prestonsburg Elementary, is talking to the students about planting tulip bulbs the proper way. The students are preparing to plant the bulbs as part of a PRIDE project the students do each year.

Prestonsburg Elementary Honor Roll

1st Grade

Bethany Bingham: All As-Jordan Marcum, B Honor Roll-Shayla Bray, Cathryn Calhoun, Jordan Chaffins, Quentin Click, Josh Coahran, Like Crider, Jerry Greer, Ashleigh Hayton, Brittany Jones, Jared Lewis, Destiny Olcott, Katelyn Rose, Chastity Sizemore.

Vickey Stumbo: All As-Jonathan Boyd, Andrew Combs, Allison Hale, Jessica Hall, Jenna Little, B Honor Roll-Heather Bailey, Austin Bertrand, Dylan Blair, Cody Bradley, Kaitlyn Campbell, Aaron Crider, Haley George, Jackie Goble, Brooke Hatfield, Hope Kinslow, Aaron Meade, T.J. Allen Shepherd.

Pam Collins: All As-Kayanna Mullins, B Honor Roll-Lana Aliman, Griffin Baker, Nathan

Blackburn, Eric Collins, Galen Greene, Susanna Johnson, Austin Lafferty, Rachel Layne, Kaleb Milam, Shyanna Newsome, Jessica Powell.

Scott Tackett: All As-Austin Bailey, Allyson DeRossett, Haley Howell, Chris Mullins, Carl J. Ousley, B Honor Roll-Zachary Blackburn, Jacob Blair, Gavin Blanton, Ashley Case, Kendra Gambill, Taylor Hackworth, Bradley Hall, Rebecca Hall, Dillon Jent, Lakeisha Jervis, Summer Ousley, Stratton Rorrer, Johnny Rose, Kierra Shelton, McKenzie Spears, Tracy Spradlin, Robby Thacker, Chris Stepp.

2nd Grade

JoAnn Conn: A Honor Roll-Paige Caudill, B Honor Roll-Dustin Bartrum, Jimmy Brown,

Savannah Bryant, Curtis Griffith, Amber Hayden, Katlin Hampton, Destine'e Stewart.

Bobby Hackworth: B Honor Roll-Nathaniel Armstrong, Colton Boleyn, Clarissa Bryant, Derrick Burchett, Travis Cole, Elizabeth Collins, Chelsea Dickerson, Kendra Nicole Ellis, Jessica Harris, Amber Jarrell, McKinley Minix, Philip Whitten.

Lisa Hunt: All As-Allyson Branham, B Honor Roll-Shelby Blackburn, Royce Compton, Rachael Hall, Samantha Hall, Seaton Hall, Brianna Holbrook, Alex Hunt, Austin Sloan, Hannah Spurlock, Trey Stapleton.

Melissa Turner: All As-Tate Goble, Clay Newsome, Derek

Newsome, Bethany Scarberry, Elizabeth Vaughn, B Honor Roll-Bobbie Lynn Blair, Darren Burchett, Ryan Flannery, Hannah Grace Hitchcock, Lisa Ratliff, Alyxa Wease, Christopher Worthington.

3rd Grade

Sharon Justice: B Honor Roll-Kayla Allen, Leanne Goble, Hope Goble, Kim Jarrell, Corey Lewis, Austin Newsome, Stella Spears.

Tonja Little: A Honor Roll-Victoria Hampton, Ashton Sizemore, B Honor Roll-Evan Bays, Natasha Burchett, Danny Conn, Emily Hammonds, Ashley Jervis, Zachary Meade, Jonathan Murrell, Clara Potter, Kristany Setser, Thomas Skeens, Hayley Slone.

Diana Turner: B Honor Roll-Deserae Allen, Sarah Burchett, Amber Childers, Anthony Collins, Blake Goble, Cheyanna Jude, Chad Ousley, Amanda Phillips, Amy Rice, Mick Roberts, Zack Romans, Jessica Russell, Luke Williams.

Deborah Walker: All As-Charlie Joseph, B Honor Roll-Alex Garner, Hannah Hackworth, Celeste Hall, Austin Holbrook, Jessica Lafferty, Kellie Martin, Cody Newsome, Megan Newsome, Frankie Rose, Tyler Shelton, Lakyn Strobel, Rheagan Wills.

4th Grade

Joan Cornett: All As-Cassie Whitt, B Honor Roll-Elaina Calhoun, Brittany Davis, Tori Hunt, Kasey Moore, Hannah Walker, Tyler Whitt.

Debra Holland: B Honor Roll-Ashley Daniels, Brandi Frasure, Robert Grigsby, Latosha Lafferty.

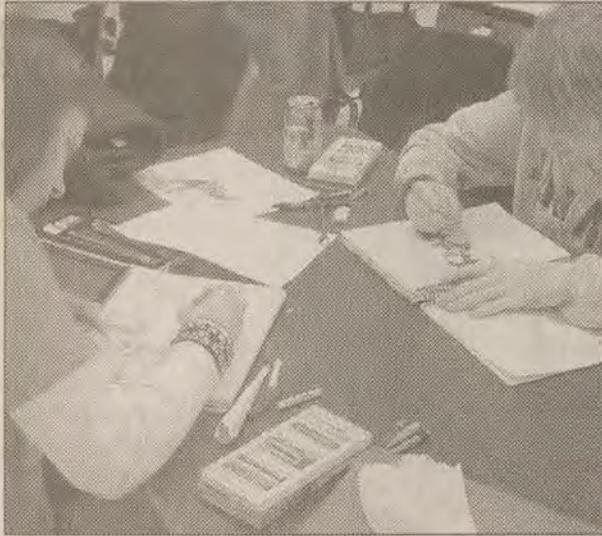
Betty Minix: B Honor Roll-Wil Allen, Brian Branham, Alexis DeRossett, John Justice, Michael Marsillett, Kaitlyn Minix, Madyson Nunnery, James Sturgill, Taylor Tackett, Kalan Wells.

5th Grade

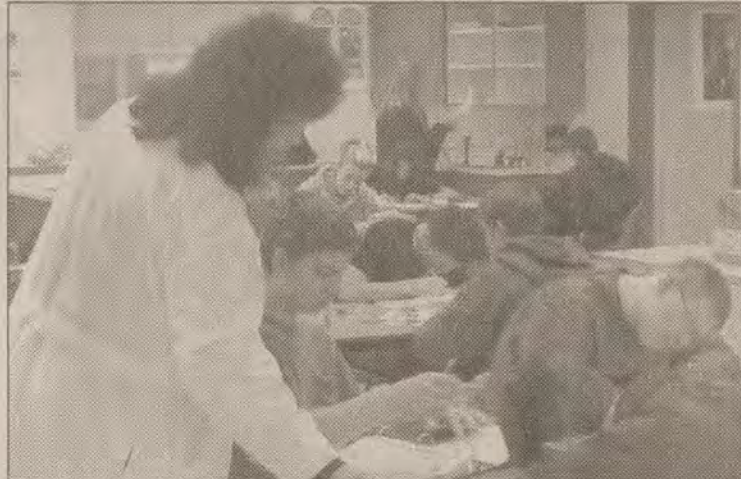
Linda Combs: B Honor Roll-Josh Blackburn, Micaya Canterbury, Nick Conn, Brittany Coyer, Josh Craynon, Bradley Hicks, Ashley Martin, Cody McCoy, Victoria Petry, Nikka Shell, Brad Stanley.

Jalenda Shepherd: B Honor Roll-Beth Collins, Jonna Craft, Austin McKinney, Franklin Nelson, Brittany Peppi.

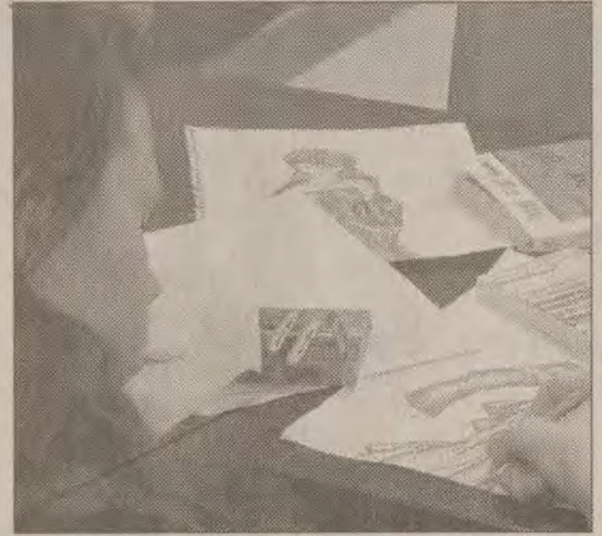
Prestonsburg High School



Students Amanda Keathley and Jennifer Curnutte work on their pastel drawings.



Mrs. Trimble oversees the work of her students.



Samantha Creech completes her pastel drawing.

Mrs. Auton gives the homework assignment in Spanish.



Student-made piñatas are displayed around the room.



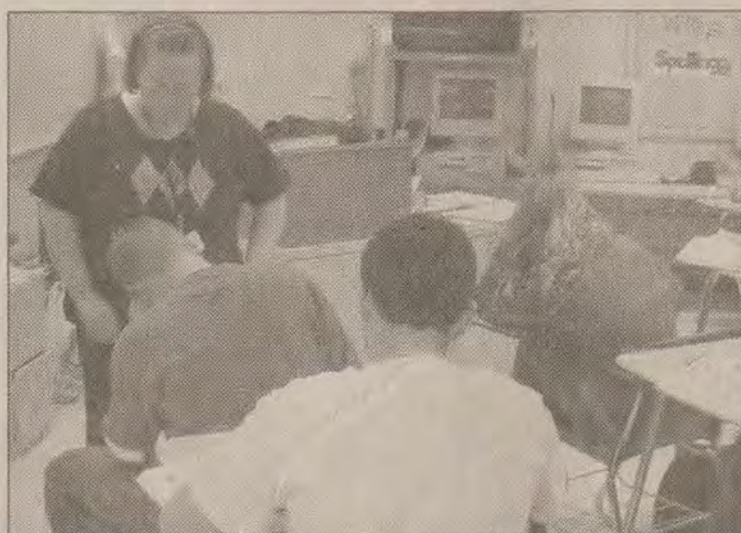
Ms. Sammons uses a video to give examples of African tribal dances.

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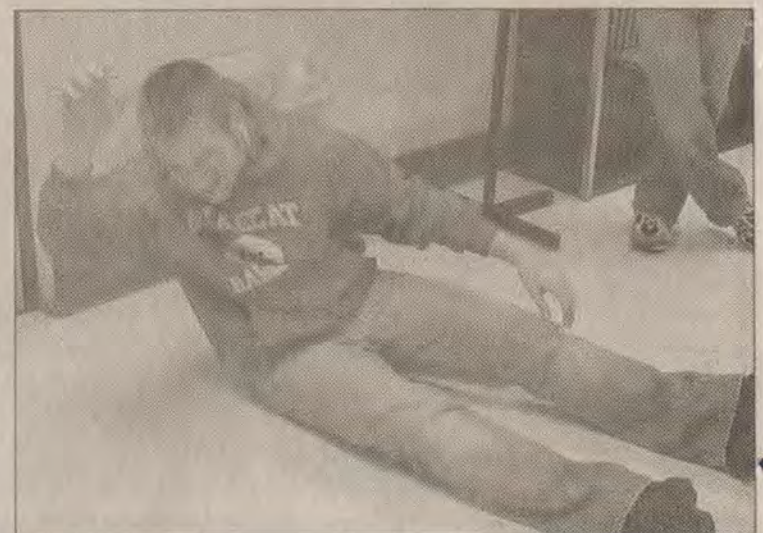


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Student Trevor Compton demonstrates a stage fall.

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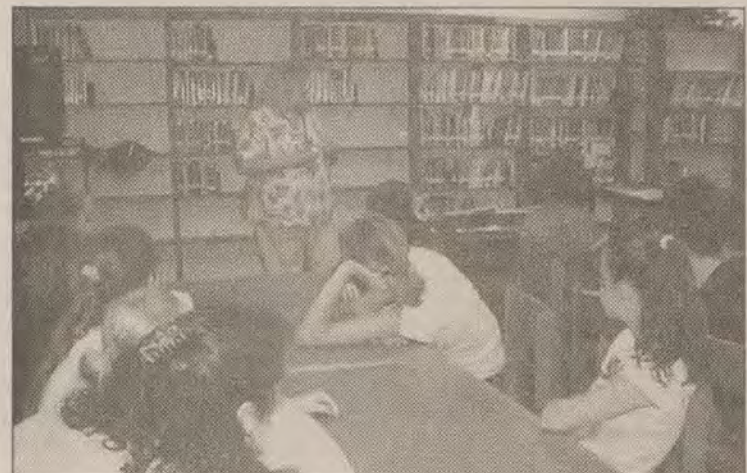
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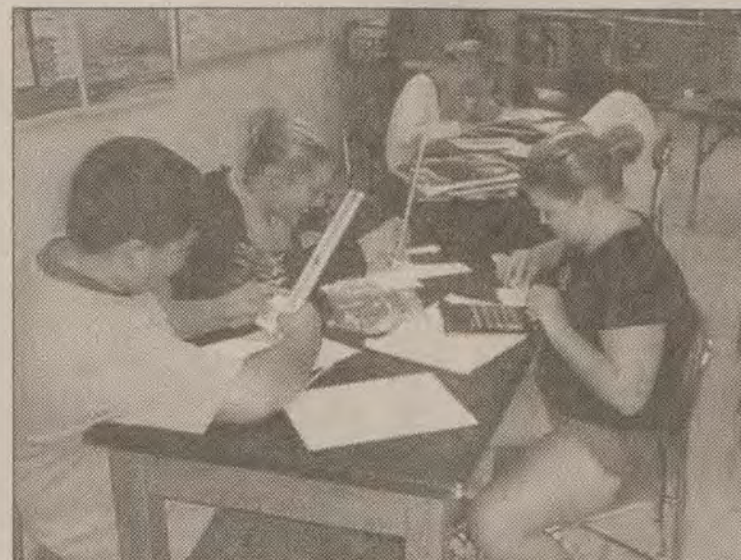
MS. PATTERSON'S, MS. PORTER'S AND MS. FORD'S CLASS ACTIVITIES



South Floyd Middle School



Kim Sanders of Our Lady of the Way Hospital conducted a presentation on eating disorders for the seventh- and eighth-grade students at South Floyd Middle School.

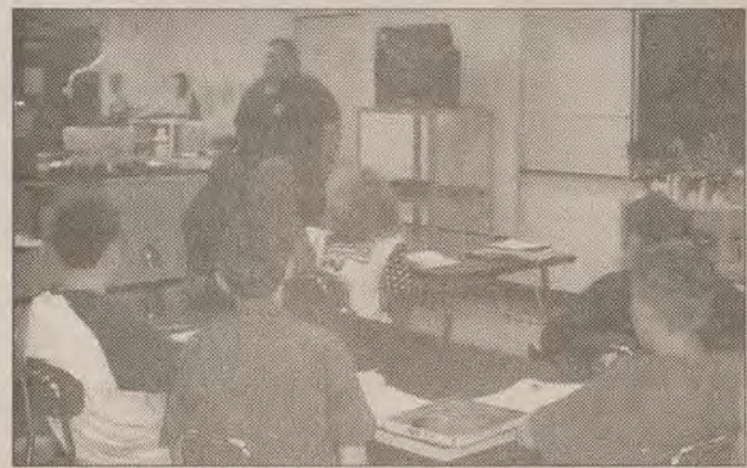


Ms. Little's seventh-grade science class tied together math and science to calculate mass, volume and density.

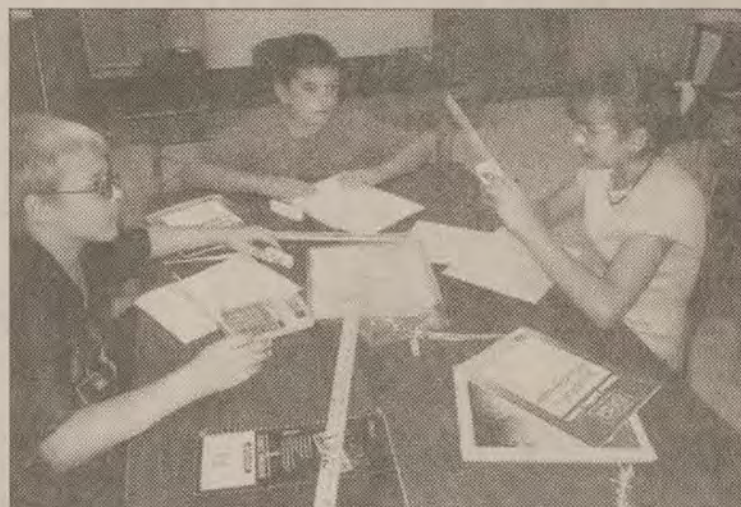


Roller coaster!

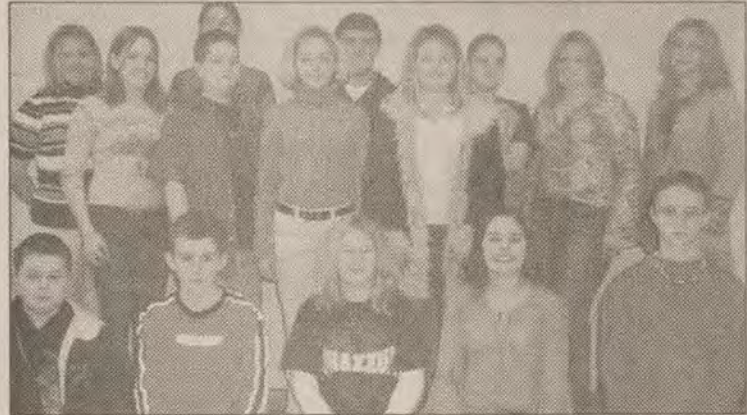
As an eighth-grade science project, the students were given the opportunity to create a roller coaster so they would gain hands-on experience with the conversion of potential energy into kinetic energy. The students were to create working models of roller coasters while controlling variables as they experimented with different hill heights. Ashley Bryant, a student in Jackie McKinney's science class, constructed the roller coaster shown and demonstrated it to the class. The model was a working model and satisfied all the criteria expected.



Ms. Little's eighth-grade science class learned about chemical interactions that can lead to fire and fire destruction. Students also learned about fire safety.



Ms. April Bradford teaches her seventh-grade writing class the importance of on-demand and transactive writing.



Academic Team Results

The South Floyd Middle School academic team competed Dec. 14 at Allen Central Middle School. Katy Hall placed first in general knowledge. Kim Patton placed fifth in general knowledge and fourth in language arts. Corey Wallen placed third in science and second in math. Kayla Tackett placed fourth in language arts. Kodi Hall placed fifth in language arts. The SFMS quick recall team beat Betsy Layne Elementary and Allen Elementary. The team is coached by Stephanie Little.

Language arts grant proposal scores in top 14



Jo Ann Hamilton and Carolyn S. Martin will be beginning a new club at SFMS. These two teachers applied for and received a Reading Leadership and Mentor grant.

This makes two consecutive years that these teachers have received this grant. SFMS was the only Region 8 school to receive this grant and only 14 schools were selected in the state of Kentucky. Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Martin were very pleased to receive the news that their grant proposal was selected.

The club will be open to

any middle school males who would like to do high-interest readings online, as well as books of choice. The "CARS Club" — which stands for "Comprehension, Achievement, Reading, Success" — will be meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you would like to sign up, stop by Ms. Hamilton's or Ms. Martin's classrooms.

Ms. Hamilton and Ms. Martin would like to thank Paula Collins, Anna Kidd and Zenith Hall for their help of editing the grant and professional input.

South Floyd High School



SFHS Students of the Month

by JENNIFER HURST

South Floyd High School is recognizing students for their accomplishments throughout the school in each subject area.

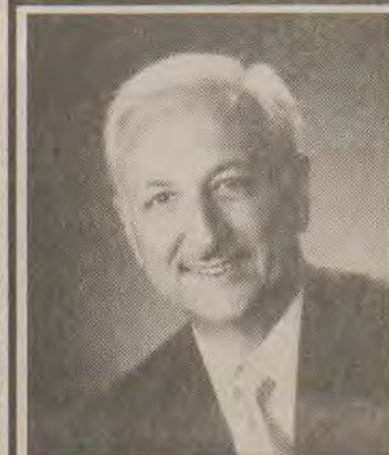
Students were nominated and chosen at the last bi-monthly department meetings. Each department set up its own criteria for

selection.

Students selected for the month of November are Carla Hall for language arts, Lesley Mullins for science, Megan Hall for arts and humanities, Meka Hall for social studies, Jarrod Gibson for math, Adam Taylor for vocational/practical living, Jessica Lafferty for psychology, and Crystal Ramsey for

French.

South Floyd High School is striving for excellence and feels that this is the perfect opportunity to present their brightest and best students. South Floyd High is very proud of the accomplishments of these students and would like to encourage them to keep up the good work.



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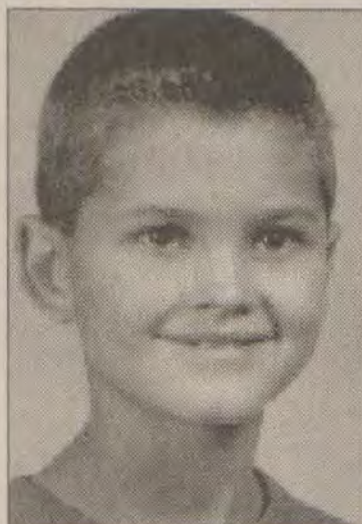
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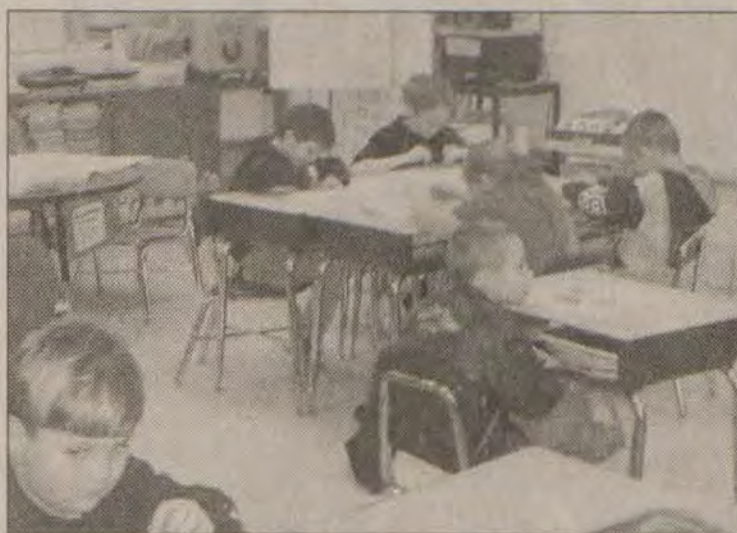
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- Kentucky Science Center
- Dr. Alan Hyden
- Prestonsburg Community College
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Cody Akers of Stumbo Elementary was named 1st place county winner in the 2002 art conservation contest. Cody is a P4 student in Mrs. Stephanie Lawson's class. He is the son of Ricky and Breena Akers of Grethel.



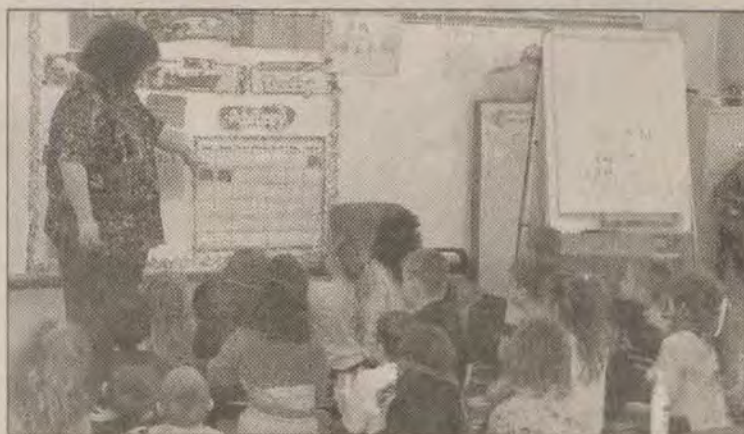
Lucas Hamilton, a P-3 student in Mrs. Vanover's class at Stumbo Elementary, was a school winner in the Conservation Contest.



Mrs. Vanover's class, at Stumbo Elementary, has been learning about dinosaurs. The class participated in a fossil expedition using chocolate chip cookies and toothpicks.



Beverly Meade's fifth-grade science class is having an out-of-this world experience building models of the universe. The sixth-grade science class has been doing an electrifying job conducting experiments and learning about energy sources.



In addition to learning calendar math (pictured above in Deborah Hall's class) the P1 and P2 classes have been learning about magnets and forces. Some of our activities involved a 'magnet hunt' throughout the school. The students were looking for objects that magnets would attract. We have played 'tug a war' to demonstrate an example of forces. There have been many exciting things going on in our classrooms. Our next unit of study will begin in February, "A Healthy Me".



T'was the week before Christmas Break at Stumbo

Christmas carols, props and practicing was the major focus as students prepared for an outstanding performance of, T'was the Night Before Christmas. Mrs. Bridget Vanover and Mrs. Stephanie Lawson's P3 and P4 classes put together a show to remember. Parents were invited to watch their little stars perform and make precious memories. Performers included the following:

The Meaning of Christmas - Cody Akers
 Narrator - Courtney Taylor
 Children sitting by the fireplace- Keitha Burchett, Ryan Slone, Travis Hamilton, Joe Rogers and Michael Henson
 Mice - Ragina Beard, Darrin Gillespie, Cheyenne Hamilton, Dakota Salyer and Kendrea Hall
 Children Hanging Stockings - Brittany

Newsome, Doug Herald, Ashley Tackett and Makeshia Hamilton
 Mama - Brooke Hall
 Papa - Lucas Hamilton
 Children in Bed - Carly Keens, Josh Thacker, Eleshia Flannery and Patricia Swiney
 Sugar Plums - Ashley Gillespie, Isabella Hall, Madison Howell, Kannon Newsome and Tiffany Thacker
 Elves - Matthew Hamilton and Dillon Hamilton
 Santa - Austin Saddler
 Reindeer - (Rudolph) Cody Akers, (Dasher) Chris Blackburn, (Dancer) Clifton Mitchell, (Prancer) Dustin Gilliam, (Vixen) Brian Hall, (Comet) Tanner Martin, (Cupid) Cory Reynolds, (Donder) Eric Roberts and (Blitzen) Austin Burchett.

Stumbo students visit the planetarium

The P3 and P4 students at Stumbo Elementary concluded a unit about the solar system by visiting the Hummel planetarium in Richmond. After the excellent performance at the planetarium and a visit to the gift shop, each student was treated with a happy meal from McDonald's.

trip included Ragina Beard, Chris Blackburn, Ryan Slone, Austin Burchett, Lucas Hamilton, Dylan Hamilton, Michael Henson, Joe Rogers, Cheyenne Hamilton, Madison Howell, Brooke Hamilton, Dillon Hamilton, and Tanner Martin from Mrs. Bridget Vanover's class.

Flannery, Courtney Taylor, Kannon Newsome, Nick Justice, Cory Reynolds, Darrin Gillespie, Brittany Newsome, Josh Thacker, Keitha Burchett, Ashley Tackett, Isabella Hall, Makeshia Hamilton, Ashley Gillespie, and Cody Akers (not pictured in group photo, pictured individual-ly) from Mrs. Stephanie

Lawson's class
 Bobby Bishop, Allison Boudle, Austin Dillon, Ashley Hamilton, Nakeia Hall, April Hall, Zack Tackett, Shawn Stegall, Erica Roberts, Crit Mitchell, D.J. Tackett, Kevin Johnson, Austin Rogers, Ashley Smith, Stephanie Newsome, and Samantha Hamilton from Mrs.

Melissa Little's class
 Blake Boudle, Melvin Gillespie, Brandon Hall, Breanna Hamilton, Katelyn Johnson, Autumn Lafferty, A.J. Sammons, Cody Smith, and Gabriel Vance from Mrs. Freda Hamilton's class
 Thanks to all the chaperones for their help. We really appreciate your support.

Students that went on the field

Kendrea Hall, Eleshia

Wesley Christian Academy

Copy Cat Art

To go along with class-work of Bible, phonics, numbers and other skills that help me grow, students in the Wesley Christian 3- and 4-year-old preschool also do something teachers call "copy cat art."

The activity, which is one of the children's favorites, helps students form their own perspectives. The teacher will first draw her own picture on the board and then the students will use the same colors and shapes to draw the same picture.

Sometimes the children laugh when they see how different their pictures can be, but mommies, daddies and teachers are always proud.



Wesley Christian School honor roll

A honor roll

- First grade: Kaylee Collins, Kasey Funk, Tyler Harmon, James Hinchman, Christian Lafferty, Nicole Layne, Macy Minix, Xavier Puckett and Lizzie Wilson.
- Second grade: J.D. Adams, Sarah Akers, Adam Castle, Owen Caudill, Dustin Crum, Kristen Fitch, Alexandria Hansford, Rechelle Johnson, Tori Nairn, Andrew Padgett and Catherine Tinchler.
- Third grade: Michael Ellis, Emily Justice, Myles Minix, Sarah Shepherd and Lucas Stewart.
- Fourth grade: Brad May.
- Fifth grade: Kate Herrick and Leandra Padgett.
- Sixth grade: Michelle Ellis,

Elizabeth Howard, Kristy Hyden and Summer Noakes.

Seventh grade: Bobby Hughes and James Michael Lafferty.

Eighth grade: Toni Baker.

B honor roll

- First grade: Hunter Brown and Justin DeRossett.
- Second grade: Jacob DeRossett, Morgan Haywood, Caitlyn Horne and Morgan Nunnery.
- Third grade: Darby Cooksey and Victoria May.
- Fifth grade: Lauren Howard and Whitney May.
- Sixth grade: Savannah Reno and Cameron Tinchler.
- Seventh grade: Nick Akers, Barbie Brown, Mason Haywood and Josiah Reno.
- Eighth grade: Chris Baker, Matt Doyle, Chelsie Madden, Whitney Trimble and John Turner.

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