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## New school or nothing, critics of PHS plan say

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Many residents of Prestonsburg, it seems, want a new high school and some of the most vocal supporters are students who will never take a class in the new building.

"We study. We read. We work. We learn," Melissa Dye, a student, said during a public hearing on the renovation of the high school Tuesday night. "This will be disruptive to our studies. This is not

what we want."

Dye and the majority of a group of about 100 people gathered in the high school cafeteria Tuesday oppose a major renovation of the school, which would add a science wing to the front of the building, a new home economics area, a media center and more. They want the school system to build a new school.

"I think eight years is worth waiting for," Dye said.

Jim Osborne, operations director for the school system, told the group it would be at least eight years before the system could afford a new building.

That's not too long to wait for some residents. "We want to get a new high school regardless of when it might be," Clarence Risner said. He said the board has lost sight of the children. "The only losers will be the kids."

The planned renovation, which has been an on-again, off-again saga for several years after a new high school for Prestonsburg was removed from the facilities construction priority list, is set to take place in two phases.

According to Joe Jones, architect for the project, in addition to the science wing, there will be a new administration area with health rooms and guidance counselors' offices; there will be new corridors

(See PHS Plan, page two)



Rogers

## Hal Rogers will address group; hold town meet

Congressman Hal Rogers is expected to be the guest speaker May 13 at the annual breakfast of the Big Sandy Area Labor Management Committee.

The breakfast will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. at May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Registration is \$15. Call Rebecca Derossett at 886-0510 for more information.

Rogers will be in Prestonsburg April 9 for a town meeting. That session will be held at the courthouse at 6:30 p.m.

## Annexation proposals get first readings

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Prestonsburg City Council took the first steps Wednesday to expand the city limits by about 3,600 acres.

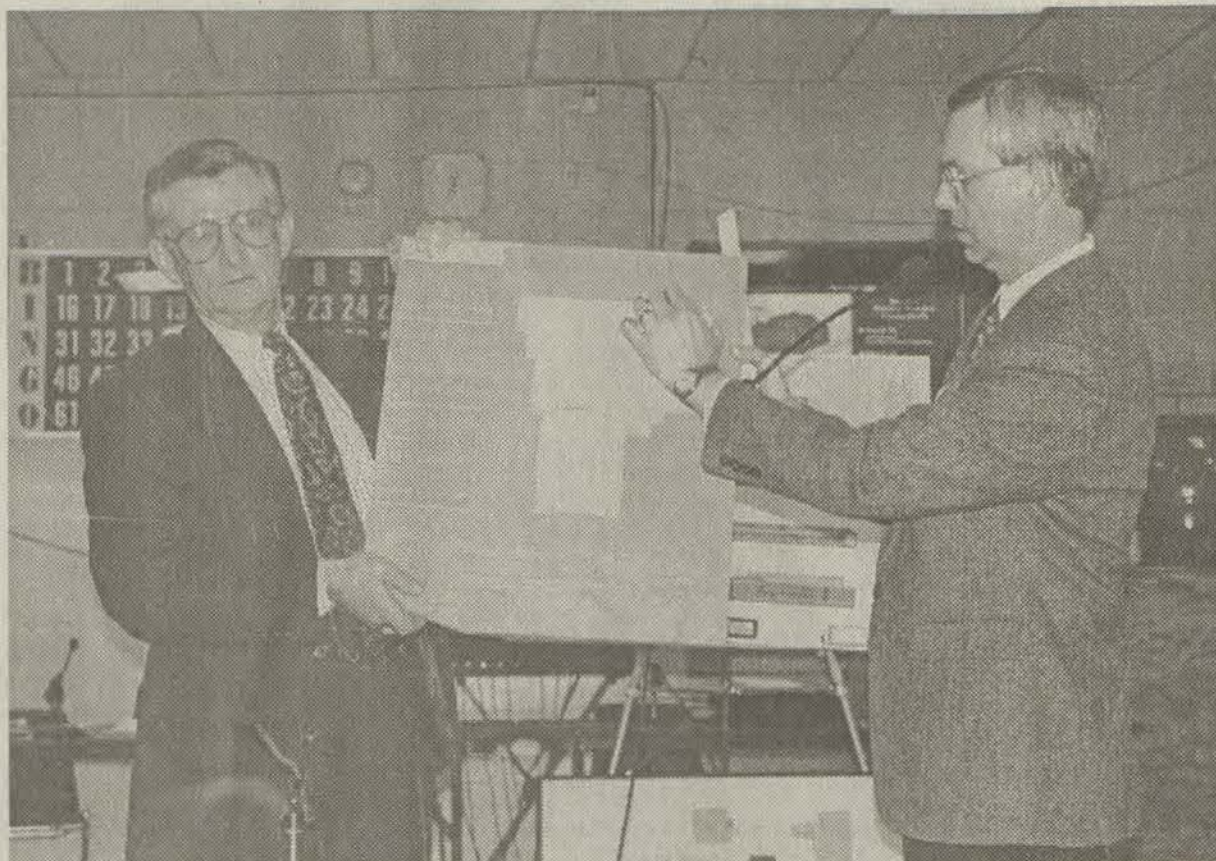
The council held, during a special meeting, the first reading on an ordinance to annex property on the mountain top from near Adams Middle School to Route 3. Council also held the first reading on an ordinance that would annex the property on which Thunder Ridge Racetrack sits.

Both moves are an effort to increase tourist attractions in the city, according to Mayor Jerry Fannin. The city is planning to use the property it owns on top of the mountain for an 18-hole championship golf-course and a recreational facility.

Other new tourist attractions in the city include the Mountain Arts Center.

The city has approved the sale of property next to the center for construction of a motel and restaurant to help handle the overflow from increased number of tourists the attractions are expected to

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### A piece of the puzzle

Dr. John Balentine, left, and Joe Jones, architect, showed residents gathered at a public hearing Tuesday how the renovation on the high school would proceed using a plastic model of the facility. (photo by Patti M. Clark)

## Students enter fray at PCC; advisory board backs Floyd

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

While the advisory board at Prestonsburg Community College was expressing its approval Wednesday of PCC president Dr. Deborah Floyd, a group of students was doing some expressing of its own.

The students, who aren't associated with the student government

organization, are circulating a petition indicating they do not support Floyd.

The student government voted two weeks ago to support Floyd.

"Five members of the student government do not speak for the campus," Alane Hunt, a third-year student at the college said. She said she and other students who are circulating the petition are concerned

about losing professors at the school.

"We've got a lot of good professors here and I know some of them are thinking of leaving," she said. "I'm concerned about those students whose only educational opportunity is at Prestonsburg or Pikeville."

She said some students dislike the implications that professors painted graffiti on the sidewalks of the campus.

"Our professors wouldn't do the things that were done," she said.

But what concerns her more, she said, is that a vote by five of ten student government senators and representatives is considered to be representative of the entire student body.

She said students plan to send the petition to University of Kentucky Chancellor Dr. Ben Carr today, Friday, but she said she doesn't know how many names are on the petition because numerous people are working on it at both the Prestonsburg and Pikeville campuses.

"We are concerned about this school and our professors," she said. "The students need to come first."

The advisory board, however, put its support of Floyd on paper with a resolution that praises her

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## Cops fish stolen jewelry from Johnson County pond after tip

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

Prestonsburg Police officer Anthony Castle "fished out" stolen jewelry from a Johnson County pond on March 18, after an accomplice to the theft told the theft victim where to look.

The residence of Nancy Campbell was burglarized on October 5, 1995, and jewelry valued at more than \$1,000 was stolen.

On March 14, Campbell notified Castle that an accomplice to the theft had come forward and provided information that led to the arrest of Phillip G. Booth, and the discovery of the stolen merchandise.

Booth, 46, was charged and arrested on Monday, March 25 by Prestonsburg Police Sergeant Mike Ormerod.

According to police reports, Booth gained entrance into Campbell's residence by tearing a hole in

the back door screen, and then removing a jewelry box. The box contained gold, silver, diamonds, pearls, and precious stones.

According to Campbell, the accomplice, Wallace Rackey, of Ligon, said that some of the jewelry had been buried in a garbage dump in Auxier and the rest was put in a t-shirt and thrown in a pond at Bear Hollow near East Point.

The pond is located on property where Sheryl Robin Campbell lives. Sheryl Campbell is Booth's estranged wife and Nancy Campbell's daughter.

Castle and three Floyd County Rescue Squad members went fishing for the stolen property after receiving the tip. After searching for approximately 15-20 minutes, Castle hooked the "big one," the shirt with the jewelry.

After getting out of jail Thursday, Booth vowed that he would go to Sheryl's farm "with a gang of

men, bust in the door, and if she or Rackey were there, they would not hear the gun go off. They're dead," Sheryl said.

Campbell currently has restraining orders against Booth in Johnson County, and said she intends to seek more orders in Floyd County.

"I want to express my appreciation to Prestonsburg City Police, especially Castle for the recovery of the jewelry," Campbell said. "The broaches and pins from my mother, and the gold and diamonds are very dear to me, and I hold particular affection for the pins from Scotland that my husband got me."

At arraignments in the Floyd County District Court, a not guilty plea was entered for Booth.

He is also being held for outstanding warrants. No bond has been set.

Booth's preliminary hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3 at 2:30 p.m.



### Catch of the day

Jewelry, valued at more than \$1,000, was returned to Nancy Campbell following a tip from the accomplice in the theft. Prestonsburg police fished the stolen items from a Johnson County pond. (photo by Chris McDavid)

## New motel may locate on site near arts center

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Prestonsburg's economy may have gotten a shot in the arm, with an announcement this week that a Lexington company has offered to buy two acres next to the Mountain Arts Center for \$350,000. Plans call for a motel and a "sit-down restaurant" to be built on the site.

"We've been in contact with a company in Lexington, H & W Management. We've been negotiating the terms of the contract," City Attorney Paul Burchett told Prestonsburg City Council members during a special meeting Wednesday. "We agreed to the price real quick."

The contract states that the company will purchase the two front out-parcels next to the new arts center on Ky. 114. It also states that H & W plans to put in a motel, probably a Hampton Inn on the site, and possibly a restaurant.

The company has put up \$10,000 "in earnest money" on the site. The only way those funds aren't forfeited is if a feasibility study shows the location is not desirable for a motel.

"If he pulls out for any other reason, he loses all of it," council member Estill Carter said.

The company has two years to develop the property. If it decides not to build the motel, the city has the first option to buy the property back at 90 percent of the cost H & W paid for it.

Council member Hansel Cooley asked if the developer is planning to be aggressive with the development.

"He expects to be under construction this year," Carter told him.

"What type of restaurant does he plan?" Cooley questioned.

Burchett said the developer plans to contract with some other company to do a sit-down restaurant on the site.

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## Chamber to hold meeting Monday

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting at noon April 1.

The meeting will be held at May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Park.

The executive committee will meet at 11 a.m.

## Rape case waived to grand jury after evidence hearing

Editor's note: The Floyd County Times does not identify the victims of alleged sexual crimes.

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

At a preliminary hearing on Wednesday, March 26, a rape charge against a Hi Hat man was waived to the Floyd County Grand Jury.

On March 17, Douglas Gene Webb, 41, of Hi Hat, allegedly committed the offense of burglary

in the first degree when he unlawfully forced entry into the home of the alleged victim at Hi Hat and proceeded to commit the offense of rape in the first degree, police records say.

According to Kentucky State trooper Bobby Day's testimony, a call was received from the alleged victim's aunt. The alleged victim notified her aunt that she had been raped by Webb and needed help, Day said.

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## City declares tax "amnesty"

When most people think of April, they think of taxes.

But the residents of Prestonsburg are going to get a break from taxes during the month.

Prestonsburg City Council Wednesday approved Tax Amnesty Month for the month of April.

"This is a chance for people to come in and pay old city property

taxes without interest or penalty," Mayor Jerry Fannin said during the special meeting of the council.

Residents with delinquent property tax bills should receive a flyer telling them of the opportunity to pay their bills without additional costs.

City officials said some of the taxes date back to 1989.

# Advisory Board

for her efforts and hard work when the board met for the first time in nearly 16 months early Wednesday morning.

"The vision, dedication, and leadership of Dr. Floyd has allowed PCC to move forward in many areas under adverse circumstances," the resolution states.

A paragraph from the resolution which denounced the action by the executive committee when it sent a letter to Carr asking for Floyd's resignation was removed from the resolution. A paragraph supporting Carr's announcement that he will appoint an independent consultant to look into the situation was added.

Board member John Triplett said he presented the resolution because Floyd "has done a wonderful job. It's obvious that some faculty don't like her, but I don't think, if we had 100 presidents, that there wouldn't be some opposition to that person."

He said he had heard no "concrete" problems with Floyd from faculty members.

The resolution stopped short of endorsing a faculty-recommended ten-member panel to look into the situation. The recommendation came Monday after the faculty approved a no-confidence vote of Floyd by a margin of 47-27 with one abstention. There are 83 teachers on the eligibility list used to determine who could and could not vote Monday.

Faculty member Thomas Orf said he is concerned about the stand the board took with the resolution.

"No means no," he said, indicating his opposition to the board's resolution and its apparent lack of consideration of the faculty's actions. "It doesn't mean yes and it doesn't mean partially yes."

"I don't think we can be more

fair than that," said Tom Matijasic, who made the motion to recommend the committee at Monday's faculty meeting. "We have held out a hand. Please don't give us back a bloody stump. This is an attempt to solve the problems and break the deadlock."

Some faculty members say they are concerned about Floyd's leadership style, saying she is autocratic with her decisions. They also say she has verbally abused some staff members.

Dean Joan Lucas said faculty members seemed confident that a resolution was forthcoming when they returned to the school Tuesday morning. She said the advisory members could help or hinder those attitudes.

"It's time to resolve our differences and work together," Lucas said. "I support this process and know that good things can go from this process."

All of the advisory board members at the meeting said they support a resolution of the situation as well.

"I encourage conflict resolution," Dr. Rodney Handshoe said. "But all we're doing with this resolution (before the paragraph was deleted) is picking sides in a very complex issue. I don't think that's our role as an advisory board."

"It's time to start a healing process," John D. Sammons, faculty member of the board and the only dissenting vote on the resolution, said "But this is a support tactic for Debbie Floyd."

"I do support a need for a resolution of this situation," advisory board member Jean Hale said. "It's sad that we find ourselves in this position, but this is a good start. But I don't think the news media is the

answer. It has been detrimental to the college and detrimental to the area."

Several of the members of the board pressed the issue of news coverage of the conflict. An earlier article indicated there had been a no-confidence vote under Dr. Henry Campbell. Faculty member Jim Ratcliff said there had been no vote, but there was conflict between the faculty and the president.

Ratcliff made the statement at the Monday meeting, he said, to show that the faculty had always been able to solve its problems inside the school until now.

Chairman Paul Gearheart said the school has gotten "undue publicity that we do not need" over the

conflict and after the meeting Floyd said that the publicity has "added fuel to the fire and made it appear to be an ugly matter."

"It is time to move forward," Floyd said. "The students are supportive of the college leadership and the board compromised on its offer by removing the paragraph. I support this process but we need to work together internally and not communicate with the community through the media."

She said it's time for faculty members to "put our differences behind us and let bygones be bygones." She said she thought the "healing" had already begun. "There has been a shift in mood and it's been very positive," she said.

# Waived

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When the aunt got to the residence, the alleged victim answered the door, according to testimony. Day reported that the aunt immediately called the Floyd County Sheriff's Department and then realized Webb was still in the residence. According to a statement from the aunt, she saw Webb nude on the bed, and he fled to his apartment when he realized she was there.

Day said when he arrived at the scene, the paramedics were removing the alleged victim from her residence on a stretcher. He saw men's clothing throughout the residence, a hammer on the couch, and women's undergarments in the bedroom, Day said.

According to Webb's statement to Trooper Day and Detective Ken Slone, they (Webb and the alleged victim) had sex, but it was a consensual act. He had gone to her home to borrow a cigarette and she invited him in.

The alleged victim testified that Webb arrived at her residence about 8:00 p.m. and knocked on her door. She informed the court that she opened the door because she thought it was her friend, and Webb pushed through the door. Webb slapped her twice and told her to be quiet or he would beat her, according to the plaintiff's testimony.

Public Defender Kristi Gray asked the alleged victim if she had previously made the statement that Webb would end up going to jail for rape. The alleged victim denied the accusation.

Through Gray's questioning, testimony was offered that a previous rape charge had been filed by the alleged victim against another alleged rapist, but the charge was dismissed.

Floyd County District Judge James R. Allen found probable cause to direct the case to the grand jury for indictment.



In honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Efford and Betty Sue (Shannon) Tackett,

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Martin	Kim Grubb	285-9856
	Jamie Slone	
Melvin	Linda Justice	452-2397
Osborne	Ruth Huff	452-2307
Prestonsburg	Neva Tackett	886-8145
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Two family member	10,360	Six family member	20,840
Three family member	12,980	Seven family member	23,460
Four family member	15,600		

For more information, contact Vivian McGarey, Early Childhood Coordinator to the Floyd County Head Start at 886-1986.

# PHS Plan

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and new stairways; a new and relocated mechanical room to provide new heating and cooling to the school; and the entire current building will get a face lift, including new doors and windows, blackboards, ect., all in the first phase.

In the second phase, the cafeteria and kitchen will be expanded; a music suite will be added, as will a new entrance to the gymnasium. There will be a renovation to the business lab and an elevator will be added. All asbestos will be removed from the building during the renovation process.

Parents expressed concern about a variety of things, including retaining walls and new construction so close to a flood-prone area; removal of asbestos; and remodeled classrooms that won't be as big as new ones would be.

Students said they are concerned about noise levels and being able to continue their class work and extracurricular activities during the renovation project.

"This building is beyond repair," Wes Fugate said. "Will our English classes be canceled just because of the noise? We need a new school and the vast majority of us (the students) could care less where it's at."

Despite the concerns and desires for a new building, school administrators said funding is not available to build a new building and if the funds that are available for the renovation aren't used on that project, they will be used on another.

"This plan has been approved by the state," Osborne said. "Any deviation from it and we'll have to go before the state board." He said money that was slated for the new high school when it was on the priority list several years ago was used at the joint Maytown/Martin elementary that is now under construction.

"Your best bet is eight years," Terrell Ross, bond counsel for the board said.

Money is available to complete both phase I and phase II of the renovation project, Ross said. That situation didn't exist a few weeks ago. Ross said lower interest rates as well as the inclusion of School Facilities Construction Commission funds in the state's budget increased the system's bonding power enough to sell about \$8.3 million in bonds.

The school board, however, has to decide whether to approve phase II now or wait until phase I has been completed, in about 20 months, according to Jones. The board has not indicated what it will do.

But most of the residents at the public forum don't want phase I or phase II, they want a new school.

"Help us get a new school," Risner said. "This is what we want." John Burke said the system is two-thirds of the way to a new school, which would cost about \$12 million according to Osborne.

"We could build on the football field," Burke said. "Then we could sell the property on Middle Creek to go toward a new school. In three years, maybe we could have a new school. We're only \$4 million away."

"The majority here want a new building. We all want what's best for our kids, but our whole city is losing out because of our facility," Blake Burchett said. "I went to school here and the facilities were awful then."

But he said if it's renovation or nothing, renovation should be acceptable to the parents. "We need a new facility, but we're going to keep on banging our heads until we get nothing."

About five people stood up to indicate they would support the renovation project. Many people say it is the school's facilities that is slowing economic development in Prestonsburg.

"I'm sorry, if it's a renovation or nothing, then let's renovate," Leslie Fannin said. "Let's be realistic."

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# Powell commended for helping mayor

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

Martin City Police deputy Jeff Powell was issued a Mayor's Commendation Award at the regular city council meeting on Tuesday, March 26.

Mayor Alan Whicker presented the award to Powell for action taken

during an assault on the mayor. Whicker said that he could have been hurt worse if officer Powell had not intervened. "I have a little better respect for the police department now," Whicker said.

Whicker also said that, to his knowledge, no other officer has received a Mayor's Commendation Award for assisting a mayor during

an assault.

According to Powell, he would have done the same thing for anyone else and would do it again.

"I was surprised that I received the award. I was only doing a job that any other officer would have

done in that situation," Powell said.

Whicker was assaulted on March 19 allegedly by the stepson of Thomasina Robinson and after Whicker announced he would replace Robinson on the Grigsby Heights Housing Authority board.



Mayor Alan Whicker presented deputy Jeff Powell with a Mayor's Commendation Award for action taken during an assault on the mayor March 19. (photo by Chris McDavid)

# Whicker names 'Ranger Rick' to housing board

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

Mayor Alan Whicker appointed a local radio personality to the housing authority board of Grigsby Heights after his initial choice refused to accept the position.

At the regular Martin City Council meeting on Tuesday, March 26, Whicker appointed Rick "Ranger Rick" Caudill to the housing authority board. Whicker had first named Paul Spencer to the seat, but Spencer declined the appointment.

But, when Whicker announced that he had found another candidate for the position, some Grigsby Heights residents wanted to address the council on behalf of Thomasina Robinson, whose term on the board had expired.

Sherry Jacobs of Grigsby Heights, presented the council with a petition containing more than 200 names which asked that Robinson be reappointed to the board. Jacobs also claimed she had documentation proving that Robinson's term will not expire until September 1, 1996.

Whicker responded that he had contacted the federal Housing and Urban Development agency (HUD) and was informed that the official

minutes of when Robinson was appointed are the guidelines used by HUD. He also said he was told that HUD had nothing contrary to the minutes. Whicker then made the appointment and sought council's approval.

"Ranger Rick is a good person and a man that has lived in our town for years," Whicker said. "He is my appointment and it is going to stand."

The city council voted on Caudill's appointment with members Hazel Robinson, Stephen Farthing and Earit Hayes voting "yes." Rodney Hutchinson abstained, and Sherry Ratliff passed.

Ratliff stressed, "I passed because I wanted to talk to our attorney and I was told that our city council vote did not matter." She also said that she had high regards for Caudill and his family, but she felt that Robinson did a good job. "They both are good citizens," she concluded. Council member Everett Akers Jr. was not present at the meeting.

"I'd like to thank Mayor Whicker and city council for appointing me to this position. I'll work with the citizens 100% for any improvements that are needed in the city of Martin," Caudill said.



"Ranger Rick" Caudill

# Prestonsburg resource center celebrates families

The Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center celebrated "Families Are The Heart of Kentucky," Open House, March 19, in honor of the families in the Commonwealth.

The event was a great success with at least 300 parents, grandparents, students and faculty in attendance.

Rebial Reynolds, coordinator of the family resource center, wel-

comed the guests and gave a brief overview of the family resource center programs. The Family Resource Center programs and activities were on display for viewing, and included the After School Child Care Program; Parents, Give Yourself a Break Day, GED services, hot air balloon activities, and a school picnic.

Refreshments were served and door prizes were awarded.

# Annexation

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draw to the area, Fannin said.

The property came to the city via a gift from the Army Corps of Engineers. The nearly 300 acres transferred to the city as part of the 1996 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act in November has to be used strictly for recreational purposes.

That property was formerly leased by Jenny Wiley State Park.

The golf course will be built behind Rebel Bowling Lanes.

Also scheduled for the recreational facility are a walking track; baseball, football and soccer fields;

# Motel

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"That will be an ideal location. They can probably take their pick (as to what restaurant they want)," Cooley said.

The decision to accept the contract was unanimous.

In other action, the council learned that the city has received its certificate of need to begin operating an ambulance service. Burchett explained that the city will now fill out a license application.

The certificate of need will allow the city to operate either one or two ambulances. Currently, the city is operating an ambulance service under the license of Respond Ambulance.

The council also agreed to purchase turn-out gear for seven volunteer firefighters in the North Floyd Fire District.

The city has responded to five fires in the district since agreeing to cover the area with fire protection. The latest fire was a car-fire fatality last Friday morning on Ky. 114.

The gear, which includes everything from helmets to boots, costs \$640 a set.

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ALLAN S. PERRY III—Publisher-Editor

Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

## Blame the messenger?

by Scott Perry

We had planned to use this space this week to discuss the predictable, but irrelevant, vote taken Wednesday by the Prestonsburg Community College advisory board, rubberstamping the administration of embattled PCC president Deborah Floyd.

But, we got sidetracked by a couple of comments...one from Dr. Floyd and another by advisory board chairman Paul Gearheart...which, quite frankly, ticked us off.

As quoted in Thursday's Lexington Herald-Leader, Dr. Floyd said "(T)he press coverage getting to this point has helped fuel the fire and make it appear to be an ugly matter."

We will agree that this newspaper's coverage of the PCC feud has, indeed, brought the debate out into the open, where it needs to be if any meaningful resolution is to be found.

But, we'll take issue with any suggestion that our coverage has made the issues at PCC "appear" to be anything other than what they are.

Our stories have been the truth and nothing but the truth, reported objectively and fairly to all con-

cerned.

Editorially, we've taken no sides, urging only that those who can resolve the issue should resolve the issue.

And, we'll add that because of our coverage, steps are being taken toward a resolution of differences.

In the same Herald-Leader story, advisory board chairman Paul Gearheart said the college had been "getting some undue publicity" over the dispute, and he urged all concerned parties to "bring this community together."

We would counter that the publicity is not "undue," as Mr. Gearheart suggests, but well past due since the issues at hand have apparently been simmering for much of the last three years.

Had those problems been adequately addressed when they first arose, it is quite likely that we would not be forcing people to take sides today.

Certainly we are disappointed by these efforts to paint the press as the culprit in the PCC debacle, but our greatest disappointment comes with knowing that these deep divisions might have been avoided altogether if the road to compromise we're traveling now had been chosen long ago.

## Letters to the editor

### Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times. In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author. Letters must be received no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday for publication in Wednesday's issue and 10 a.m. Thursday for Friday's issue. Letters may be sent to Editor, The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Letters may be edited for clarity and length.

### Magistrates can't authorize work

Editor:

Some of the Floyd County magistrates are going around telling the people that "I put the gravel on your road" or "I put in that culvert for you." This is basically a lie—however, when it is true, it is a violation of the law and the constitution of the state of Kentucky.

The only member of the county fiscal court to have any executive or official power when the court is not in session is the judge executive.

When the fiscal court is adjourned, magistrates possess no administrative or executive power in relation to county government. This is spelled out in detail by the state attorney general in AOG 78-402 and AOG 78-529.

So when they tell you that they are responsible—they are lying or breaking the law. At your expense.

Virginia Lowe  
Prestonsburg

### Urges cannabis use as valid medication

Editor:

State Senator Benny Bailey, who chairs the Health and Welfare Committee, is in a position to make progress with needed legislation to eliminate the penalties for using cannabis for medicinal purposes, but will he?

Yes, he labored for the Mountains, with the help of Dr. Grady Stumbo, when they followed a dream that led to the formation of East Kentucky Health Service Center, but room exists to assist unfortunate individuals who need a medicine that goes against the norm of society's understandings.

What is this medicine?

It's cannabis.

Referred to as marijuana since about 1938 when it was taken off the market due to the introduction of new pharmaceutical capabilities.

What have they done? They've made it illegal to use a plant to fight side effects of treatments for

Cancer, and AIDS.

What are these side effects? The ability to consume and hold down food, and a decline of stress. It's also the best known treatment for the reduction of pressure in those with wide angle glaucoma.

Doesn't sound like much unless you're familiar with one who needs it, but is refused treatment because of present government rulings.

Yes, they could go to the streets for this medicine, but many have morals that will not allow them to break the law. Who's the winner?

Who are the persons needing cannabis for medicinal purposes? They're red, and yellow, black, and white.

They're male and female; they're mothers and fathers. They're newborn infants.

They're the makeup of the world. How can one's government let backward medical implications rule today's medical outcome?

Senator Baily, with the assistance of former gubernatorial candidate Gatewood Galbraith, could do a vast amount of good for the poor citizens of the state. Think about it. It could happen in anyone's family.

Danny Pigman  
Lexington

### Plaintiffs in suit want day in court

Editor:

If you are a landowner, and thinking about leaving your land to your children and grandchildren with a life estate deed, you should go to the Floyd County Circuit Court Clerk's office and look at a case where the life attendant in a life estate deed was dated 1916.

He had sold property off this estate. The life attendant died 1973.

We as heirs in this estate as Plaintiffs brought action in the court against the State Highway Department, the Floyd County Fiscal Court, the Kentucky Power Company and South Central Bell. Judge Hollie Conley dismissed the claim against the Kentucky Power Company.

He also ruled that South Central

Bell had the right to use this property.

We appealed the South Central Bell ruling to the Court of Appeals.

The Judges Hayes and Reynolds ruled that the South Central Bell could use the property.

We had our lawyer to bring the Kentucky Power Company back into the case and Judge Paul Burchett dismissed it again.

We were never given an opportunity to present our case before the judge.

The case was filed in the Floyd County Circuit Court in 1985.

The county has never answered our complaint or appeared in court.

Our attorney has asked judgment against the county several times.

It's been ten years and we haven't collected the first penny for our property or the use of it.

We brought a complaint against the State Highway Department asking them to install a drain to remove the water that ran along the highway that had caused the cemetery to start slipping.

Our attorney got an order from Judge Harold Stumbo to correct the problem. It was never enforced.

We brought the case back in front of Judge John David Caudill. An agreement was reached between the plaintiffs and the defendant.

The State Department failed to live up to the agreement. We then had our attorney bring it up again with Judge Danny P. Caudill. Our attorney asked for this order to be enforced.

It took us five years to get the drainage corrected in this court system.

We are still waiting for our day in court. We are now on the fifth judge and the fourth attorney.

Anyone who has made a life estate deed or is planning on making one, should go to the Floyd County Courthouse and look what has happened to us in a life estate deed.

The case No. is C.A. No. 85-CI-350.

Palmer Humphrey  
Ligon

## Our Yesterdays

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

### Ten Years Ago

(April 2, 1986)

Firefighters are growing weary after 17 days of raking and burning, trying to battle blazes from one end of the county to another...Liquor by the drink will not be available in Floyd County any time soon, according to State Representative Greg Stumbo...About 90 employees of McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital—estimated at almost half the staff—were on strike Tuesday in a system-wide dispute over job security...The City of Martin completed negotiations with the state for the purchase of a two-acre landfill to be the site for a new firehouse...There died: Elzie Prater, 83, of Bonanza, Saturday; Irene Fugate, 55, of McDowell, Monday; James McGuire, 75, of Price, March 26; Callie Hale Scott, 69, of Garrett, Sunday; Rudolph D. Spencer, 84, of Garrett, March 20.

### Twenty Years Ago

(March 31, 1976)

The Prestonsburg police department announced this week that it will begin the operation Saturday of radar equipment recently purchased by the city for the control of motor vehicle speeds here...The corridor for relocation of KY 80 between Hazard and US 23 at Water Gap has been named...County Judge Henry Stumbo announced last week that he has returned to W. J. May, county treasurer, \$4,626 excess fees collected by his office for the year 1974...Mr. and Mrs. Joe Calhoun celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary Sunday, March 28, at their home on the Middle Creek Road...U. S. Senators Wendell H. Ford and Walter "Dee" Huddleston this week notified County Judge Henry Stumbo that a \$20,384 grant has been awarded to the Floyd Fiscal Court by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for land acquisition and development for the Left Beaver Community Park at Minnie...Though outscoring eventual state-champs Edmunson County from the field, the Betsy Layne Bobcats lost 77-72 on the strength of Edmunson's

19-6 free throw edge in the first round of the state basketball tournament, last Wednesday at Louisville's Freedom Hall...There died: Hugh B. Henigar, Sr., 77, of Wayland, March 22 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; J. B. Bays, 83, of Bonanza, March 25 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Ferris Branham, 69, of Wheelwright, Friday; Granville Hoover, 78, of Eastern, March 26 at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital.

### Thirty Years Ago

(March 31, 1966)

Dry forces in the county were preparing this week for their campaign against the "wets" in an upcoming local option election...The home being constructed by C. R. Hatton in the Briarwood addition to Prestonsburg for Francis Carroll Hughes burned to its foundation, shortly before midnight last Thursday...Last of the parleys between Commissioner of Highways Henry Ward and Prestonsburg business leaders on the routing of U.S. 23 from Prestonsburg to Allen was believed to have been held at noon today (Thursday) at May Lodge...Henry Ellis Osborne, 19, of Buckingham, freshman at Morehead University, was shot and fatally wounded here, late Tuesday afternoon...Acquisition by the town of Allen of the water system which serves it and its environs will be effected as soon as a proposed water revenue bond issue of \$280,000 is sold, it was said here this week...There died: Caleb B. Johnson, 94, Sunday at his home at Kite; Susan Rowe, of Langley, Saturday; Willie Crum, 44, of Martin, Sunday at the University of Kentucky Medical Center; Melvin Hamilton, 44, of Grethel, Saturday at Veterans' Hospital, Chillicothe, O.; Mrs. Jean Alley, 53, of Prestonsburg, Monday at Paintsville General Hospital; Frank H. Harris, 70, of Corn Fork, last Thursday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; John Langley Patton, 60, of David, last Monday at the Paintsville Hospital; Henry Fields, 73, of Allen, Saturday at the Beaver Valley

Hospital, Martin; Grace Johnson, 67, last Wednesday at her home at Weeksbury.

### Forty Years Ago

(March 29, 1956)

The Prestonsburg independent school district was merged Tuesday with the county school system by order of the State Board of Education...Eunice M. Craft, 14-year-old eighth grader at the Spradlin Branch School won the Herald-Dispatch's Floyd County spelling bee and Donna Powers, also a 14-year-old eighth grader, of the Auxier Consolidated School, won the Courier-Journal's county-wide bee recently...Gordon Collins, of Lackey, brother of Sheriff Gorman Collins, was named chairman of the Floyd County Republican executive committee, succeeding William Darby, who declined to seek re-election...Fire continued to exact losses in Prestonsburg and West Prestonsburg this week with blazes leveling two more structures...There died: Andrew Jackson Findlayson, 68, of Salyersville, a native of Dwale, March 12; Colonel May, 52, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Elder John Henry Caldwell, 76, of Boldman, Wednesday at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital; Charlie Porter, 56, of Dwale, last Friday at the Beaver Valley Hospital; Sadie Conn Crisp, 45, of Dana, Tuesday at the Beaver Valley Hospital; J. B. Tackett, 34, a native of the Big Mud section of this county, Saturday in an automobile accident at Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Mollie Short, 83, of Bonanza, last Thursday; Grover C. Johnson, 34, of Weeksbury, Tuesday in Lorain, O.; Rev. James Oney, 70, of Wayland, Tuesday at McDowell Memorial Hospital.

### Fifty Years Ago

(March 28, 1946)

Fifty thousand dollars of Floyd County's rural highway allotment of \$72,580 for 1946 may be used for macadam-bound surfacing of farm-to-market roads constructed during depression years by the Works Progress

Administration...With a general shutdown of the soft coal industry called by UMWA President John L. Lewis for Sunday midnight, Floyd County viewed with no pleasure the prospect of an indefinite period of idleness in the county's principal industry...There died: Comillis Stephens, 74, at the home on Bull Creek of his sister, Mrs. Cynthia Prater, Thursday; Miss Sylvia Osborne, 20, of Hi Hat, in a Lexington Hospital, Friday; Charles L. Osborne, 78, at his home at West Prestonsburg, Friday; Mrs. Gracie B. Ousley, 37, at the home of her parents at West Prestonsburg, Friday; Thomas B. Patton, 45, near his home at Emma, Thursday morning.

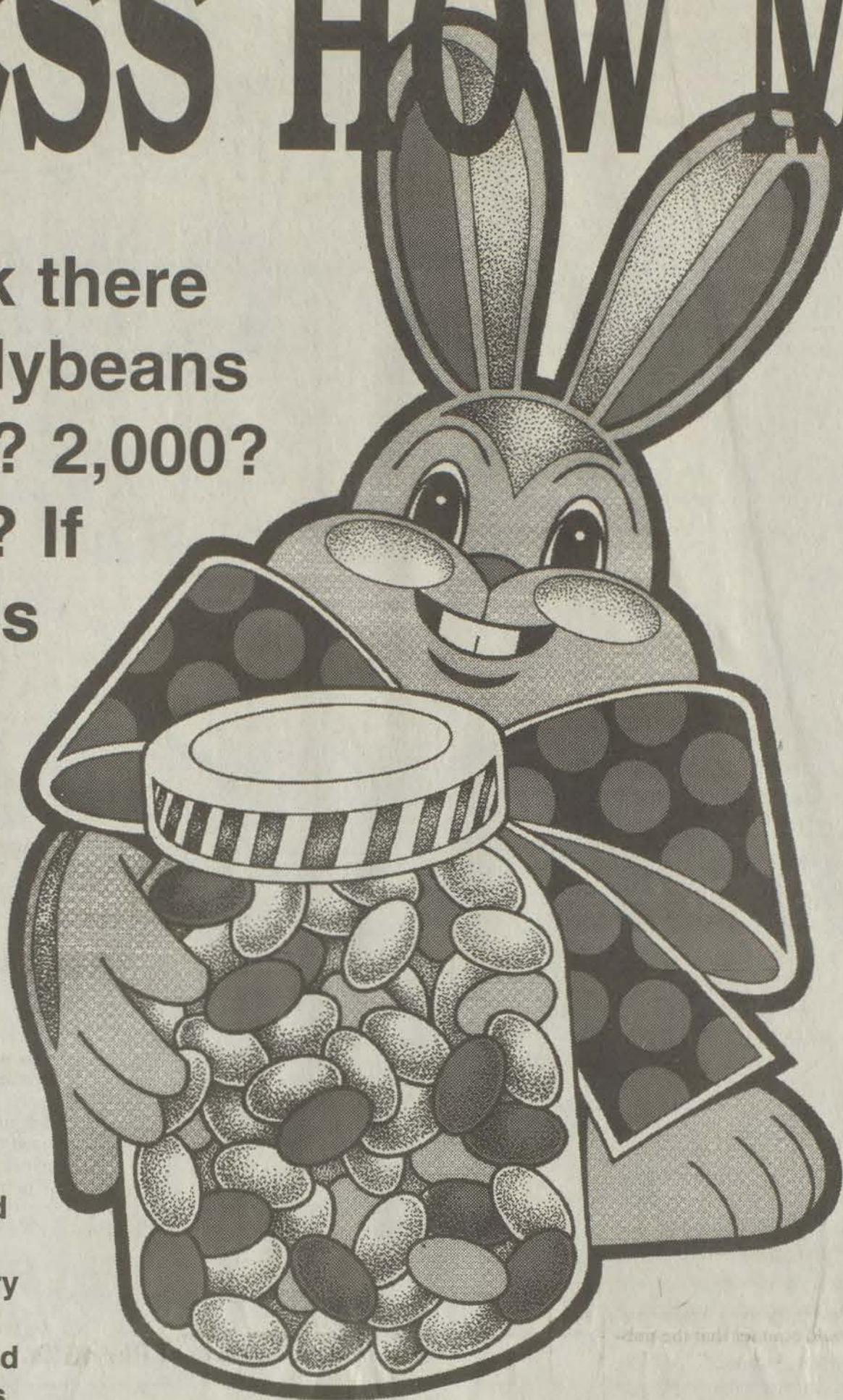
### Sixty Years Ago

(March 27, 1936)

Contractor for Dr. W. L. Stumbo this week began construction of a hospital in Knott County within half a mile of Lackey...Emergency relief disbursements in Kentucky from October 1934, to December 31, 1935 totaled \$51,820,060, with Floyd receiving \$992,622.79 of this amount...George Lee, 47 years old, died Thursday a few hours after he was crushed beneath a heavy slatefall in the mines of the Elk Horn Coal Corporation at Wayland...Garfield Wright, veteran marshal of the town of Allen, last week submitted his resignation to the town board of trustees, giving his age—74 years—as reason for doing so...Floyd County's percentage of unemployable persons responsible for families on relief was the lowest of any county in this section for the year 1935, figures just released by the Kentucky Relief Administration indicate...There died: Mrs. Dave Music, 35, at home at Bonanza, Friday; Mrs. Golda Ramey Farmer, 28, at home at Prestonsburg, Tuesday; George Swafford, 55, at his home at West Prestonsburg, Monday; Stanley Roop, 34, at the home of his parents at Glo, Sunday night; Mrs. Jennie Bailey, 59, at her home at Hueysville, Wednesday; Hazel Mae Adams, 24, at her home at Betsy Layne, Sunday.

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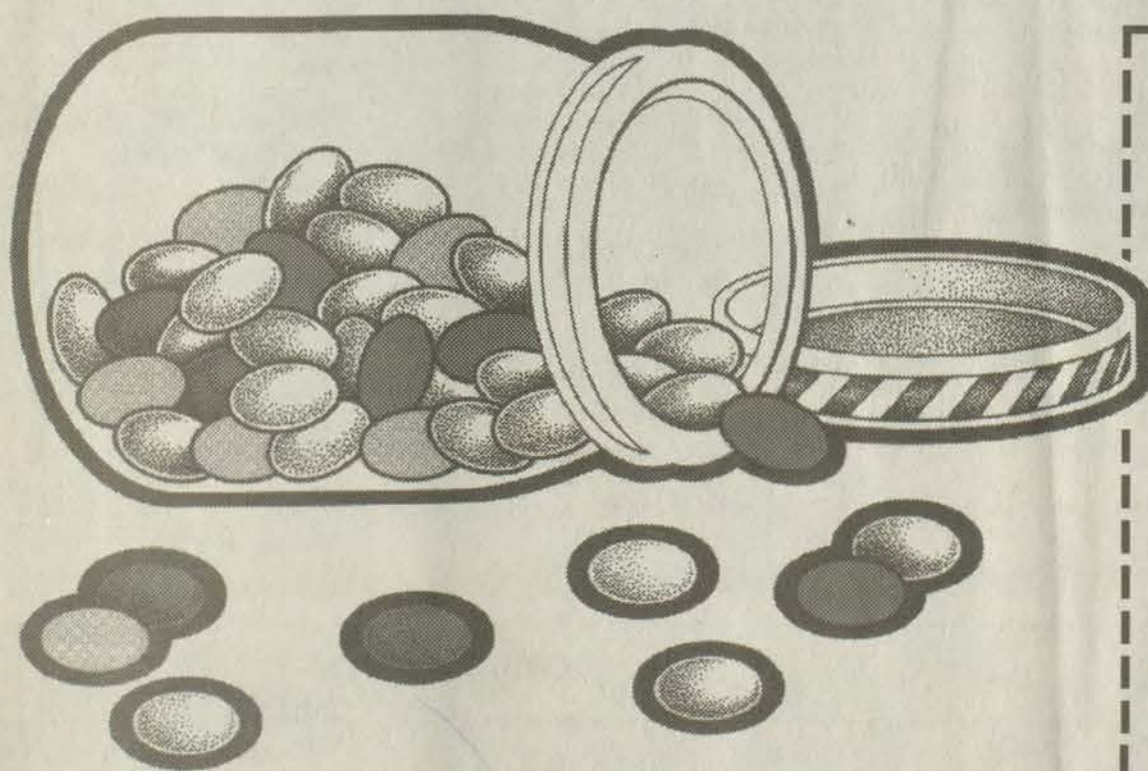
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# Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

**Prestonsburg Elementary Resource Center activities**

- Fluoride treatments are presented to the students each Wednesday by the resource center and parent volunteers.
- Free GED classes each Wednesday from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For more information, contact the resource center at 886-7088.

**Maytown Family Resource Center activities**

- A health department nurse is at the center every Wednesday. She is now making appointments for head start and kindergarten physicals.

**Allen Central Youth Service Center activities**

- Clothes closet will be open to students and the public upon request.
- Country and western line dancing classes will be held every Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

For more information about classes or community activities, call 358-3048.

**South Floyd Youth Services Center activities**

The Adult Learning Center (ALC) is open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Learn new job skills, earn your GED, prepare for college or vocational entrance exams, get leads on good jobs, learn computer skills, brush up on your reading, writing, and math skills, learn job success tips, and find help with housing, food, clothes and more. This service

is free and open to the public. Instructor is Mitzi Crisp. The ALC is sponsored by the David School. For more information contact Mitzi Crisp, Keith Smallwood, or Mable Hall. Phone 452-4904 or 452-9600, ext. 145.

- The Clothing Bank is open to students upon request.
- Cancer support group meets monthly. For more information call Georgia Smith at 452-4115 or the SFYSC at 452-9600, ext. 145.
- South Floyd Youth Service Center is open 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. The center is located in Suite 232 at South Floyd High School. For more information contact Keith Smallwood or Mable C. Hall, 452-9600, Ext. 145. Fax 452-9303.

**Allen Central plans reunion**

The Allen Central High School class of 1986 is planning its tenth year reunion. Letters concerning the reunion plans are being sent to all graduates for whom addresses are available. Graduates who would like to receive more information may write to Class of 1986, P.O. Box 168, Eastern, KY 41622 or contact: Mandy Cooley Hicks or Amy Mayo Halbert at Allen Central.

**Spring N' Free**

The First Baptist Church of McDowell will hold a youth-sponsored revival "Spring N' Free" March 29 through March 31. On Friday and Saturday nights, the services will begin at 7 p.m. and on Sunday morning, the service will begin at 11 a.m.

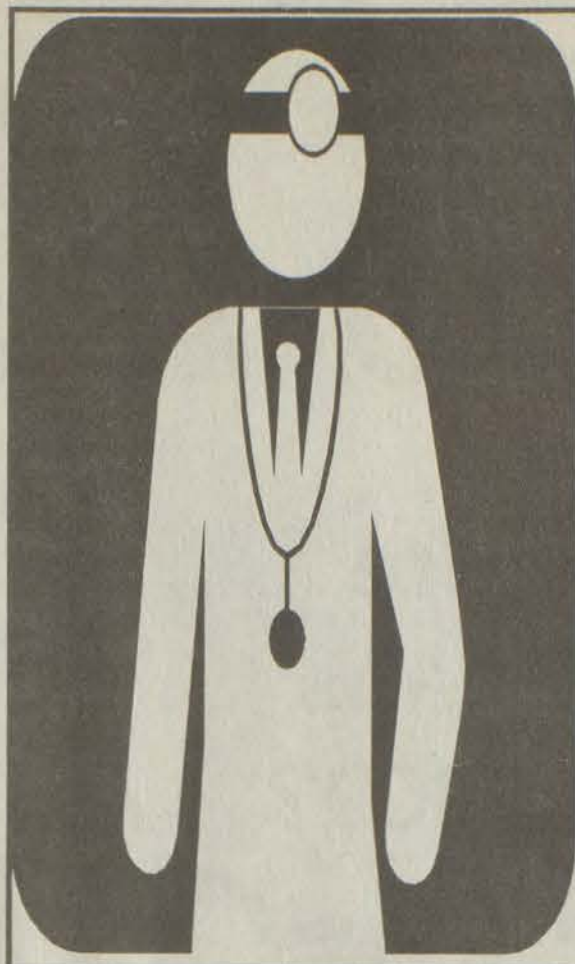
The special speaker for the revival will be Craig Tackett. Robbie Shelton will serve as the music leader and some of the special music will be brought by Becky Castle, Chris Hedges, and Chad Caddell. There will also be a creative ministries team from Morehead State University Baptist Student Union.

There will be an "After Glow" each night after the services. Nursery service will be provided.

**House warming party**

Due to a house fire, friends and family are having a house warming party for Oscar and Shirley Wallen of Prestonsburg, Friday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at Rita Hancock's house on Spurlock Creek, Left Beaver. If any friends or family members would like to give a gift you can bring it to Prestonsburg Foodland to Becky Ousley or Rita Hancock.

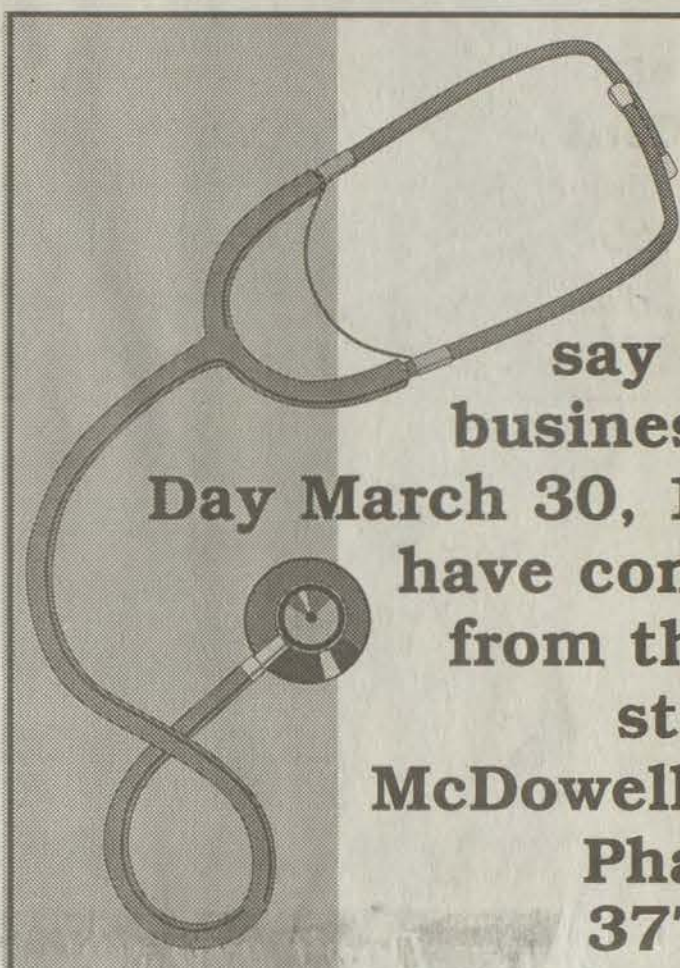
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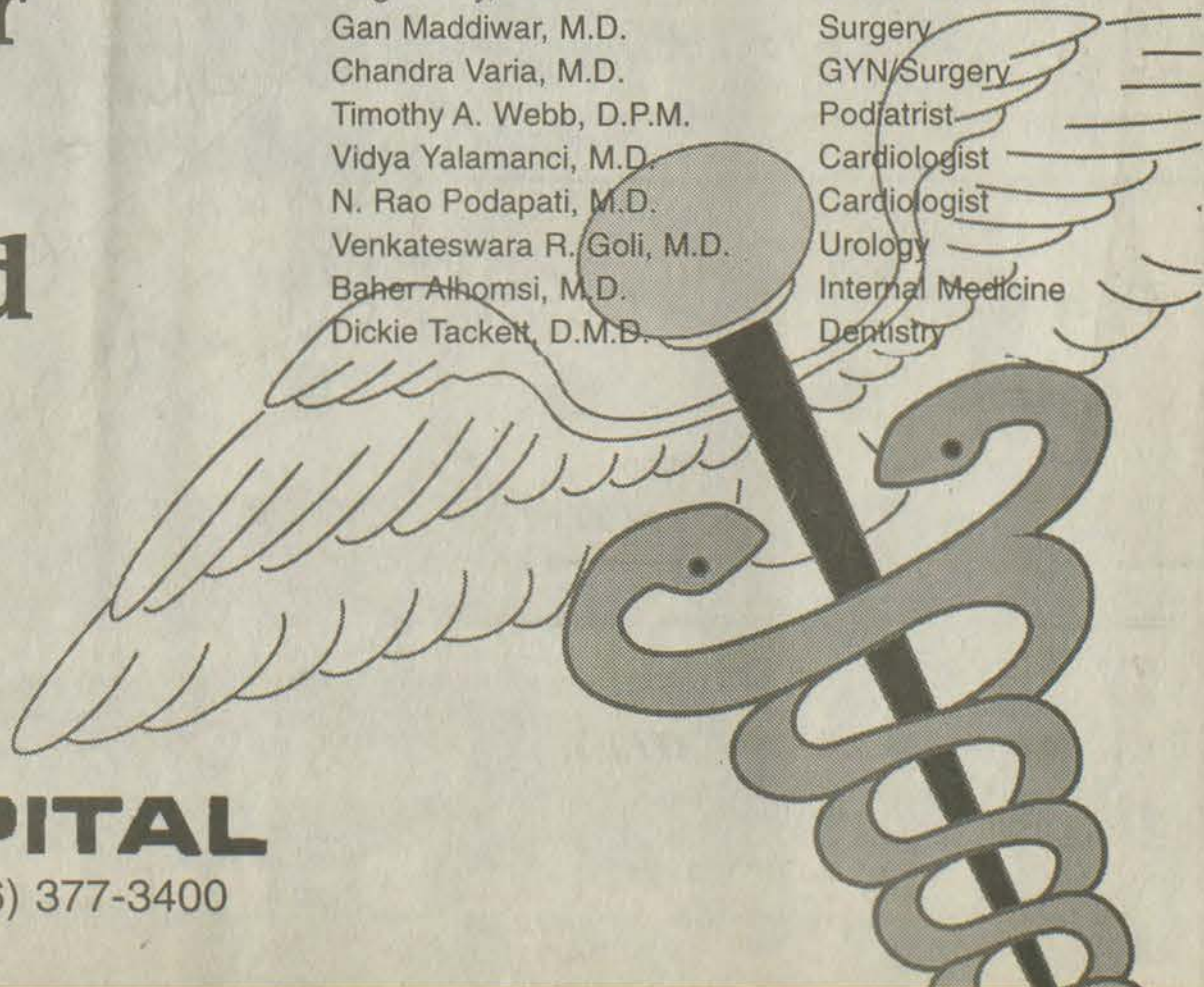
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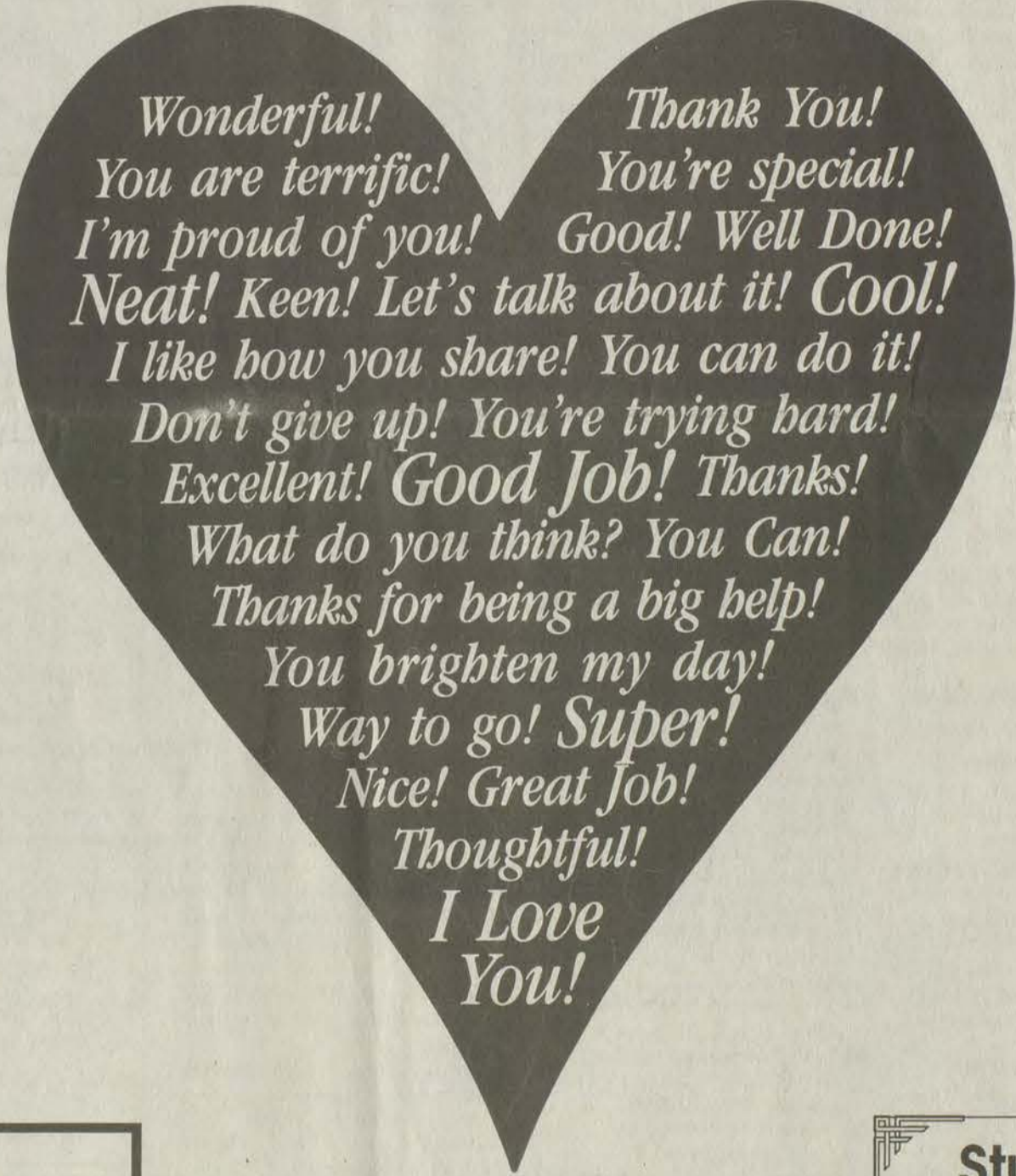
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# Regional Obits

## Martin County

Edward Osborne, 54, of Beauty, died March 23. He was the husband of Lucy Alley Osborne. Funeral services were held March 26, at the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Carlos Blackburn, 10, of Inez, died March 21. He was a fourth grader at Inez Elementary School. He was the son of Harvey and Martha James Blackburn. Funeral services were held March 24 at Inez Elementary School gym.

## Johnson County

Dordeana O'Bryan, 54, of

Nippa, died March 20. She is survived by her husband Steve O'Bryan. Funeral services were held March 23 at the Mouth of Rush Freewill Baptist Church in Nippa.

Arthur Castle, 56, of Van Lear, died March 24. He was a machinist and the son of Clarence and Anna Mae Blair Murphy Castle. Funeral services were held March 28 at the Jones-Prestons Funeral Home Chapel.

Virgil Joe Daniels, 57, of Van Lear, died March 17. He was a retired school bus driver. He is survived by his wife, Stella Sue McFaddin Daniels. Funeral services were held March 19 at Van Lear Freewill Baptist Church.

Homer W. Preston, 82, of Meally, died March 19. He is survived by his wife, Marie Ward Preston. Funeral services were held March 22 at the Buffalo United Baptist Church.

## Pike County

Walter Hollis Ray, 66, of Meta, died March 18. He was a coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ray. Funeral services were held March 22 at the Pike County Chapel.

Zella Gooslin, 78, of Pikeville, died March 20. She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas Gooslin. Funeral services were held

March 23 at the Pike County Chapel.

Fonnie Lee Daughtery Ratliff, 64, of Mouthcard, died March 20. She is survived by her husband David M. "D. M." Ratliff. Funeral Services were held March 23 at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Mary Kathern McBride, 51, of Elkhorn City, died March 21. She was a licensed practical nurse. She was a daughter of Ivel Hackney and the late Jack Keisman. Funeral services were March 24, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Dorothy Ann Hackney Coleman, 67, of Phelps, died March 19. She

was a teacher, employed by the Pike County School System for 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Frank "Dock" Coleman. Funeral services were held March 23 at the Phelps Funeral Home Chapel.

Palmer McCoy, 82, of Robinson Creek, died March 22. He was a retired coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Lettie May Johnson McCoy. Funeral services were held March 25 at the Joppa Regular Baptist Church at Melvin.

Alice Blankenship, 59, of Phelps, died March 24. She is survived by her husband, Robert Blankenship. Funeral services were held March 27 at Peter Creek Presbyterian Church.

Ellis Coleman, 84, of Shelbiana, died March 24. He was preceded in death by his wife, Oma Coleman. Funeral services were held March 27 in the Justice Funeral Home Chapel.

## Magoffin County

Ricky Hunley, 39, of Salyersville, died March 13. He was the son of Versie Howard Hunley McCarty and the late Richard Hunley. Funeral services were conducted March 17 at the Dunn-Kelley/Prater and Dunn Chapel for Funerals.

Leona Willis, 86, of Old Burning Fork Road of Salyersville, died March 17. She was a daughter of the late Clay and Dora Bailey Willis. Funeral services were held March 21 at the Salyersville Funeral Home Memorial Chapel.

## Leonard Stephenson

Leonard Stephenson, 60, of Prestonsburg, Ky. died Friday, March 22, 1996 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lexington.

He was born December 11, 1935, in Prestonsburg to the late Carl and Luditha (Sammons) Stephenson. Leonard was a self-employed upholsterer and widower of Betty (Williams) Stephenson.

He is survived by one son, Mr. Leonard Stephenson, Jr. of Nicholasville, Ky.; one daughter, Mrs. Sherry Lynn Spears of Knoxville, Tenn.; three sisters, Mrs. Alta Price, Mrs. Dorsie Simons and Mrs. Roselee Campbell, all of Prestonsburg.

While he loved all of his family dearly, the light of his life was his special granddaughter, Rebekkah, and five grandsons, Gregory, Ryan, Matthew, James Michael, and Adam. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mae Ousley and Mary Anne Harris, both of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 25, 1996, at 11 a.m. in the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Clifford Austin officiating. Burial was in the Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, Kentucky.

Pallbearers were Eddie Simons, Jim Ousley, Charles Ousley, Larry Allen, Ron Frasure, Jr., Pat Hicks, Tommy Harris, David Randall Ousley, and Grady Nelson.

# Obituaries

## Columbus Bates

Columbus Bates, 92, of Frankfort, formerly of Knott County, died Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born July 10, 1903 in Knott County, he was the son of the late Miles and Angelina Hall Bates. He was a disabled coal miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Zilla Johnson Bates.

Survivors include eight daughters, Hazel Cox of Detroit, Michigan, Helen Martin and Wanda Stone both of Ligonier, Indiana, Maxie Welch of Speedwell, Tennessee, Angelia Bates and Rose Baker, both of Frankfort, Jennifer Cook of Topmost, and Veronica Richardson of Mallie; two sisters, Maggie Hall and Nebraska Bates, both of Knott County; 21 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Thursday, March 28, at 11 a.m., at Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel with the Old Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Bates Family Cemetery at Kite, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Kenneth Field Parson

Kenneth Field Parson, 69, of Miamisburg, Ohio, died Thursday, March 28, 1996, at Heartland of Oakridge, Ohio.

Parson was a member of the First Baptist Church in Miamisburg, Ohio, an army veteran of World War II, and a retired employee of Delco Products with 33 years of service.

Survivors include his wife, Rose Marie Martin Parson; three sons, Kenneth L. Parson of Springboro, Ohio, Kevin D. Parson and Mark K. Parson, both of Miamisburg, Ohio; his stepmother, Lillian Parson of Clarksville, Indiana; one brother, Harold D. Parson of Danville; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 30, at 7 p.m., at the Gebheart-Schmidt-Parramore Funeral Home in Miamisburg, Ohio, with Dr. Bill Maupin officiating.

Graveside services will be Sunday, March 31, at 1 p.m., at the Harry Martin Cemetery at Allen.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

## Joann Crum Carr

Joann Crum Carr, 55, of Martin, wife of Lum Carr, died Wednesday, March 27, 1996, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a long illness. She was born February 2, 1941, in Martin, the daughter of Della Adkins Crum of Martin, and the late Arvil Crum. She was a homemaker and a member of the Dwale House of Prayer.

In addition to her husband and mother she is survived by one son, Lum Carr Jr. of Martin; two daughters, Debbie Isaac of Langley, Libby Reynolds of Harold; one brother, Garner Lee Crum of Martin; six sisters, Bonnie Newsome, Sola Frasure, Thelma Samons, Anna Marie Crum all of Martin; Viola Parsons of Prestonsburg, Betty Lou Fulks of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida; three grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, March 30, at noon at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergymen Woodrow Crum and Eugene Jarrell officiating. Burial will be made in the Arvil Crum Memorial Cemetery at Martin, with the Hall Funeral Home of Martin, caring for those arrangements.

## Anna Laura May

Anna Laura May, 86, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at the residence of Jay Crace at Blue River, following an extended illness.

Born June 29, 1909 in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Beverly Clark and Annie L. Auxier May. She was a former teacher at Prestonsburg Grade School for many years. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg and a member of the first graduating class of Pikeville College when it became a four-year school.

She is survived by her nephew, William James May Jr. of Prestonsburg.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 29, at 1 p.m., at Carter Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor David Fultz officiating.

Burial will be in the May Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

## Cynthia Marie Holbrook Vance

Cynthia Marie Holbrook Vance, 77, of Middle Creek Road, Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, March 26, 1996, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, following a brief illness.

Born June 17, 1918 at Middle Creek, she was the daughter of the late Adam Kelsey and Virgie Lee Preston Holbrook. She was a former librarian at East Kentucky Regional Library. She was a member of the First Baptist Church, Irene Cole Memorial and the Middle Creek Homemakers club.

Survivors include three sons, Guy Randolph Horn of Lincoln, Nebraska, Joseph Beverly "Jody" Vance of Richmond, Virginia, and James Michael "Mike" Vance of West Prestonsburg; three brothers, Boyd Holbrook of Auxier, Charles Holbrook of Anderson, South Carolina, and Ralph Holbrook of Panama City, Florida; one sister, Ortha Meece of Prestonsburg; four granddaughters and one great-grandson.

Funeral services were Thursday, March 28, at 1 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, Irene Cole Memorial with Dr. Thomas Valentine officiating.

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

Serving as active pallbearers were Gary Holbrook, Don Holbrook, Larry Holbrook, Dr. Fred Meece, Wayne Brown and Billy Bottoms.

Honorary pallbearers were Fred Meece Sr., Bill Bottoms, John Phillip Sammons, and Charles E. Hackworth.

## Pallbearers listed for Donald Meade

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Donald Meade were Jim Bailey, Chris Bailey, Shawn Bailey, Fred McKinney, Brian Lafferty and Donnie Meade.

## Clara G. Clark Bryant

Clara G. Clark Bryant, 74, of Ocala, Florida, died Monday, March 25, 1996, at Samaritan Hospital in Ashland, Ohio.

Born November 24, 1921 at Harold, she was the daughter of the late Joe and Emma Hamilton Lykens. She moved to Nova, Ohio, in 1955 and to Ocala, Florida, in 1979. She was a former employee of Ashland Rubber Products and was a former custodian at Home Hardware in Ashland, Ohio. She was a member of the Old Regular Baptist Church for many years. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Charlie Clark.

Survivors include her husband, Milford Bryant; five sons, Milford Clark of Nova, Ohio, Tolva Clark and Charles Clark, both of Ashland, Ohio, Hillard Clark of Loudonville, Ohio, and Larry Clark of Sullivan, Ohio; five daughters, Emma Lou Peppard of Nova, Ohio, Anna Sue Lilly and Jewell Arms, both of Plymouth, Ohio, Pauline Tormaschy of Sanford, Florida, and Linda Pauley of Ocala, Florida; three brothers, Ermel Tackett and Richard Tackett, both of Harold, and Willie D. Tackett of South Shore; 34 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Thursday, March 28, at 11 a.m., at the Little Pilgrim Home Church with elders of the church officiating.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, March 30, at the Good Shepherd Memorial Gardens in Ocala, Florida.

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Life can only be understood backwards, but it must be lived forwards.  
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# Calendar

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## McDowell Family Resource Center Activities

Parents, if your children are enrolled in the fifth grade and have not had their sixth grade physical, call the McDowell Family Resource Center, 377-2678, to schedule an appointment.

Joy Moore from the Floyd County Health Department is at the Center each Monday to see patients. She will administer well-child exams, school physicals (head start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), immunizations, and T. B. skin test. She will also see established W.I.C. patients. Call for an appointment, 377-2678.

G.E.D. class is held each Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Anyone interested in earning their G.E.D. should stop in and talk with Joyce Hall (instructor).

## Free income tax forms

State and federal income tax forms are now available at the county extension office. These forms can be picked up between 7:30 a.m. and noon and 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. The office is located at 670 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.

## Clark council to meet

The Clark Elementary school-based decision making council will meet Wednesday, April 3, 1996, at 6 p.m., in the school library. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

## Gospel sing

The Lancer Baptist Church of Prestonsburg will be hosting a gospel sing on Saturday, March 30. The music will begin at 6 p.m. Several groups will be performing, including Men of God, New Creation, Wings of Praise, Grace and more. Admission is free and everyone is welcome. The church is located at 71 Cooley Street.

## Zebulon Lodge 273 plans master mason degree

Prestonsburg's Zebulon Lodge No. 273, F&AM, will confer the Master Mason degree upon two candidates at a meeting to be held Saturday, March 30, in Masonic Temple.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 7 p.m. Donald A. Willis, master, encourages all master masons to attend.

## Prestonsburg High, Auxier Elementary Youth Service Center activities

Walking class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:10 to 4 p.m. at PHS.

Auxier Family Resource Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for clothing distribution.

Fluoride treatments will be given to the students at Auxier Elementary School every Monday.

## Overnight retreat

Camp Nathanael will be having an overnight retreat for 4-6th grade students on March 29-30, beginning at 6 p.m. The weekend will be filled with games, hay rides and lots of fun. Mark Clark will be the special speaker. The cost is \$8. For more information, call (606) 251-3231.

## Spaghetti supper and music

Betsy Layne Senior Citizens double-treat Friday evening, March 29, at 6 p.m. Spaghetti supper and gospel and bluegrass music, featuring Larry Case and Coaltown Productions, Susan Whitt, Kelly Yabor, Christina Parsons, Brax Kidd and Clarissa Kidd, and Bill Miller.

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## Writers Reading

Writers Reading with host Ernestine Meade will air on WPRG-TV 5 on Saturday, March 30, at 11 a.m., and Sunday, March 31, at 6 p.m., and Monday, April 1, at 11 a.m., with guests.

## Computer and word processing classes

Mayo Regional Technology Center will hold registration for Night Time Computer and Word Processing classes on April 4th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. All interested prospective students should meet in building F, Room 202. Call 789-5321 for more information.



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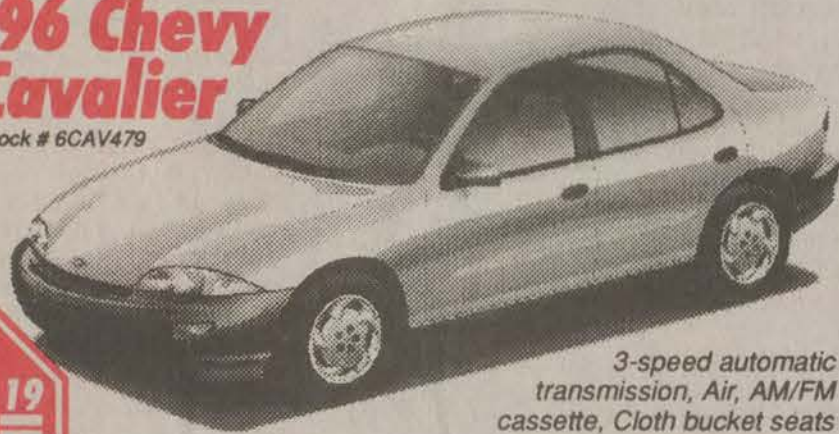
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# SPORTS

# Rebuilding year for Allen Central in '96

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Allen Central Lady Rebels softball team has put the fear into a lot of teams in the past four seasons. Coaches Anthony Moore and Tommy Murphy will return all starters from last year and much is expected of the Lady Rebs, especially if the young arms and bats come through.

"Our strength is going to be the fact that all starters are coming back," said Coach Murphy. "Well, everyone except at second base. Shanna Howell (an eighth-grader) will fill in there. With Natalie Cooley coming back, our outfield should be solid."

Valinda Turner will once again be behind the plate for the Lady Rebels. Turner is just one of the team's dedicated players.

"She has a strong arm with a better than average bat," said Coach Murphy. "She is, no doubt, the hardest worker on the team and gives us 110 percent all the time."

Amanda Holbrook will play first base for Allen Central and brings a

strong bat to the lineup.

With Howell taking over at second base, the coach thinks that she has the potential to help the team this season.

"This is her first year of playing softball," he said. "But she is just an eighth grader and shows great potential. She covers the ground good, swings a decent bat and has a very strong arm."

Melissa Mullins will hold down the hot corner for the Lady Rebels. Mullins has a good glove and strong throwing arm.

"She is a third starter for us," explained the Allen Central assistant coach. "Swings a strong bat and has a good arm."

To play shortstop, a player needs to have good range. Melissa Mullins meets that qualification.

"Misty is a great shortstop," said Murphy. "She has excellent range and is strong from the plate, as well."

Roaming the outfield for the Lady Rebels will be four players (in slow pitch) and three in fast pitch. Tish Yates, Karen Wallen, Nikki Queen and Natalie Cooley will

chase fly balls there.

"Tish will rotate between pitching, the outfield and second base," said Murphy. "She has great speed and a good glove. She has shown vast improvement with her bat. She's a hard worker."

"Nikki has excellent speed and strong arm, as well as being a good hitter," said Murphy. "She will play the outfield as well as pitch."

Cooley missed last season but has shown that she can still play the game.

"Natalie, after sitting out last year, is coming back better than ever," Murphy stated. "Her strong point is her fielding. She is becoming a very good hitter and works hard."

The foursome that comprise the Lady Rebels' pitching staff include: Yates, Queen, Caroline Bradley and Becky Bryant. Scott and Howell will be used in relief.

The bench is the question mark for Allen Central this season. April Hardy will join Janice Thornsberry

and Stacia Lance in helping Allen Central.

"April will see some starting time at third base and catcher," said Murphy.

The Lady Rebs have four freshmen who will need time, but Murphy said they may be ready ahead of time.

"They are already showing improvement," he stated. "And we feel they will see a lot of playing time."

The four frosh are: Thornsberry, Becky Bryant, Stacia Lance and

Brandi Hall.

"The rest are coming along well," Murphy said. "The combination of bad weather and not having a field has made it difficult for us to work out. Our weakness is going to be our bench, for awhile."

Allen Central finished 18-9 last year and were runners-up in the slow pitch regional last year, making a trip to the state tournament.

If the Lady Rebs jell like they are expected to and the bench comes around, another state meet is not out of the question.

## Allen Central Lady Rebels 1996 Softball Schedule

April 1	Prestonsburg	Home	5:00	SP
April 2	Magoffin Co.	Home	5:00	FP
April 3	Wolfe Co.	Home	5:30	FP
April 4	Sheldon Clark	Away	5:00	FP
April 6	Perry Central	Away	4:30	FP
April 8	Paintsville	Away	5:00	FP
April 9	Breathitt Co.	Away	5:00	SP
April 11	Betsy Layne	Away	5:00	FP
April 12	Whitesburg	Away	5:00	FP
April 16	Breathitt Co	Home	5:00	SP
April 18	South Floyd	Away	5:00	FP
April 20	Powell Co	Away	1:00	FP
April 22	Betsy Layne	Home	5:00	FP
April 23	Paintsville	Home	5:00	FP
April 25	Sheldon Clark	Home	5:00	FP
April 26	Prestonsburg	Away	5:00	SP
April 27	Perry Central	Home	1:00	FP
April 29	South Floyd	Home	5:00	FP
April 30	Magoffin Co	Away	5:00	FP
May 1	Whitesburg	Home	5:00	FP
May 3	Johnson Central	Away	5:00	FP
May 6	Slow Pitch Regionals			
May 10-11	Slow Pitch State			
May 13-18	Fast Pitch District			
May 20-25	Fast Pitch Regionals			
May 30-31	Fast Pitch State			

SP - Slow Pitch  
FP - Fast Pitch  
Head Coach: Anthony Moore



Quick on the base paths

Coach Anthony Moore's Allen Central Lady Rebels will compete in both fast and slow pitch softball this season. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Third base

Melissa Mullins will anchor down third base for the Lady Rebels of Allen Central. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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# Can Betsy Layne Lady Cats repeat in district?

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

senior on this year's team but the rest of the squad looks like they are ready for defense of their title against the rest of the world.

"We're a very, very young softball team," Clark said of her team. "We have the one senior, but we have some excellent players."

One of the top girls' regional players returns in junior Jessica Johnson. J.J. can play anywhere and was one of the team's leading hitters last season. She has a high on-base percentage and plays the field as well as anyone.

"Jessica is an excellent all-around player," Clark said. "She is just a wonderful ball player, the kind you like having on your team."

Johnson will have to move behind the plate this year from her shortstop position. She also will be part of the Lady Cats pitching staff.

"She has great speed and control on the mound," Clark said. Johnson must have a banner season for the Lady Cats to repeat. But don't shed any tears because this team is talented.

Take for instance the presence of one of the top athletes in the county in Ashley Tackett. Tackett, who will be part of the starting rotation for Betsy Layne, will play the outfield for the Lady Cats when not on the mound. Tackett plays the outfield as well as anyone and swings a strong bat from the plate.

"Ashley is an excellent athlete," the Betsy Layne first-year coach said. "A good good fielder and solid hitter. As a pitcher she is consistent with her pitches."

Crystal Newsome will round out the starting outfield for Betsy Layne. "She's a very good player," Clark

said.

The pitching staff will be completed with Mendy Robinette, Jessica Clark and Newsome. Clark is just a freshman and many hope that she will strike fear in the opposition as her sister Misty Clark did three years ago.

"Jessica, Mendy and Crystal all have the potential to be good pitchers," Coach Clark said. "All three are learning."

Sabrina Martin will hold down the first base spot. Martin is a hard player and new to the Lady Cats program. She seems to have a knack for the game of softball and Coach Clark said she likes the way she handles herself there.

"It's like she was born to play first base," she said. "She is a new player, but I have been impressed with her. She is a great hustler."

Experience will return in Mendy Robinette at second base when she's not on the mound. Robinette has played for the Lady Cats the last three seasons and swings a good bat, according to her coach.

Mendy is a great hitter," Clark said. "She is just a great second baseman with quick hands. She is going to be a very good player for us."

Amanda Hall will anchor the five position at third base. Hall has a good glove but appears to be a little erratic on her tosses to first base. Has a great attitude and is a very versatile player that hits well from the plate.

A big-time hitter for Betsy Layne will be catcher Rachel Thompson, a sophomore.

"Rachael has a good eye at the plate," Clark said. "She has a strong

throwing arm and is a great catcher. We look for her to give us a lot of offense this season."

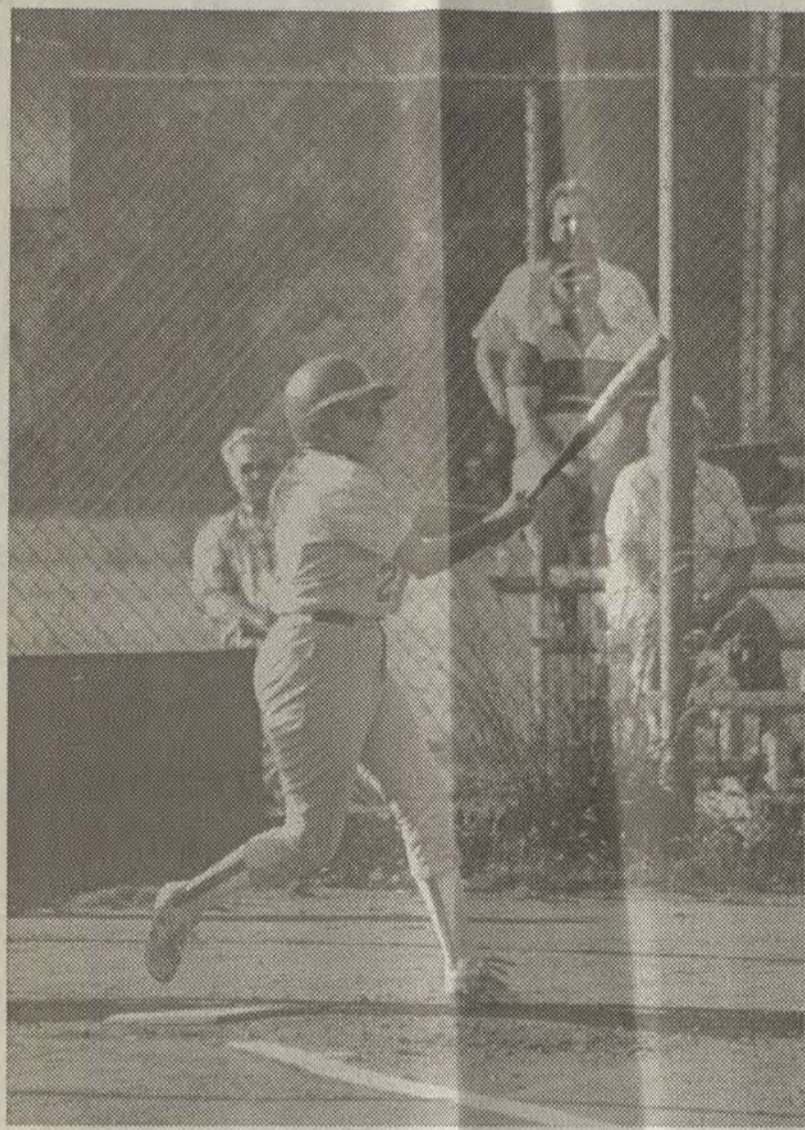
Bridgett Brooks will be used at different spots but will find herself behind the plate as well.

"Bridgett is just a good over-all player," the Betsy Layne coach stated. "She is a very good catcher but will play other places as well."

### LADY CAT BENCH...

Other players who are expected to contribute this season include: Melanie Newman, Nicole Conn, Jennifer McKinney, Kabrina Stratton, Angel Lawson, Ashley Akers and Tera Tackett.

"If we can put it all together this season, there is no reason we can't repeat as district champions," Clark said of her team.



Lost to the Lady Cats

Ashley Bartley graduated from last year's district championship team and her bat will have to be replaced by young freshman players. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Betsy Layne Lady Cats 1996 Softball Schedule

April 2	Johnson Central	Home	5:00
April 5	South Floyd	Home	5:00
April 6	Paintsville	Away	Noon
April 9	Millard	Away	5:00
April 11	Allen Central	Home	5:00
April 15	Sheldon Clark	Away	5:00
April 16	Magoffin Co	Home	5:00
April 18	Sheldon Clark	Home	5:00
April 20	South Floyd	Away	1:00
April 22	Allen Central	Away	5:00
April 23	Prestonsburg	Away	5:00
April 25	Paintsville	Home	5:00
April 26	Jenkins	Home	5:00
April 30	Pike Central (DH)	Away	5:00
May 1	Johnson Central	Away	5:00
May 2	Prestonsburg	Home	5:00
May 6	Magoffin Co	Away	5:00
May 9	Millard	Home	5:00
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New coach

Carolyn Clark was named the new head softball coach at Betsy Layne this season. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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# Much improved South Floyd awaits season

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

does have from last year will be much improved over last year's 2-14 team.

"We're young, very young," she said of her team. "But I am excited about the upcoming season. I'm looking forward to it. I believe we

South Floyd Lady Raider softball coach Melinda Hopkins will field a very young softball team, but what returning players she

will have a good season and our players are anxious to get on the field."

Christy Tackett, a senior, returns as the Lady Raiders' leading hitter from last year. She will hold the first base side of the infield and brings experience to a young team.

"Christy is a very strong infielder," Hopkins said. "In fact, she can play anywhere in the infield. She has three years of experience and that can only help this team."

Coach Hopkins said she hasn't made a decision as to who will be behind the plate at the catcher's position. The foursome of Angie Turner, Becky Lakin, Jenny Meade and Brook Hamilton will be vying for the position.

**"If we hang together we will be a good ballclub," Hopkins said. "I'm looking forward to the season. Our pitching and catching is going to be our strength this year."**

"Angie has improved her throwing a lot from last season," South Floyd coach said. "She also will bring some experience to this team. Should have a good season for us."

Lakin, who could be in the outfield at times this season, gives the Lady Raiders some quickness.

"She is a good outfielder," Hopkins said. "She has good potential and has a strong throwing arm. She brings quickness to our team."

Meade, although a senior, is a first-year player who Coach Hopkins says has the potential of helping the club this year.

"Jenny will give us more quickness and she throws the ball well. She has good potential as well," the South Floyd mentor said.

Sheena Allen is penciled in as the second baseman for South Floyd, who will play all their home games at the Minnie Park this season. Allen is only an eighth grader but, according to her coach, is "fundamentally sound."

"She played for us last year and will be a good one," she said. "She is fundamentally a solid ball player. She is just one of the many good young players we have."

More experience will return in third baseman Dena Holbrook. "Dena is a good infielder and will help this year. She also is one of our top returning hitters. We expect good things from her this season," Hopkins said.

Freshman Jo Jo Pack will see some time at the "hot corner" as well and will also rotate at other positions, depending on who is on the mound at the time.

"This will be Jo Jo's first time playing softball," Hopkins said. "She will help this team with her speed and quickness. She has a good throwing arm and will help us."

Eighth-grader Leslie Hamilton will fill the shortstop position with possibly Pack seeing time there as well. Hamilton is a good glove and has the strong arm a shortstop needs.

Pitching should be a plus this year with the return of Tackett and junior Amanda Slone. Minnie Tackett, just in her second year and a seventh-grader, will be in the rotation for Coach Hopkins. Amanda Compton, a sophomore, and in her first year has impressed Coach Hopkins.

"She is picking up the game real good," she said. "We expect her to contribute this season."

Shanna Allen, an eighth-grader, plus Heather Hamilton, eighth-grader, will also pitch for South Floyd.

Coach Hopkins said her bench should be stronger this season with Brandi Damron, filling in at second base. Melissa Thacker will play in the infield and possibly catch. "Melissa has only played Little League, but this will be her first year at softball. Stacy (Isaac) will play first base for us when Christy has to pitch."

Another Coach Hopkins is looking to for help will be Cindy Vanover in the outfield. She is a freshman.

"If we hang together we will be a good ballclub," Hopkins said. "I'm looking forward to the season. Our pitching and catching is going to be our strength this year."

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Tamela Justice, Melissa Tackett and Holbrook

bring big bats back this season.

South Floyd will open at home against Millard on April 2 at the Minnie Park. They have only one doubleheader scheduled this season and that will involve three teams. On April 20 South Floyd will take on Betsy Layne at 11 a.m and come back to play Johnson Central in a 3:30 start.



Angie Turner



Deana Holbrook

## South Floyd Lady Raiders 1996 Softball Schedule

April 2	Millard	Home	5:30
April 5	Betsy Layne	Away	5:30
April 6	Shelby Valley	Home	Noon
April 8	Prestonsburg	Home	5:30
April 9	Sheldon Clark	Home	5:30
April 18	Allen Central	Home	5:30
April 19	Prestonsburg	Away	5:30
April 20	Betsy Layne	Home	11:00
April 20	Johnson Central	Home	3:30
April 22	Millard	Away	5:30
April 23	Sheldon Clark	Away	5:30
April 25	Johnson Central	Away	5:30
April 29	Allen Central	Away	5:30
April 30	Perry Central	Home	5:30
May 1	Perry Central	Away	5:30
May 2	Magoffin Co	Away	5:30
May 6	Pike Central	Away	5:30
May 7	Magoffin Co	Home	5:30
May 10	Shelby Valley	Away	5:30

Head Coach: Melinda Hopkins

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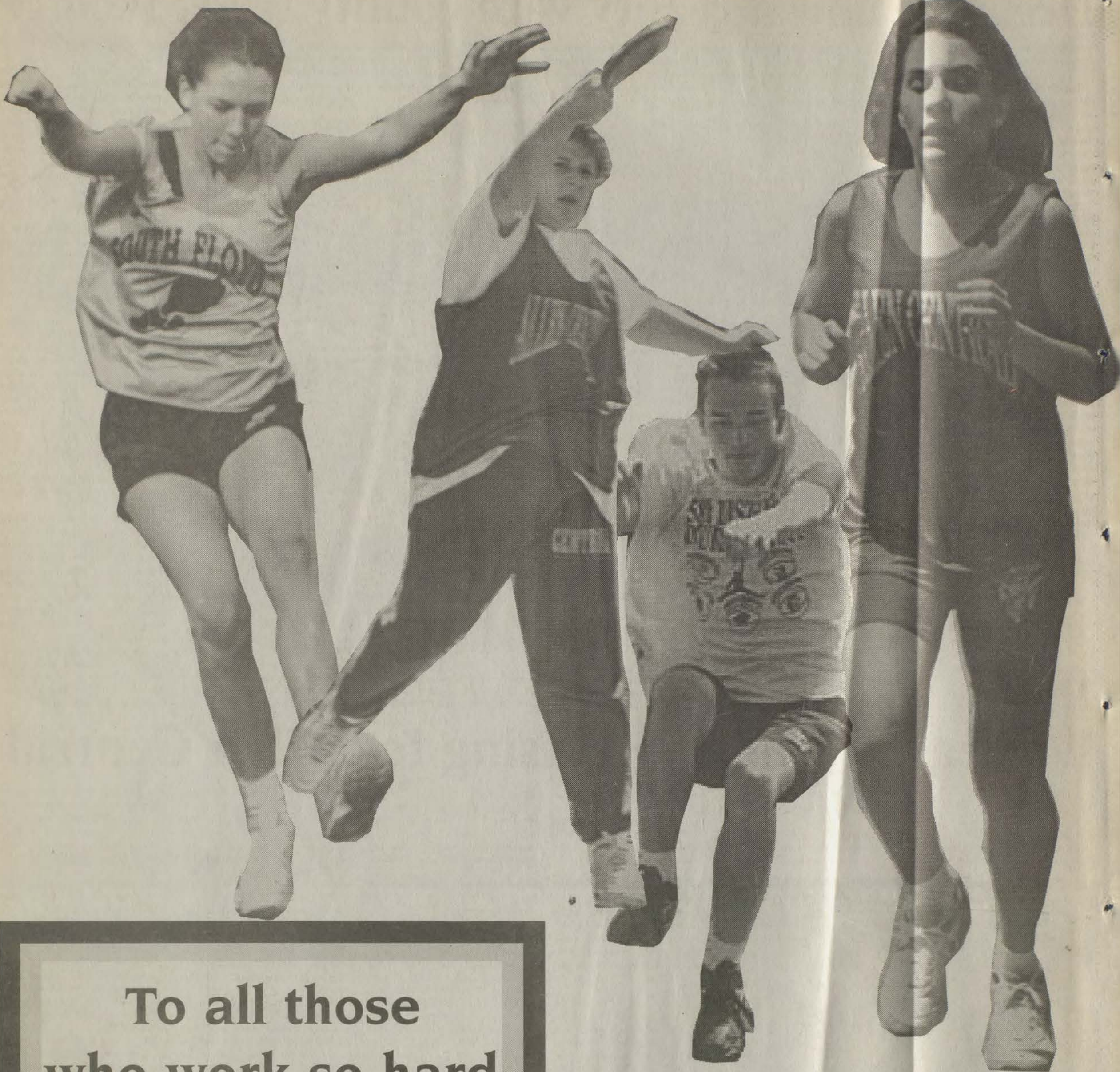












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## Derossett expects Betsy Layne to be much improved in '96

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Coach John Derossett is set to welcome back a veteran boys' track and field team when the '96 season begins this week. But it will be a different story on the girls' side of the field.

Eight-time regional champion Nikki Reid leaves some big holes to fill for the girls program at Betsy Layne since Reid has taken her act to Alice Lloyd College. But as to the loss of Reid, Coach Derossett says he is ready to make the best of it.

"The loss of Nikki will give some of the other girls a chance to step up and win 100, 200 and 400-meter dashes," he said. Those are the three events that Reid excelled in. "Nikki was virtually unbeatable the last three years on the local and regional level," he added.

Chris Hicks, who was the regional runner-up last year in the men's 400-meter dash, will return and Derossett expects him to be even stronger this year. Also returning in the 400-meter will be Sollie Tackett.

Timmy Nunnemaker and Ray Lyon will compete in the 100 and 200 men's dashes, races they did well in last year.

Betsy Layne's 400-meter relay team was a state qualifier last year after placing second in the regionals. The foursome include Craig Hamilton, Ray Lyon, Chris Hicks and Timmy Nunnemaker.

The Bobcats sent their second relay team to the state meet after the 1600-relay team took second place

in the regionals last year. Sollie Tackett, Chris Hicks, Timmy Nunnemaker and Ray Lyon combine to make up the mile team. Willie Meade competed in the mile run as well.

Lyon and Nunnemaker will team with Billy Mitchell to form the Betsy Layne long jump team. All three are members of the Bobcats' football team from last year and should do well in the field event.

Hamilton and Jarrod Newsome will take part in the demanding triple jump for Betsy Layne.

The 300 low hurdles are always a favorite with fans and Betsy Layne will have three good ones jumping for a strong finish. The trio includes: Eric Cecil, Jarrod Newsome, and Billy Mitchell. Look for a strong event from this three.

The gruesome two-mile relay team will be composed of Matt Rose, Chad Bryant, Carl Smith and Nathan Hayes. Rose and Bryant will run the 800-meter race.

In the field events, Betsy Layne will have three competitors in the discus event. The threesome will be made of Kris Lawson, Darrin Reynolds and Jarrod Newsome. While the Bobcats did not place in the discus last season, look for them to make some noise this year. This should be a good discus team.

Stewart Hall, Shawn Keathley and Brad Kimbler make up the Bobcats' shot put squad. Like the discus, this should be an improved area this season.

While Coach Derossett views the field event entrants as ready, he thinks that improvement is needed

and will come.

"We should be strong in the sprints and relays," he said. "We need to improve in all our field events to compete in the new Floyd County Conference. In the past we have been really weak in those events."

Allen Central, Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg and South Floyd will comprise the new conference and when the four schools get together for a county meet, it will be a good one.

While Reid has been lost from the girls' program, Coach Derossett hopes to rebuild the girls' side of the events, and that will take time.

"Crystal Gearheart is out for track this year," said the Betsy Layne coach. "She is a good athlete. She played basketball and she expects to see success on the running track."

Getting practice time outside has been a problem for Betsy Layne, who should have the numbers out this year. But Coach Derossett says that with the lack of practice and new athletes on the team, it is hard to determine who will compete where.

"We have just been outside two or three times," he said. "So right now we don't know where everybody will compete."

"I feel the conference will be good for all our track programs and with the regions being held at Allen Central, maybe the people around the county can come out and see some really great track competition and see how good some of our athletes really are."