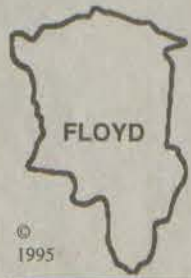


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## Plan for early start rescinded by board

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

The parents of Floyd County students got their wish Tuesday night. After more than 300 phone calls were made to Superintendent Dr. John Balentine's last week and the week before, the board voted to retain the original school start time.

The board had voted at the March 19 meeting to delay the opening of school by 30 minutes to keep students from being picked up before daylight.

"This school board and their decision in no way intended harm to anyone," Balentine said. "They did what they thought was in the best interest of the children."

Balentine said he received 322 calls from parents and 314 of those were opposed to the time change. "Obviously the parents felt differently about the board's action," Balentine said.

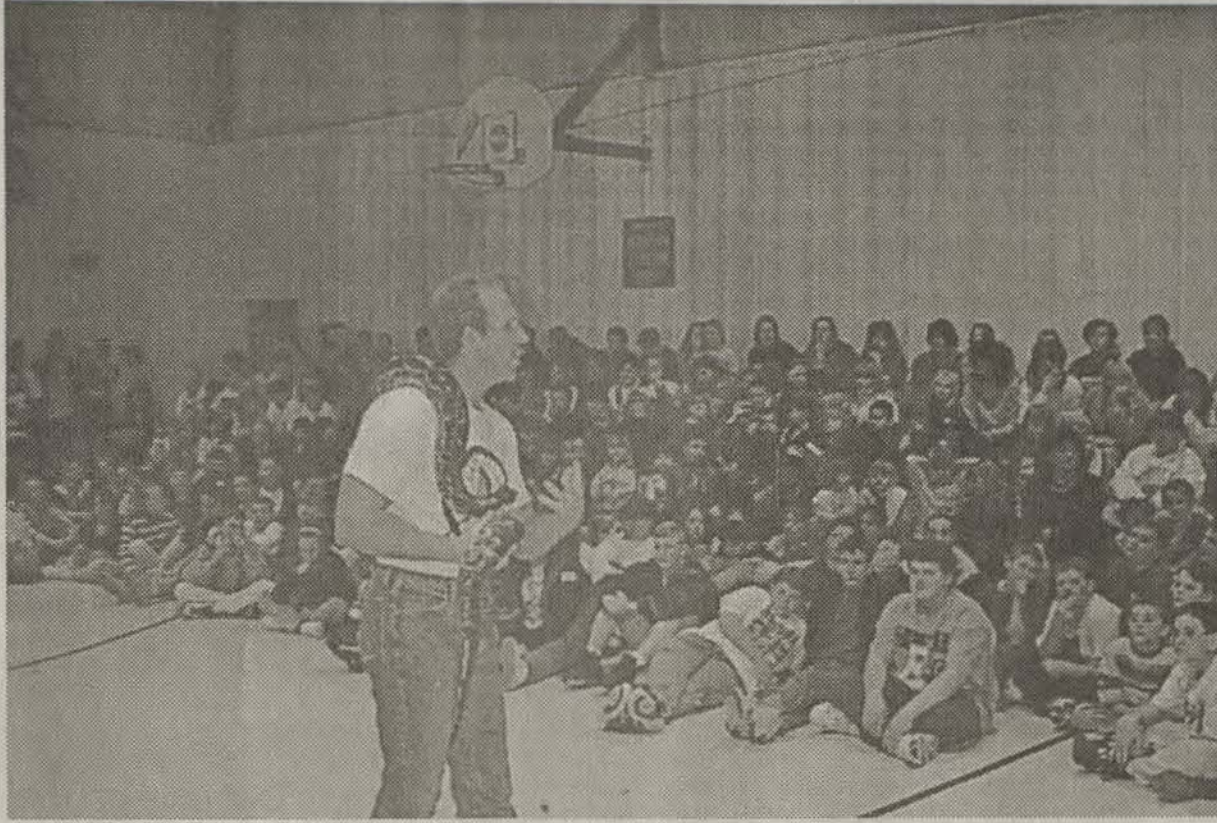
The vote was 4-1 to change the time back, with only member Dr. Brent Clark voting against it. Clark made the original motion to change the time. He was supported at the March meeting by chairman Eddie Patton and member Ray Wilcox. Both of those members voted with members Ray Brackett and Phyllis Honshell at Tuesday's meeting.

"Mr. Clark was trying to do something for the children," Patton said. "But maybe we acted a little hasty by not taking into consideration the rest of the family."

Patton said the board needs to look at a policy that prevents students from being picked up before 7 a.m. even though it is changing the start time back.

According to David Layne, transportation director for the system, the earliest pick up occurs at 5:50 a.m. in the head of Buffalo. He said that student lives on the Pike/Floyd County line and it would be closer for him to go to

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Jim Harrison, executive director of MVS (Miami Valley Serpenterium) Reptile Zoo, made a reptile presentation to about 400 students at the Martin Elementary School gymnasium on Wednesday, April 10. Harrison lectured the students on respecting the reptiles and not invading their space. Harrison brought a two-and-a-half-foot American Alligator, a Burmese Python, two poisonous snakes that can be located in Eastern Kentucky — a copperhead and a rattlesnake — and two non-poisonous snakes — a black king snake, and a corn snake. Pictured is Harrison with the eight-foot Python. (photo by Chris McDavid)

## Missed days push end of school year to mid-June

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Students in Floyd County will spend about half the month of June in classes.

The Floyd County School Board Tuesday approved the school calendar which shows students getting out of school on June

14. The last day for teachers will be June 19.

For students at Betsy Layne Elementary, the last day will be June 19. The last day for teachers will be June 20. Betsy Layne Elementary is on an alternative calendar. Students there will also go to school on May 27 and May 28. Those days were originally scheduled off.

At Betsy Layne High School, the last day for students is even later, June 26, with the teachers' last day set as June 27. Betsy Layne High School is also on an alternative schedule. Those students have taken two weeks of spring break — April 1 through today, April 12. Students at Betsy Layne High School will go to school on April 19, and May 27 and 28, which were originally scheduled off.

Students at Allen Central High School will get out on June 17 with the closing day set as June 20. Students at that school were dismissed for a day in August for the funeral of a student.

Floyd County students missed 27 days because of bad weather and the system would have been eligible for five calamity days to shorten the school year. But because Betsy Layne decided to take

(See Push, page two)

## Murder-for-hire suspect waives right to hearing in federal court

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

A McDowell man waived his right to a preliminary hearing Wednesday during his arraignment in federal court at Pikeville.

Sam Hall, who was indicted on charges that he offered \$50,000 to have his cousin killed to collect proceeds from an insurance policy,

is set to go to trial June 10.

The arraignment was held before Judge Joseph Hood.

According to Hall's indictment, he took out an insurance policy on his cousin, Albert E. Hall, and then hired someone to kill him for \$50,000.

Hall was arrested February 15 by FBI agents on the charges. His

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## Jail time increased for repeat convictions :

# Judge gets tough with chronic offenders

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

Floyd County District Judge James R. Allen is taking a hard line with chronic offenders, sentencing three repeat alcohol intoxication offenders this week to 30 days in the county jail.

Jimmy Hicks, 41, of Garrett, was arrested and charged with alcohol intoxication the day after he had been released from the Floyd County jail after serving more than 100

days for a prior alcohol intoxication charge.

Hicks was arrested on April 9 when Kentucky State Trooper Bobby Day found him extremely intoxicated standing in the roadway, according to police reports.

In Hicks' arraignment on Wednesday, County Attorney John Mann had recommended that Hicks receive ten days for the charge, but Allen ruled that under the circumstances of being a repeat offender, Hicks would have to spend 30 days

in the county jail.

David Akers, 35, of Harold, was arrested Monday, April 10, for a third alcohol intoxication offense. Police records say that KSP Trooper Byron Hamford received a complaint that a male subject was creating a disturbance at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Akers was found walking along Ky. 321 and placed into custody.

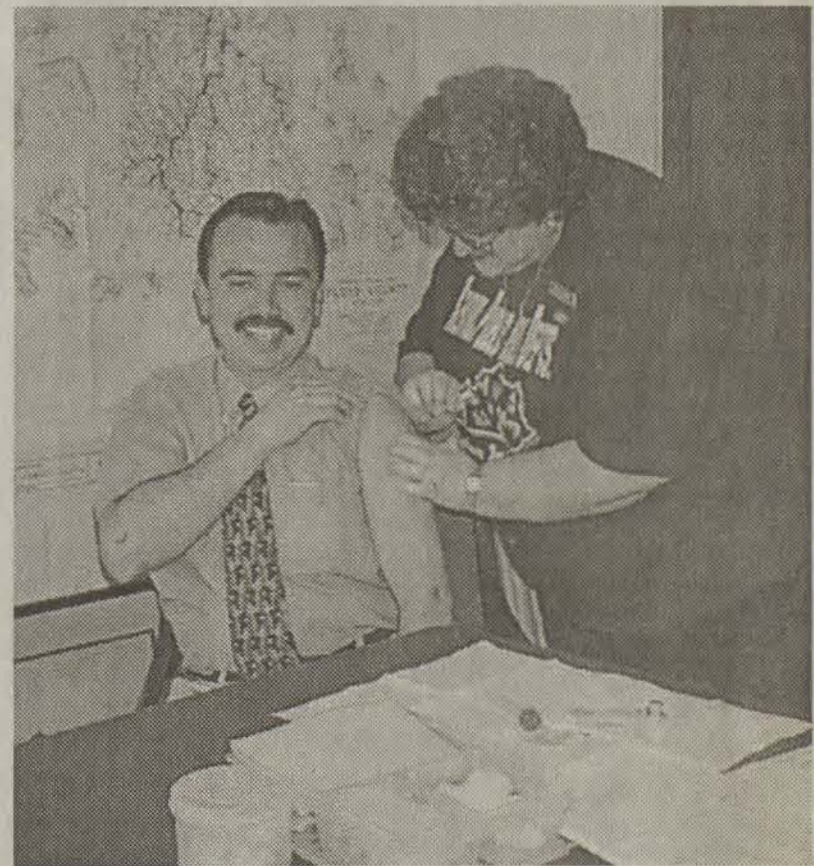
Mann recommended that Akers receive the 30-day sentence.

On Thursday, April 11, Mark

Spears, 23, of Printer, pleaded guilty to third offense alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest charges. Akers also received the 30-day jail sentence for charges.

Spears was also to show cause for not attending Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). The court had ruled that Spears was to attend AA after a September 14, 1993 arrest for alcohol intoxication. Allen

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Floyd County Judge Executive Ben Hale set an example for area children and adults Thursday when he received an immunization shot from Carrie Branham, Floyd County Health Department nurse. Hale also signed a proclamation declaring April 21-27 as Immunization Week in the county.

## Welfare reform complicated but necessary, Rogers says

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

An "amen" echoed through the courtroom Tuesday evening when Congressman Hal Rogers said he is sure some people are on the welfare system who are not eligible.

About 75 concerned Floyd County residents attended a town meeting with the 5th District congressman at the Floyd County Circuit Courtroom.

Items discussed included the welfare system and possible reform; the area's economy; and an exodus of young adults looking for jobs.

Betty Boyd, of Prestonsburg,

raised the welfare issue by asking Rogers, "How can the government require AFDC (Aid for Families with Dependent Children) participants to go to school, work, and be a good parent?"

Boyd said that many times mothers are forced to quit work because they are no longer eligible for medical assistance for their children. Mothers just can't afford to work at a job for \$4.25 per hour and pay medical bills for their children, she said.

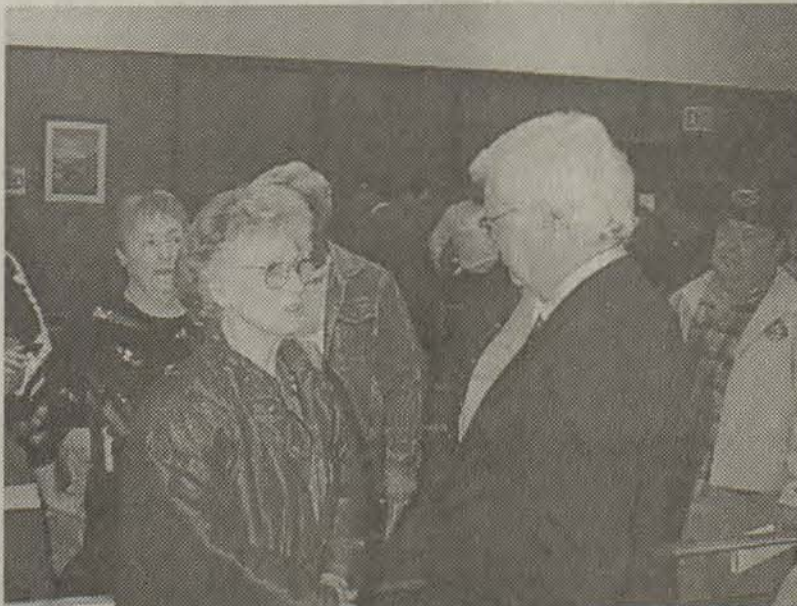
"Reforming the welfare system is an extremely complicated task," Rogers answered.

The welfare system needs to be reformed because the current pro-

gram is causing an increase in single parents and illegitimate children, he said. Welfare needs to give families the incentive to move forward and not to have illegitimate children. Welfare provides incentives for women to leave their husbands and quit work, Rogers said.

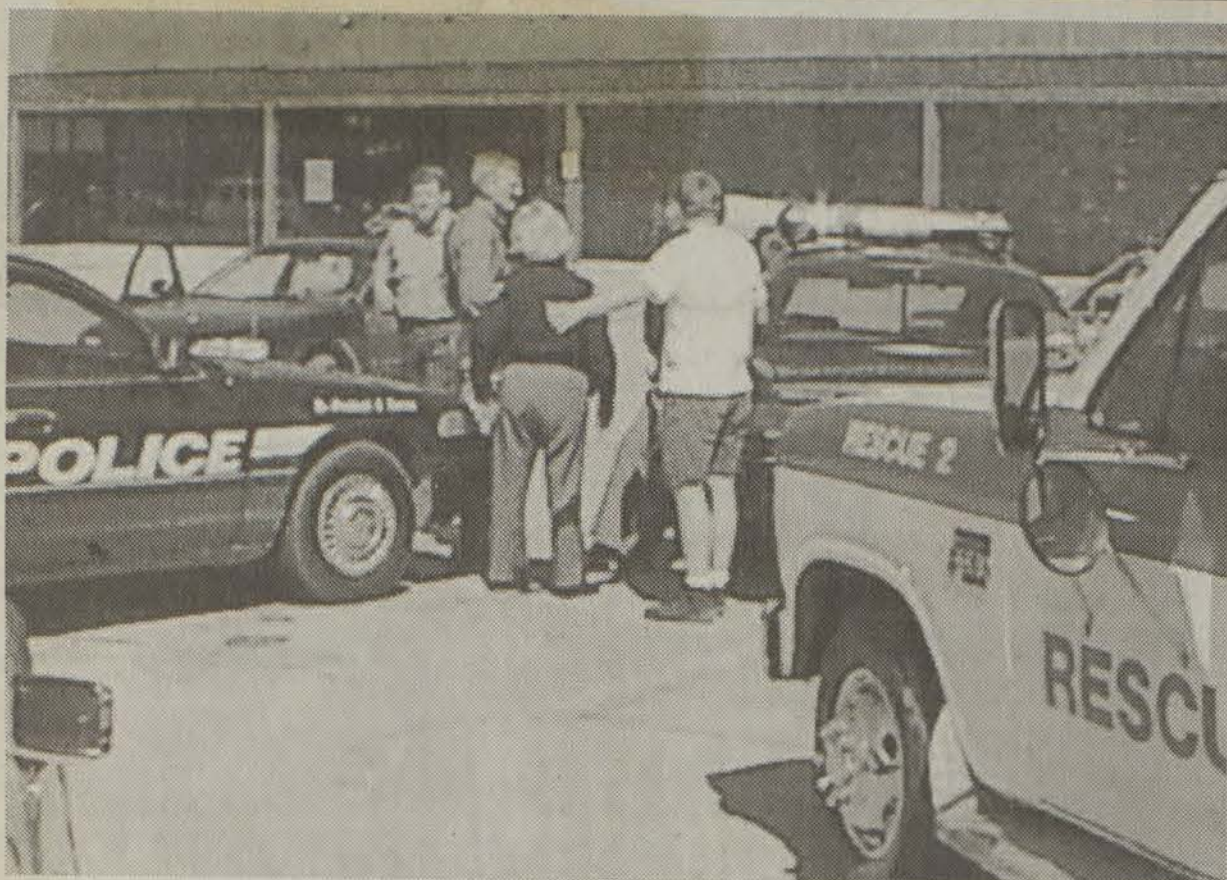
After congratulating Rogers for what he has done for the Big Sandy Valley area, Henry Fitzpatrick proposed that Rogers and Governor Paul Patton work together to bring the federal and state governments into the discussions about the poverty in Eastern Kentucky and design a program that addresses the

(See Reform, page three)



Congressman Hal Rogers took time to speak with the residents of Floyd County after the April 9 town meeting in the Floyd County Circuit Courtroom. Rogers said he is trying to meet with as many people as possible from eight of the 27 counties in the 5th district while Congress is in recess in Washington, D.C. (photo by Chris McDavid)

(See Rescue, page two)



**Domestic dispute**

Two men were arrested Thursday afternoon when a domestic dispute spilled into the Foodland parking lot at Highlands Plaza in Prestonsburg. Charged with disorderly conduct were Ollie Leslie and Frank E. Stanley. The fight started about 2 p.m. in the parking lot of Archer Clinic. It was broken up by police once, but the group reformed. A revolver was taken from one of the bystanders. (photo by Patti M. Clark)

**Approved**

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He said earlier that he didn't expect the plan to be approved without some discussions at Tuesday's meeting. But it passed with no discussion among the board members.

The redistricting, which is required by state law after every census, is an attempt to equalize the number of people in each district for more equal representation of residents on the board.

Damron said state law requires each school system's area to be divided into five districts of as equal a population as possible. He said the state law also requires that precincts in each district be contiguous.

An increase in the number of residents in the north end of the county caused the need for the redistricting, Damron said.

The biggest changes come in districts one and four in the proposed plan.

Board member Ray Wilcox will lose 2,544 voters when the Porter

#6 precinct is removed from his district and added to Ray Brackett's district two. The number of voters in district one decreases from 11,159 to 8,615.

Chairman Eddie Patton will receive an additional 2,337 voters with the addition of the Halbert #20 and Drift #21 precincts. His voter numbers increase from 6,769 to 9,106.

Voters in Brackett's district two increase by 137. He will lose the Maytown #14, Halbert #20, and Drift #21 precincts and receive voters from Porter #6, John Possum #13, and half of Allen/Dwale #44 that is now in district five. Total number of voters in district two increases from 8,385 to 8,522.

District five member Phyllis Honshell will gain 70 voters when the John Possum #13 and half of Allen/Dwale #44 are deleted from her district and Maytown #14 is added. The number of voters in that district increased from 7,872 to 7,942.

There is no change in board member Dr. Brent Clark's district three. That district has 9,402 voters and includes the Antioch, Tickey, Toler, Mouth of Mud, Little Mud, Ivel, Betsy Layne, Branham's Creek, and Head of Mud precincts.

**Rescue**

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intensive care unit at the hospital in critical condition Thursday afternoon.

The Left Beaver Rescue Squad also assisted in the extrication efforts.

Floyd County deputy sheriff Rick Thornsbury handled the investigation.

In a second accident, a Pikeville woman was flown to St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington after she apparently pulled out in front of a coal truck traveling north on U.S. 23.

Sherry Taylor was extricated from her S-10 pickup by the rescue squad after the 10 p.m. accident at the intersection of Ky. 1428 and U.S. 23. The coal truck was driven by Clifford Reed of Johns Creek.

Taylor was in serious but stable condition at St. Joe's on Thursday.

That accident is under the investigation of Kentucky State Police Trooper Steve Slone.

**Suspect**

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cousin was placed in protective custody immediately.

The charges came after a two-week investigation by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department, the Mountain Area Drug Task Force, and the FBI.

An on-going parallel investigation concerning Hall had been underway when the alleged murder-for-hire scheme was discovered. Those investigations concerned alleged drug activity and alleged environmental violations, according to Frank Fryman, director of the Mountain Area Drug Task Force, who made the statements at a February 15 press conference.

**Push**

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its spring break, the system is not eligible for the five calamity days the state approved, according to Superintendent Dr. John Balentine.

"We would have had to use all remaining days as instructional days to qualify," he said. "Since Betsy Layne has already taken off its spring break, we didn't qualify."

The system decided to give students yesterday and today off. The days were scheduled for a Kentucky Education Association conference. Students will also be off for Memorial Day and election day, except at Betsy Layne.

If the calamity days had been taken, students would have had to go to school on those days.

The board also voted to move seven professional days to Saturdays in May and June.

The General Assembly gave school systems the right to take the five calamity days, but stipulated that school districts would have to cancel spring breaks to be eligible to receive them. They could have extended the school day by an hour and 12 minutes a day to make up a total of five days. The board could have held classes on Saturday, shortened and eliminated spring break, or extended the school year to make up the days.

"We had to use all our remaining days to get those calamity days and we couldn't do that because of Betsy Layne's spring break that was already in process when the letter came from the state department," Balentine said.

Balentine gave the board a letter from the state outlining the regulations at the meeting Tuesday. That letter is dated April 3.

**Rescinded**

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Johns Creek Elementary in Pike County.

"It's probably 15 or 20 minutes before another student is picked up after him and he usually doesn't ride the bus," Layne said. He said he has four other routes that begin before 6:30 a.m. with one student being picked up at 6:05 a.m.

"That student catches a bus to Martin and then goes to Prestonsburg," Layne said. "If she went to Allen Central, like she is supposed to, she wouldn't be picked up until 7:15 a.m."

Layne said the school system has 78 bus routes with most of the buses making two trips, delivering students who live close to the school first and then coming back for a second load of students who live farther away. Those buses travel 8,352 miles each day, Layne said.

He said staggered starting and ending times for schools adds to the problems as does the fact that buses must travel over the same route at least twice on each trip.

"Most school systems use the spoke system," he said. "We can't. We use the shoestring system. If we go up a hollow to pick up a child, we have to come back out of that hollow."

Layne said the only way to shorten bus routes and eliminate early pick-ups would be to increase the number of buses the system operates. He estimated that about 38 more buses would be needed to ensure that students don't get on the

bus before 7 a.m.

Clark said the starting time is really an equality issue.

"It's sad that we don't have the money to buy buses to keep kids from catching the bus before daylight," he said. "Until it affects you, you don't want to come to these board meetings," he told the parents gathered at the meeting. About 80 to 85 people were at the meeting.

He said bus drivers must wake children up to get them off the buses in the evening.

"We need to get these children on the buses at least a half an hour later," Honshell said. "That's an hour wasted. They need to get off the bus, go to the classroom and get their day underway and when it's over, they need to go home. We need to take a hard look at the bus schedules to shorten the days of the students."

"What you did today was in the very best interest of the children," Connie Combs, a parent at the meeting, said.

**Chronic**

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tacked on ten more days to Spears' sentence, totaling 40 days, for not complying with the ruling.

"A 30-day jail sentence is warranted for people we recognize as being chronic offenders," Allen said. "I don't feel that ten days is enough for these chronic offenders."

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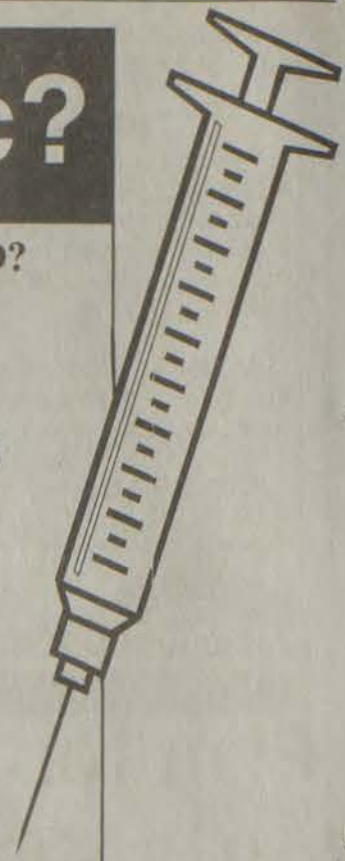
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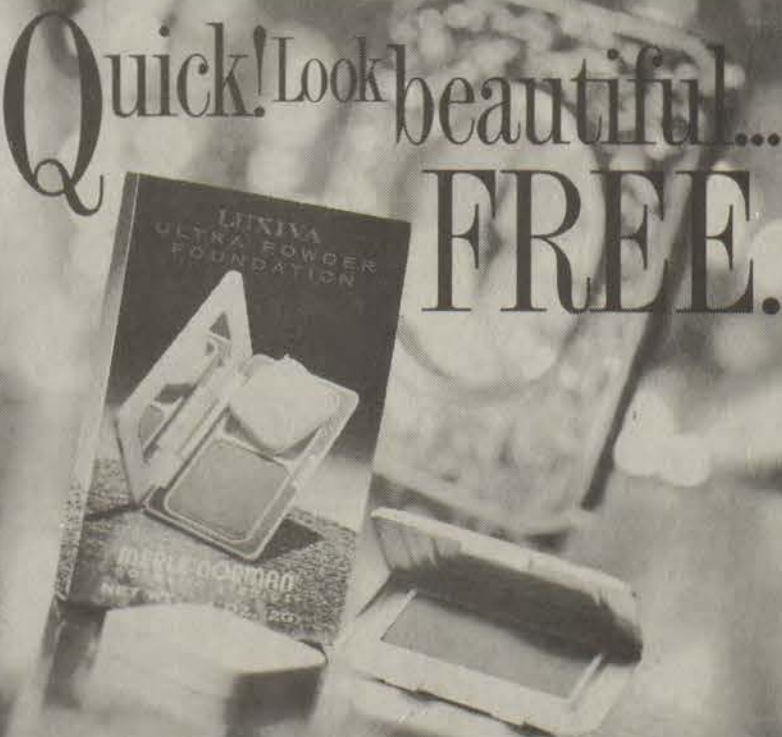
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## Reform

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problem. "I think citizens and private organizations need to work together to assist with the problem. It would help everyone and hurt no one," Fitzpatrick said.

"Patton and I have our ideas in the same direction," Rogers said. He suggested that the Mountain Arts Center, which is scheduled for a fall opening, and the new highways; Interstate 66, which is expected to come close to Floyd County, and US 23, which is expected to be completed this fall, are possible answers to the economic situation here.

Rogers said he hopes the new arts center will attract the tourists who travel to Tennessee to see the homes of famous country singers. Now, these travelers will hopefully come to Eastern Kentucky to hear the artists perform at the center, and tour the area as well, Rogers said.

Fitzpatrick also said more emphasis needs to be placed on social activities as well as dealing with economic problems. "We must address the social problem as well," he said.

James Butler, also of Floyd County agreed. "We need recreation to keep juveniles from using drugs and becoming delinquents," he said. "Our fathers did what they could do for us — now it's time for us to do for our children."

Rogers seemed to be in com-

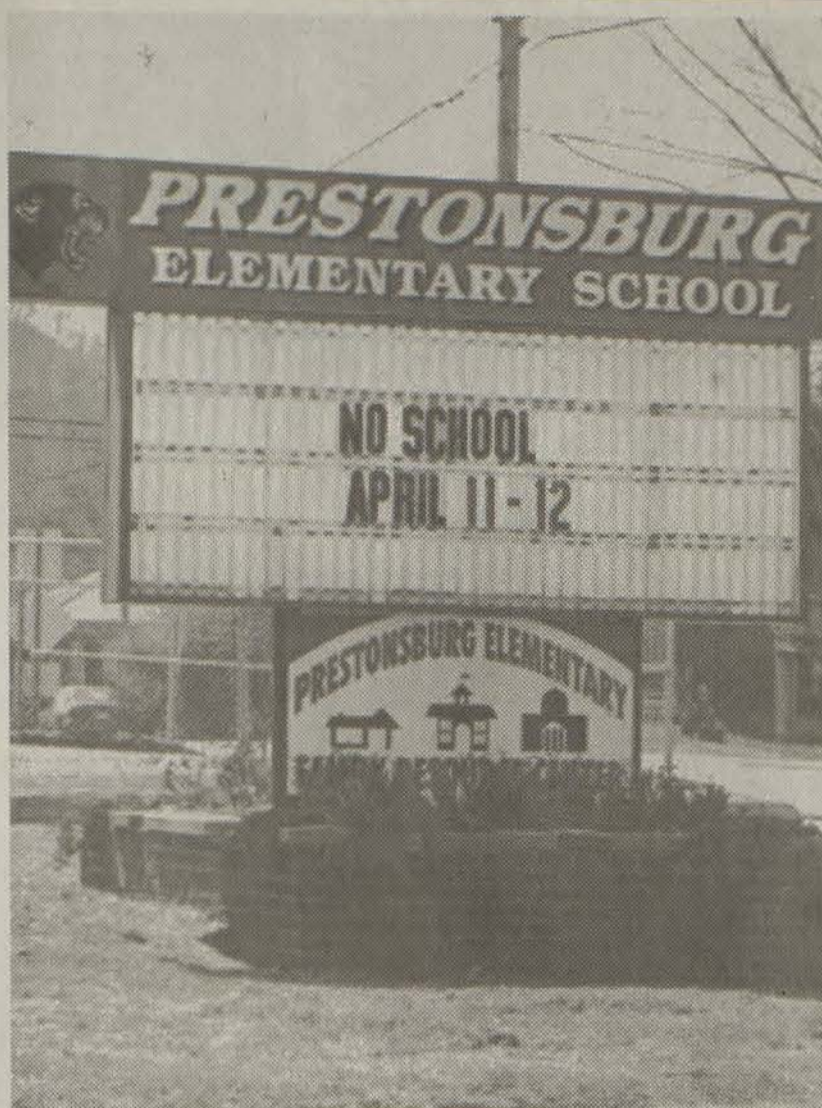
plete agreement with Butler's statement, and added that if Eastern Kentucky can provide a strong economic system to bring the young adults back to the area, there is no limit to the potential for growth in Eastern Kentucky.

Rogers is scheduled to attend the Big Sandy Area Labor Management Committee's annual breakfast on May 13 at the Jenny Wiley May Lodge. Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m. with a breakfast buffet provided until the program begins at 9:30 a.m. If interested in registering early for the event, call Becky DeRossett at (606) 886-0510.

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### Spring break

Students in the Floyd County School District got an abbreviated spring break yesterday and today when the schools dismissed. Schools will be in session until June 14 in the district. (photo by Patti M. Clark)

## Victims

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hired, last to go," Balentine said. "I think everyone is familiar with that policy. I was not comfortable with a policy that allowed evaluations to determine who would be laid off. There was too much room for questions."

Several people addressed the board and asked them to reconsider the layoffs or the method they are being done.

Alan Whicker, who represents the United Steel Workers, asked the board to consider allowing his union to represent the classified workers in the system. The union already represents school bus drivers.

"We created a level playing field for those drivers and we'd like to do the same for the classified personnel," Whicker said.

He said he has received sign-up

cards from about 63 percent of those workers.

"This would give them an opportunity to determine their fate," he said.

Board chairman Eddie Patton pointed out that the board had just changed the policy.

"That's good, but there may be a time down the road when this board isn't here and this policy won't be here," Whicker said. "We're not saying we want to take away the right to lay off workers from the management, we just want to be able to say how those are done."

A district teacher, John Osborne, asked the board to "weather the storm;" to not lay off teachers; and to not take the \$900-a-teacher raises the state appropriated funds for during the General Assembly.


"We need to stick together and

fight for each other," Osborne said. "Pass on those raises."

Principals expressed concern about the loss of administrative assistants and Lowell Park of Wheelwright said he is concerned about the loss of teachers at the schools.

"The budget deficit program is

going to take some quality programs from kids who need it," Park said. "Our kids don't miss school like they used to. You should see the excitement they have for the advanced science program and pre-algebra classes. We do love our children and we need you to consider them in the budget."



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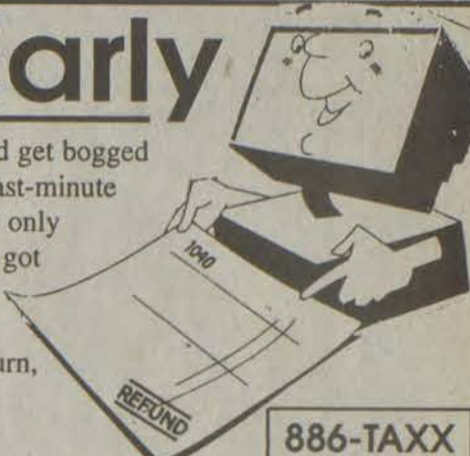
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## Money can't buy you love

by Scott Perry

Reciprocal agreement.  
In the realm of education, that's technospeak for...money.  
It is also the legal means by which parents can decide where they want their children to attend school.  
When school districts ink reciprocal agreements with one another, they are agreeing to allow the per pupil funding the state provides to follow a student to the school district of his or her choice.  
When school districts don't sign reciprocal agreements with one another, nobody gets the state funding for students who choose to attend school in a district other than their home district.  
Some school systems, like Floyd County, are concerned about the exodus of their students to other districts and they believe that the only way to stop the outmigration is by refusing to sign reciprocal agreements with their neighboring schools.  
That philosophy, however well-intentioned, is wrong because it's all about money, not education.

Parents send their children to other school districts for all sorts of reasons.  
Sometimes it is just a matter of convenience because a neighboring school district is closer to home.  
More times than not, though, parents choose another district over their home district because they are dissatisfied with their local schools.  
It makes no difference if the cause for that dissatisfaction is real or perceived. It won't be lessened by forcing parents to either keep their kids in home district schools or pay hefty tuitions to neighboring districts.  
We firmly believe that parents should have a right to choose whatever school they wish for their children to attend, including private schools, and state funding should follow wherever they go without all these strings attached.  
The important thing to remember is that where a child is educated is not nearly as important as what they learn.  
What lesson do we offer them when we suggest that their worth is measured in dollars more than it is in sense?

## Letters to the editor

### Letters to the editor policy

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### Stresses commitment to end child abuse

Editor:  
April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Each of us should make a personal commitment to find ways to end this tragedy.  
Last year more than 515 Floyd County children were involved in substantiated abuse cases.  
The National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, The Kentucky Council on Child Abuse, the Department of Social Services and the McDowell Family Resource Center are calling on local organizations—professional, business, religious, volunteer and educational—to end abuse in their communities.  
We are asking individuals including parents, teachers, counselors, social workers, neighbors, friends, business owners, and relatives to make a personal commitment to intervene where necessary to prevent child mistreatment.  
We should each take steps to assure that growing up is a safe journey for all children. Here are a few suggestions: give a stressed parent you know a "breather," encourage an abuser to seek counseling, reach out to a family in need and show your support for the pre-

vention of child abuse by proudly displaying a blue ribbon in your window and pinned to your clothing.

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### Allen Central JROTC thanks benefactors

Editor:  
Recently the Allen Central JROTC Rebel Battalion Drill Team competed in the Mid-South Regional Championship in McMinnville, Tennessee. The Drill Team competed against twenty-five other, more experienced JROTC programs from various parts of the south. The Drill Team participated in the Color Guard, Knock-out Drill, Inspection, Precision Drill, and Exhibition Drill competitions against these veteran schools.  
The Rebels brought home the second place trophy in the Exhibition Drill competition and

placed fifth and eleventh in the Color Guard competition.  
The JROTC Rebel Battalion would like to express our deepest thanks to the following businesses, organizations, and individuals that made this and our Military Ball, that is currently scheduled for May 18, possible through their support and donations: Trans Financial Bank of Martin, Eastern Home Furnishing Inc., Eastco Supply Inc., Sons of Confederate Veterans, Paintsville, Reid's Pharmacy, Martin, First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Floyd County Newspapers Inc., Rite Aide Pharmacy, Martin, Reynolds Branch Coal Co., Kinzer Drilling Co., American Legion-Post 129-Martin, Amvets Auxillary, Martin, Amvets Club Inc./Ladies Auxillary, Martin, Sam an Tonio's Restaurants, Beaver Creek Animal Clinic, Hall's Funeral Home, Martin, Jacob's Citgo, Martin, Harmon Medical Inc., Kenny's Florist, Martin, Nelson Frasure Funeral Home, Martin, Dr. Andy Elliott, Dr. Ira B. Potter, Paul S. Porter, Paul Day, and many other anonymous donors. Thanks!

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## Other Voices

### PREVAILING WAGE ESSAY

by Governor Paul Patton

The recently-passed Prevailing Wage Bill, Senate Bill 226, is one of the most misunderstood pieces of legislation to come out of the General Assembly. I signed this bill for two good reasons. First, it protects the skilled and industrious men and women of Kentucky who work for public works contractors. Second, it will promote quality in our projects by encouraging contractors to use skilled workers.  
The Prevailing Wage Bill is too often described as a pro-union measure. Therefore, it immediately attracts opposition from those who oppose unions. As a result, opposition mobilizes too quickly and without thoughtful examination of the merits of the bill.  
As I have repeatedly stated, I am committed to raising Kentucky's

standard of living. In order to do this, we must protect our workforce by providing decent wages and improved skills training. We cannot accomplish this objective if our government continues to allow contractors on public works projects to hire unskilled workers. Instead, we must insist that these contractors pay our workers a certain minimum level. This bill will provide some protection for our skilled workforce.  
As Governor, I also must ensure that we, the citizens of the Commonwealth, receive quality services and products when we enter into a contract. I am convinced Senate Bill 226 will help us accomplish this goal. It not only assures fair wages for the working men and women of Kentucky, but it also builds in a quality control mechanism for our projects.  
During the debate on this bill, many failed to recognize the need for quality control in state public

works projects. By law, our state government cannot award a public works contract the way a private individual or business does. In the private sector, businesses and individuals examine many factors. Often, they may pay a higher construction cost for a contractor that offers better quality, better appearance and lower long-term maintenance expenses than other bidders.  
On the other hand, our state government does not have the ability to use discretion in order to assure quality. According to Kentucky's Model Procurement Code, our state must always begin its negotiations with the lowest bidder on a public works project, even if the difference in bids is as low as one dollar. As a result, a contractor may lower his bid and gain advantage by simply lowering his labor costs. This allows the bidder who uses cheap, unskilled

(See Other Voices, page five)

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

### Ten Years Ago (April 16, 1986)

A Pike Circuit Court jury found Former Magistrate Kenneth Roberts guilty on one count of theft when he used his county credit card to help fund a 4,000 mile hunting trip...A feud between Rev. Danny Curry and City Councilman Thomas Tackett caused the city ordinance to lower the height of front yard fences in Prestonsburg...Fire subscription rates increased for people living outside Prestonsburg city limits...There died: Hiram Blankenship, 80, of Teaberry, died April 9; George W. Lewis, 84, of Martin, died April 9; Ade Hunt, 75, of Cow Creek, died April 9; Kermit Baldrige Sr., 68, of Prestonsburg, died Friday; Eddie Goble, 74, of Cow Creek, died Wednesday; Hasadore Gibson, 89, of Wayland, died Sunday; Oscar Wagner, 78, of Auxier, died Friday; Minnie Ousley, 76, of Hueysville, died Friday; Cecil Rice Jr., 65, Betsy Layne, died Tuesday.

### Twenty Years Ago (April 14, 1976)

The Huntington District, U. S. Corps of Engineers, announced last week that it will do a detailed study of the flood hazard areas in Prestonsburg...A former Floyd woman, Mrs. Fred Luster, now of Indio Hills, Calif., whose only son had been missing in Vietnam for seven years, learned only last Thursday that his body had been found and was being returned to this country for burial...Ella Noel C. White, 81, of Prestonsburg, who for 46 years served Floyd Chapter, American Red Cross, as its executive secretary, died at Highlands Medical Center last Thursday following an illness of a few weeks...Two of the county's oldest residents died this week. Mance Bolding,

94, of Estill, died Monday, and Joe Ward, 99, of Buckingham, died Tuesday, both at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital following extended illnesses...There died: Ralph Vernon Moore, 12, of Lackey, Friday; Nancy Hall Slone, at her home at Hi Hat, Friday; Hulda Conn Boyd, 90, of Dana, April 8; Brian Douglas Spurlock, 5-years-old, of Printer, April 6 at the McDowell Hospital; Selton Slone, 60, of McDowell, Saturday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Susie Green, 88, of Estill, Monday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

### Thirty Years Ago (April 14, 1966)

Commissioner of Highways Henry Ward last week issued authorization for design of a bridge across the Big Sandy river at Lancer and of the Lancer-Water Gap road to connect with the proposed new U. S. 23 on Bull Creek...Dr. Russell Hall, county health doctor, estimated this week that 2,000 or more residents of the county are now experiencing the aches, pain and fever of influenza and that many, or more, will contract the disease within the next week...Failure of the City Council at Martin to appoint a Planning and Zoning Commission may cost that town a 20-unit housing complex for the benefit of the elderly in the low income level, it was said here this week...Every-union organized coal mine in District 30 was idle Monday, presumably to emphasize the United-Mine Workers' demand for a new contract...There died: Anna Goble, 58, of Endicott, last Tuesday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Lucrety Hughes Turner, 85, of Langley, last Monday; Mollie Wilson Dingus, 84, formerly of this county, last Sunday morning; Joseph C.

Ferrell, 71, of Printer, last Tuesday; Emogene Gray Milligan, 41, of Prestonsburg, last Wednesday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital.

### Forty Years Ago (April 12, 1956)

Floyd deputy sheriffs and state police were making a quiet probe this week into the dynamiting of a union hall at Allen between 2 and 3 o'clock Monday morning...The Federal Coal Mine Safety Board of Review ruled Tuesday that four mines at Wheelwright, must be considered as one because the presence of gas in one would endanger the lives of men working in three others...Linda June May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher May, of Langley, was crowned "Miss Maytown 1956" at the Maytown Woman's Club annual spring fashion show, April 2...More than 400 Girl Scouts are expected to be here for the annual Rally Day of the Sandy Valley Girl Scout Council, April 21...Floyd County Republicans last Saturday endorsed President Eisenhower and Vice-President Nixon for renomination and election...There died: W. T. Smallwood, 88, last Thursday at his home at Wheelwright; Mason Gibson, 52, of Harold, Monday at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; Alex Goble, 87, at his home at Ivel; Mrs. Ethel Borders, 65, Wednesday at her home at Allen.

### Fifty Years Ago (April 11, 1946)

First actual work by the Ryan Construction Company toward construction of the Dewey Dam was done Wednesday morning with the beginning of clearing operations...The Congressional Rivers and Harbors committee will conduct a public hearing on the Big Sandy waterway

project in Washington, May 6 and 7...The City Council Wednesday night in a special meeting voted the purchase of parking meters for Prestonsburg...Floyd county's first church bus will go into service next Sunday morning, its owner, the Allen Baptist Church, announced this week...Fire at Wheelwright Junction Monday morning destroyed a two-story brick building owned by Lee Hall, causing damage estimated at \$25,000...There died: Jane Case, 65, at home at Drift, Saturday; Mary Ann McGuire Cooley, 62, of Dwale, Tuesday at the Gearheart Hospital, Martin; Mary Jo Reffitt, 82, at home at Pyramid, April 1; Elzie Maggard Frazier, 67, at her home near Martin, Sunday.

### Sixty Years Ago (April 10, 1936)

Approximately 100 families moved back into their homes along Right Beaver Creek yesterday, following the fall of that stream's high water...Spinal meningitis claimed two victims in the county last week; Billy Gordon McCown, 11, of Ivel, Friday, and Richard Ice Jr. three months old, of Prestonsburg, Tuesday night...Floyd County's tax levy for 1936, as fixed by the fiscal court in session here Tuesday, is 45 cents lower on the \$100 valuation than 1935...Charlie Roe, of Wheelwright, was shot and killed Sunday night during a fight at the Rocky Camp tourist camp on Shelby Creek, Pike County...G. H. McClanahan, of Stone Coal Creek, died at the Paintsville Hospital Wednesday, of injuries sustained in a mine accident several weeks earlier...Demra Taylor, 32, of Martin, was fatally injured Sunday in an auto accident in Arizona...There died: Mrs. John Lovely, 25, of Wayland, at the Paintsville General Hospital, last Thursday.

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## Other Voices

workers to underbid another who intends or is obligated to use higher-priced, skilled labor. In the end, the taxpayers of Kentucky are the ones who suffer because they may receive a product of lower quality.

The Prevailing Wage Bill helps remedy this problem. By requiring a contractor to pay the most commonly paid wage for skilled workers in a particular area, we are leveling the playing field on labor costs. This will allow the government to work within the procurement law and still award contracts to the contractor

who offers cost-efficiency and quality.

This law requires the state to hold public hearings and determine the most prevalently paid wage for the various skills typically used on construction projects [carpenters, bricklayers, plumbers, etc.] in a particular area (generally a county or state senatorial district). This wage is then declared to be the prevailing wage. The bill does not require a contractor to sign a union contract, employ union labor or pay union wages. In fact, many contractors using skilled

labor do not have a union contract.

I recognize most contractors pay the wages necessary to attract skilled workers. In turn, these skilled workers not only produce a higher quality product, but also increase productivity. The net results is less waste, a shorter construction period, lower maintenance costs, and long-term cost benefit to the state.

I discovered the consequences of deviating from skilled labor while I served as Pike County Judge/Executive. It is a lesson I would like to share with the readers.

Early in my tenure, we proceeded with construction on a county building without requiring the contractor to pay the prevailing wage. Despite requiring several contractors to repair their work at their own expense because of low quality, we still ended up with a building which did not meet my standards of quality. To this day, the building continues to have problems with elevators, heating and air conditioning systems, and general maintenance.

With our second major construction project, we proceeded different-

ly. Our construction manager suggested that if we required all contractors to pay prevailing wages, they would hire skilled workers. In turn, we would get a better quality building. The increase in cost, if any, was minuscule. However, the increased quality of construction and reduced maintenance costs are easily identifiable. Only three of the sixteen contractors who were awarded parts of that project were union contractors.

The use of the prevailing wage has been debated and researched for

years, yet no unbiased and scholarly study has documented a measurable increase in overall cost of public construction due to its use. From my own experience, I have been able to see the positive effects of requiring a contractor to pay the wage necessary to get skilled labor. These benefits include increased quality and reduced maintenance costs. I can, in all good conscience, advocate the use of the prevailing wage as good public policy. It simply protects the interests of all our citizens who pay for and use public works projects.

## Regional Career Expo '96 slated for May 8 at convention center

by Janice Shepherd  
Managing Editor

When Stephanie Marshall hears someone say that there's "nothing here" in the job market, she knows it just isn't so and she's determined to prove she's right.

Marshall, who works with the Big Sandy Area Development District (BSADD) office, is spearheading an effort to showcase the area's industries. Five agencies — BSADD; Big Sandy Labor Management, AmeriCorps Self-Sufficiency Program; the Department for Employment Services; and Prestonsburg Community College — are combining efforts to host Career Expo '96, a regional expo featuring area businesses, industries, vocational and technical schools and colleges from counties around the Big Sandy area, Marshall said.

The expo will be held May 8, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center. Tuesday, approximately 45 organizations had committed to participate in the expo, Marshall said. Space is available for an additional 55 booths. Booth space is free and booths are provided by the hosts. VCRs and televisions are also available to participants if advance requests are made. Reservations

The Department for Employment Services placed more than 74,000 Kentuckians in jobs last year with 40 percent of them in manufacturing jobs. The department's costs of finding jobs ranks among the nation's lowest.

must be made by April 19.

During the expo, door prizes will be given away during the day. Marshall said she plans to award prizes about every half an hour but if she continues to receive donations, prizes will be awarded every 15 minutes.

About 3,000 high school students are scheduled to attend the expo, Marshall said. She added that the expo isn't just for students.

It's also an opportunity for the general public "to be walked through the process of seeing what we actually have here," Dusty Crum, an AmeriCorps member who is helping organize the expo, said.

"I hope (the expo) can help to turn a light on," Crum said. "I hope (the public) will see what they can do and someone will think 'I'll enroll in GED.'"

Kathy Tackett, an AmeriCorps member who deals mainly with the JOBS program, said the expo will also allow her JOBS clients to realize that area businesses have various levels of skilled positions.

The expo is different than a job fair, though, according to Marshall.

"A job fair is held to take applications. That's not my intent, although if someone gets a job from this, that's great," she said.

"Students are not returning here to work. We want to highlight the Big Sandy area and show what is available here, show that we are viable," Marshall said. "I want to let people see this is a good place to be and try to pull our students back after they get a secondary education."

For more information about

Career Expo '96, call Marshall at (606) 886-2374.



### Book winner

Zachary Wagner, son of Mike and Kathy Wagner, was the 1994-95 district Young Authors winner in the Primary II, poetry category. Zachary's winning book was *Animal Poems*. He attends Betsy Layne Elementary. Zachary was a room winner and a school winner before he won at the district level. He received a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for his prize.

### Correction

In suits filed, Wednesday, April 10, David Williams was incorrectly identified as Donald. The suit should have been styled Commonwealth of Kentucky, Cabinet for Families and Children, and Jelinda Williams vs. David Williams of Grethel; petition for child support and health care insurance.

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**Music in the mountains**

Construction continues on the Mountain Arts Center. Concerts in the facility are expected to begin during the second week of October. (photo by Patti Clark)

The Mountain Arts Center is expected to begin its entertainment season during the second week of October, according to Bob Meyer, executive director of the center.

The lineup of entertainment will "set the flavor for all the different kinds of things that can happen at this

facility," Meyer said.

Performances will range from gospel to Bluegrass to brass. The Mountain Arts Center is home to

the Kentucky Opry and the week will begin with a performance by the Opry troupe. A reception will also be held. The Opry will also perform later in the week.

Other shows that week include a performance by the Goose Creek Symphony, led

by Floyd County native Charlie Gearheart and a concert by the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra.

Entertainers appearing in concert at the Mountain Arts Center in November include Charlie Sizemore and his bluegrass band in a homecoming performance. Sizemore's special guest for the show will be IIRD Tyme Out.

In December, the Kingsmen will present a gospel concert at the center. The Kentucky Opry will also present its annual Christmas show.

Upcoming shows include "Patsy Cline Always" by the Arkansas Repertory Theater; a monthly Rt. 23 Talent Showcase; and concerts by the Prestonsburg Honor Choir. Meyer and show manager Greg Crum also plan to book several children and family-oriented shows.

The performance hall and facility rooms are also available for rental for artistic, cultural and social events.

Approximately 1,030 seats are available in the performance hall. Fees vary according to space and equipment needed.

The concert schedule is tentative. For more information about upcoming events or rental of the Mountain Arts Center, call 886-1341.

**Correction**

An article regarding an upcoming event at the Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 31 listed a wrong meeting date. Miriam Rebekah Lodge will meet on April 18 when state assembly president Mary Jane Bell will make her official visit to the lodge.



**Reciprocal agreements tabled by school board**

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Parents of students who live in the Floyd County School District but attend school somewhere else may be in for a rude awakening.

The Floyd County School Board Tuesday did not approve reciprocal agreements between the Floyd district and other districts such as Paintsville Independent, Johnson County, Pikeville Independent and Pike County.

What that means for the 183 students who go to school out of the county and the 98 who come to Floyd County from other districts is the possibility that their parents will have to pay tuition for them to attend the other schools.

A special meeting should be held in the next few weeks to consider the agreements. A decision must be made before May 1. The agreements were tabled at the meeting Tuesday because board members said they needed time to look into the situation.

But the tone of the board members indicated they want to know why parents are taking their children somewhere else and that they might possibly not approve the agreements.

While 98 parents from other districts bring their children to Floyd County, 85 more — 183 parents — take their children to other districts.

Most of those students go to Johnson County. Eighty Floyd County students are enrolled in the Johnson County School District. Forty-five of those, all from Auxier, go to Porter Elementary. An additional 23 are enrolled at Paintsville Independent.

Thirty-two students go to Pike County schools from Floyd County. Another 23 are enrolled in the Pikeville Independent School District.

Additionally, 15 go to Knott County; eight are enrolled at Magoffin County; and two are in Martin County.

Floyd County receives 51 students from Pike County; 30 from Knott County; 13 from Johnson County; and four from Magoffin County.

"Do we know why they are going out of our district?" board member Phyllis Honshell asked.

"Is it our school system?" member Ray Wilcox asked. "Is our school system that bad? That's what bothers me."

Wilcox asked that Maurice Adams, director of pupil personnel for the district, conduct a survey to determine the answer to his question.

For at least one parent, the answer is one of comfort.

"For us, it was not a choice between which was better, Paintsville or Floyd County," Will Kendrick said. Kendrick and his wife, Letha, send their daughter to the Paintsville district.

"That's where she started," he said. "We were comfortable with it so we stayed."

Kendrick said when his daughter was younger, she was ready to go to school, but not old enough to do so by state law. The Paintsville district got her into a Head Start program. The next year, the Kendricks sent her to Our Lady of the Mountain in Paintsville and, because of connections they made in the town, let her start kindergarten at Paintsville Elementary the next year.

"It was a smaller system and it works for us," he said. "It's been a good school."

He said he hopes the district continues the reciprocal agreements that permit the state's average daily attendance money to travel with the student.

**Auction in progress**

A silent auction of arts and crafts, sponsored by Morris Fork Arts and Crafts, is being conducted at the Prestonsburg Community College Art Gallery through April 25.

Interested individuals may view the items on display at the Art Gallery in the Magoffin Learning Resource Center and place bids in writing. The high bidders on all items will be notified so they may arrange to pick up their purchases.

Morris Fork Arts and Crafts is a co-op made up of Appalachian artisans. Items to be auctioned include a variety of arts and crafts such as baskets, birdhouses, weavings, stools, paintings, quilts, puzzles, games, and much more.

PCC Art Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday. For further information, call Brenda Miller at 886-3863, ext. 417.



Kaitlyn Nichole Williams

**First birthday**

Kaitlyn Nichole Williams celebrated her first birthday with a party on February 10 at McDonald's.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Jane Williamson of Lexington.

Attending the celebration were her maternal grandparents, David and Patty Mollette of David; her paternal grandparents, Denny and Lois Williamson of Prestonsburg; and guests David Ray Mollette of Lebanon, Virginia; Sherry Williamson, Tim, Angie and Tommy Clark, and Rhea Lynn Clark and Christopher, Sherry Branham and Courtney, Kathy Frasure and Trent, Faye Prater, and Evelyn and Storm Flannery all of Prestonsburg; Anthony, Tish, Nick and Miranda Lafferty of Hippo; Bill Clark of Lexington; Ken, Sherry and Hailey Roberts of Ashland; and Deford, Lou Jean and Amy Shepherd of David.

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# Regional Obituaries

## Pike County

Mary Evelyn Coleman, 73, of Elkhorn City, died Friday, April 5. She is survived by her husband, Willie Coleman. Funeral services were Monday, April 8, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Hazel Smith Varney, 81, of Sidney, died Friday, April 8. She was preceded in death by her husband, James "Jim" Varney. Funeral services were Monday, April 8, at the Road Fork Church of God, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Roy Blankenship, 94, of Phelps, died Tuesday, April 2. He was a retired timberman. He was preceded in death by his wife, Salley Wolford Blankenship. Funeral services were Saturday, April 6, at the Jamboree Church of God, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Home.

Raymond Lee Vanover, 29, of Phelps, died Monday, April 1. He was disabled, formerly a patient care assistant at Phelps Nursing

Home. He is survived by his father, Raymond Lee Vanover Sr. Funeral services were Thursday, April 4, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Timothy Gene York II, infant son of Timothy Gene York and Voiler Jean Triplett of Belfry, died Wednesday, April 3. Graveside services were April 4, at the Mountain View Memory Gardens at Huddy, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

John Arthur Morningstar, 73, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, April 2. He was a retired trim repairman for Chrysler and a World War II veteran. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ray Morningstar. Funeral services were Friday, April 5, at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home.

Elmer E. Elswick, 74, of Shelbiana, died Thursday, April 4. He is survived by his wife, Faye Reese Elswick. Funeral services were Sunday, April 7, at the Bailey Funeral Home.

Elden "Edd" Fuller, 66, of Feds

Creek, died Thursday, April 4. He was a retired coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Helen G. Griffith Fuller. Funeral services were Sunday, April 7, at the First Church of God at Feds Creek, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Monis Ratliff, 77, of Pikeville, died Wednesday, April 3. He is survived by his wife, Crystallene Ratliff. Funeral services were Saturday, April 6, at the Energyville Freewill Baptist Church at Caney Creek, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Emma Lou Hatfield, 59, of McCarr, died Thursday, April 4. She is survived by her husband, Albert Jr. "Bud" Hatfield. Funeral services were Saturday, April 6, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Patsy Lee Fraley, 57, of Turkey Creek, died Thursday, April 4. Funeral services were Saturday, April 6, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Lester Smallwood, 60, of Myra,

died Thursday, April 4. He is survived by his wife, Dewey Smallwood of Virgie. Funeral services were Monday, April 8, at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

## Johnson County

John George Reffett, 81, died April 2. He was a retired miner. Funeral services were April 6, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Oscar Meek, 80, died April 3. He was a retired school teacher and a World War II Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Burke Meek. Funeral services were April 1, at the First Christian Church in Paintsville, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Shelby B. Williams, 89, died April 1. He was a retired photographer. He is survived by his wife, Rouie Hill Williams. Funeral services were April 4, at the Third Street Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Paintsville Funeral Home.

Ruth Conley, 88, died April 4. She was preceded in death by her husband, Linzie Conley. Funeral services were April 7, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Esther Elkins Hall, 55, of Mealy, died April 8. She was a nurse's aide. She is survived by her husband, Eugene Hall. Funeral services were Thursday, April 11, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Windel Spears, 56, died April 7. He is survived by his wife, Beverly Bowen Spears. Funeral services were Wednesday, April 10, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Jack "Crate" Conley, 57, of Oil Springs, died April 3. He was a coal miner. Burial was April 5, in the Conley Family Cemetery at Rockhouse, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Mitchell Delong, 87, of Van Lear, died April 2. He was a retired merchant, coal miner and construction worker. He is survived by his wife, Geneva Collins Delong. Funeral services were April 5, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Leaborn A. Baldwin, 87, of Oil Springs, died April 4. He was a retired meter reader in the oil fields. He is survived by his wife, Blanche Reed Baldwin. Funeral services were Sunday, April 7, at the Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel.

Agnes Daniels Ross, 85, died April 2. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy R. Ross. Funeral services were April 4, at the Paintsville United Baptist Church, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Chester P. Compton, 72, of Paintsville, died April 2. He was a retired United Methodist Church minister and a retired U.S. Army major. He is survived by his wife, Irene Little Compton. Funeral services were April 4, at the First United Methodist Church in Paintsville.

## Martin County

Tyler Lee Scott, six-day-old son of Alice Marie and Jackie Lee Scott Jr. of Pilgrim, died Friday, April 5. Funeral services were Monday, April 8, at the Leannah Old Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

# Community Calendar

*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.*

## 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.

Jr. hunters safety class on April 15-17 from 6-9 p.m.

• April 16 is recognized as Blue Ribbon Day.

• Stress management class on April 22 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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

## Pikeville Methodist Hospital classes

April 17th—Living with grief after sudden loss. This third-annual conference is designed for those people who are dealing with grief and bereavement after sudden loss, both professionally and personally. It will be live via satellite and is sponsored by the Hospice Foundation of America and cosponsored by Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), the Association for Death Education and Counseling (ADEC) and Pikeville Methodist Hospital. The conference is from 1:30 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital Education Center on the corner of Fourth Street and Hambley Boulevard. Call 437-3525 to register. Free.

## Area Youth Crusade

Pike Association of Southern Baptist is sponsoring an Area Youth Crusade" April 25-27. Thursday and Friday night will begin at 7 p.m. and Saturday, at 2 p.m.

The speaker will be Mark Moreland from Knoxville, Tennessee. Special singing by several of the local youth. Eastern Kentucky BSU Group and John and Karen Day is encouraging everyone with special talents participate. All youth are encouraged to attend.

The event will be held at Pikeville First Baptist Church, across from Hardee's. For more information, call 432-2660.

## Fundraising bingo

The veterans will be having fundraising bingo for Post 129 American Legion starting Sunday, April 14, at 2 p.m. at Center Stage, Prestonsburg.

## Historical society to meet

The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the Floyd County Library. All interested persons are urged to attend.

## Missionary breakfast

The Church of God of Prophecy of Hi Hat is having a Missionary Breakfast on Saturday, April 13, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. \$3 eat-in or delivery. To place orders early, call 377-6716 or 377-6455. Everyone is welcome.

## BLHS reunion

The Betsy Layne Class of 1986 is looking for graduates to gather for a reunion on July 6th. Send you name, address, and phone number to P.O. Box 285, Betsy Layne, KY 41605.

## A day at Camp Nathanael

Camp Nathanael will be having a fun-filled day for first-third grade students on Saturday, April 13. The day will be filled with games, hayrides and a good time. The featured guests will be the Davidson Baptist Church Puppet Gang. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$2, which includes lunch. For more information, contact Camp

Nathanael at (606) 251-3231.

## Classic Cooking

Classic Cooking of Inter-Mountain Cable, WPRG TV-5, with chef Mark Sohn and special guests will air on April 13 at 7 p.m.

Mark Sohn will prepare a wild game dinner consisting of banana split pie, five-hour stew, pimento and spinach dip, cheese biscuits and kraut slaw.

For more information, contact Mark Sohn at 437-6467, or Donald Bevins, general manager of Tel-Com Inc. at 478-4200.

## Revival

The Middle Creek Baptist Church at Blue River will be holding a revival April 14-19. It will begin at 6 p.m. April 14, and 7 p.m. April 15-19. Evangelists will be Rev. Arnold D. Adams, president of the Southern Bible Institute in Ashland. Also, special music. Everyone is welcome.

## Child care training

McDowell Family Resource Center will be hosting a child care training Thursday, April 18, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The training is free and will be held by the East Kentucky Child Care Coalition. Call to register, 377-2678. The training is worth four hours credit.

## Fertilizer and seed giveaway

Fertilizer and seeds of all kinds will be given away Friday, April 12 starting from noon-4 p.m. and Saturday, April 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Town Branch Church in Prestonsburg. For more information, call Tom Nelson at 889-9286.

## History will sound with bagpipe demo

The Floyd County History and Genealogy Society will meet Monday, April 15, at 7 p.m. in the Floyd County Library. Eddie Bailef will present the program for the evening with a demonstration of the bagpipes.

## Rebekah Lodge bake sale

Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 31 is sponsoring a bake sale to be held April 20, beginning at 9:30, at Wal-Mart in Prestonsburg Village. All members are asked to participate.

## Recruiting for head start

Auxier Elementary School is recruiting for a head start unit. Any parent who is interested in sending their child to this school should call 886-3383. This is for the 1996-96 school year.

## Meeting date changed

The Auxier Elementary School site-based meeting has been changed from April 11 to April 18, at 5 p.m.

## Official inspection

Adah Chapter No. 24 of Eastern Star in Prestonsburg announces an official inspection by the Worthy Grand Matron Judy Miller on Monday night, April 15, at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Hall. Refreshments will be served.

## Guest speaker

John Earl Hunt, commonwealth attorney, will be a guest speaker at a candlelight vigil April 16, at PCC, to focus attention on the prevention of child abuse. The vigil begins at 7:30 p.m. at the gazebo. Prizes will be given to children participants.

# Obituaries

## Phyllis Slone

Phyllis Slone, 53, of Dayton, Ohio, died Tuesday, April 9, 1996, at Kettering Memorial Hospital in Dayton, Ohio, following a long illness.

Born September 9, 1942 in Ashland, she was the daughter of the late Leslie Caskey and Audrey Farrell Caskey.

Survivors include her husband, Ray A. Slone; one son, Ray Slone Jr. of Dayton, Ohio; one daughter, Christal L. Slone of Dayton, Ohio; one brother, Eugene Caskey of Dexter, Oregon; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 12, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Tom Diddle officiating.

Burial will be in the Bradley Cemetery at Wayland, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

## Pallbearers for Martin

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Noah Martin were Fred Newsome, Brennan Newsome, Andy Martin Jr., Jerry Martin, Beecher Hale, Roy Archer, Johnny Ray Holbrook and Gerald Newsome.

## Doris Murphy

Doris June Murphy, 50, died April 5, 1996, at her residence at Auxier.

Born January 8, 1946 in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Eliza and Hassie Ward Hall.

Survivors include her husband, Lester Murphy; two sons, James Lee Murphy and Lester Murphy Jr., both of Auxier; three brothers, Paul Hall, Danny Monroe and Larry Burnis Hall, all of Columbus, Ohio; five sisters, Mary Hall and Anna Shelton, both of Columbus, Ohio, Alice Corder of Auxier, Kathy Roderick of Florida, and Debra Burchett of Lowmansville.

Funeral services were April 8, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel with Manford Fannin and Don Barkley officiating. Burial was in the family cemetery at Auxier.

## Mary Short

Mary Isabelle Short, 61, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, April 6, 1996, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born April 29, 1934 in Prestonsburg, she was the daughter of the late Frank H. and Mary Lou Emerick Layne. She was a project manager for Cliffside Housing Project and a member of the Saint James Episcopal Church in Prestonsburg.

Survivors include her husband, Harry W. Short; two children, Richard Short and Maria Short Campbell.

A memorial service will be held Tuesday, April 16, at 7 p.m., at the Saint James Episcopal Church. Burial will be in the Porter Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

## Hi Hall

Hi Hall, 62, of Hi Hat, died Wednesday, April 10, 1996, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born July 16, 1933 in Knott County, he was the son of the late Hiram Hall and Nancy Isaac Hall. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the U.M.W.A. Local 5899 at Wheelwright.

Survivors include his wife, Bethel Mae Johnson Hall; five sons, Danny Hall, Frank Hall and Teddy Hall, all of Hi Hat, Dwayne Hall of Prestonsburg, and Timothy Hall of Jackson; one daughter, Fanny Hall of Hunter; two brothers, Richard Hall of Topmost and James Hall of Hi Hat; and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 13, at 11 a.m., at the Little Nancy Old Regular Baptist Church at Hi Hat, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

## James "Jim" Cline

James "Jim" Cline, 68, of Prestonsburg, died Thursday, April 4, 1996, in Prestonsburg.

Born September 13, 1927 in Inez, he was the son of the late Earl Cline and Lucy Fannin Cline. He was a retired heavy equipment operator, formerly employed by Coal Mac Corporation, and a U. S. Army Korean War veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Edith McPeak Cline; one son, Earl Allen Cline of Allen; one daughter, Teresa Ann Spurlock of Emma; one brother, Billy Ray Cline of Harold; two sisters, Kathleen Setser of Cautletsburg; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, April 8, at 1 p.m., at Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Nathan Lafferty and George David Garrett officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers were Jamie Kilburn, Gary Sammons, Burnis Goble, John Berry, David Shepherd, Jimmy Wright, Tony Giffith and John Goble.

Honorary pallbearers were Delano May, Barkley Sturgill and John Earl Hunt.

*This obituary is reprinted from Wednesday's paper due to an error.*

## Pallbearers for Kidd

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of George Kidd were David Hale, Ben Kidd, Bryan Kidd, Jamie Howell, Josh Howell, John Kidd, Mike Kidd, Adam Lee Kidd, Chris Kidd, Joe Kidd and Randy Kidd.





## AAU Boys Basketball

Seven score in double digits :

# Allen Central AAU rolls, 88-48

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Coach Wesley Case's Allen Central 13-year-old AAU team made it eight of nine on the season as they had an easy time with Prestonsburg last Tuesday night winning 88-48.

Allen Central placed seven players in double figures in the rout with Larry Mullins leading the way with 15 points. Henry Napier added 14 and Keith Crum tossed in 13. Crum had a strong game on the boards, pulling down several offensive rebounds.

Patrick Martin and Dwight McKinney scored 12 each. Jeremy Hayes and Tim Davis had 11 each.

Josh Justice, with some good outside shooting, led Prestonsburg with 15 points. Jonathan Gillispie finished with nine points and Jacob Fitzpatrick had six points.

Coach Case's ballclub mixed up their defenses well in trapping at times and then falling back into their half court game. The pressure hurt Prestonsburg early as they fell behind 21-12 after the first quarter.

Crum, who was all over the floor, had seven first-quarter points

and three baskets came via put backs. He hit only one of four free throws in the period. Mullins buried a three-pointer in the initial period.

Central struggled at the free throw line in the first half, hitting only three of ten in the first two quarters. But as bad as they were in the first half, they were better in the third quarter, going a perfect 11 for 11 from the charity stripe.

Justice was the terror for Prestonsburg in the first quarter, tossing in seven first-quarter points as Prestonsburg stayed close. He drilled a three-pointer that pulled Prestonsburg to within one point of Central. Fitzpatrick had four points in the first quarter.

Gillispie scored all nine of his points in the first half, with eight coming in the second quarter. He hit five of six from the free throw line in the first two periods.

Allen Central led 39-24 at the half.

The Rebels went on a 21-12 spurt in the third quarter to take a 60-36 lead over Prestonsburg after three quarters. A 16-point spread in the fourth period gave Central the 40-point win.

Justice had five points in the fourth quarter for Prestonsburg, including his second three-point basket. Michael Stephens and Josh Slone had two points in the fourth period.

Allen Central went to the free throw line for 12 attempts in the fourth quarter and connected on seven.

Ricky Powers tossed in five points for Prestonsburg. Michael Stevens added four, with Brandon Branham scoring three. Matt Clay and Josh Slone scored two each, while Brandon Leslie and Dustin Music had one point each.

In earlier games for Allen Central, they posted a 66-53 win over Betsy Layne with Patrick Martin scoring 23 points for Central. Mullins added 17 and Tim Davis netted ten.

Chase Gibson led the Bobcats with his 24 points. Johnson added eight for Betsy Layne.

Allen Central led 17-16 after the first quarter, with Mullins and Martin busting a trey each, but trailed by one point, 33-32 at the half.

(See AAU, page A 10)



## Battle on the hardwood

AAU basketball is in full swing and tournament time is approaching. These two players battled for the basketball when Allen Central and Prestonsburg's 13-year-old AAU teams met last Tuesday night at the Martin gym. Allen Central placed seven players in double figures to post a 88-48 win over Prestonsburg. (photo by Ed Taylor)

# Owens, Patton power Allen Central past Magoffin Co, 15-4

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Donnie Owens blasted two home runs and had a three-run shot to power the Allen Central Rebels to a 14-4 win over Magoffin County last Tuesday night in high school baseball. The win improved the Rebels to 2-3 on the season.

Brandon Hicks picked up the win, working the first four innings and getting relief help from Brian Crawford.

Hicks allowed three runs on while scattering five hits in the four innings. Crawford gave up

just one run while not allowing a hit in two innings.

Hicks fanned four batters and issued one walk. Crawford struck out four of the six he faced and walked two.

"I am very happy with our pitching this time of the year," Allen Central head coach Kevin Spurlock said. "Brandon, Brian, Mike (Pack), Wes (Howard) and Tim (Bellamy) have done a great job."

Owens' home run in the third and fourth innings, picking up four runs batted in. His two-run home run highlighted a four-run third for

the Rebels. He duplicated the feat again in the fourth inning when the Rebels scored four more.

Patton's roundtripper came in the second and it was a two-run shot. Patton had three hits in the game and finished with two RBIs. He had a fifth-inning double leading off the inning.

"I have been very pleasantly surprised with the hitting of Donnie and Byron," the Allen Central mentor said. "They have contributed a big offensive punch for us."

John Moore, Mike Pack, Tim Bellamy and Barry Conley had

one RBI for the game.

Allen Central scored twice in the first inning to lead 2-0 on consecutive singles by Patton and an RBI single by Bellamy. Both runs scored with two out in the inning.

Magoffin County made it a one-run game when Jason Robinette led off the Hornets' half of the first with a double and scored on a sacrifice fly off the bat of Mike Caba.

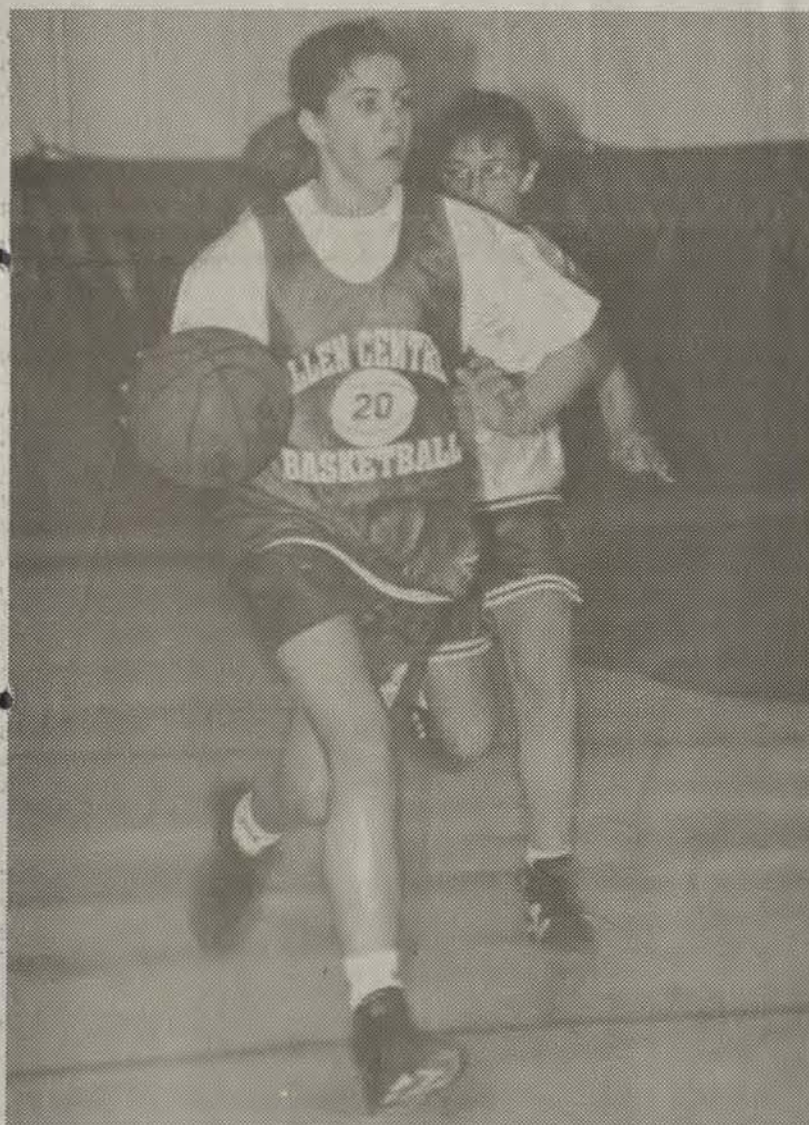
The Rebels sent eight batters to the plate against Bailey in the second, scoring five times to lead 7-1. Owens started the inning with a double and scored on Moore's base hit. Moore came home on a wild pitch after being sacrificed to third base. Hicks was hit by a pitch with two out and Patton then hit a home run.

Jason Wages got the second run for the Hornets in the bottom of the second by leading off the frame with a solo home run. Mills singled behind Wages, but was erased on a 4-6-3 double play.

Allen Central made it a mercy game with four runs in the third and four innings. They added a run in the top of the fifth.

Crawford fanned the side in the fifth inning, but had to get four strike outs to do it. He got Caba on a swinging third strike, but the ball eluded Bellamy and Caba was safe at first. Caba then stole second, third and then home. Crawford got Risner and Wages on strikes before walking Allen. He then struck out Whitaker to end the

(See Allen Central page A 10)



## Up and coming

Allen Central's Shannon Sizemore scored 11 points last Tuesday night to lead the Allen Central AAU girls to a 32-20 win over Harold. AAU basketball is growing in popularity as a good crowd was in the gym for the event. (photo by Ed Taylor)

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Allen Central girls' 12-year-old AAU basketball team posted a 32-20 win over Harold last Tuesday night, but it didn't come easy. Allen Central had to hold off a fourth-quarter spurt by Harold.

Shannon Sizemore led Allen Central with 11 points and Jaclyn Martin added six. Leslie Stelle topped Harold with ten points. Amber Biliter netted five points.

Harold failed to score in the first period as coach John Martin's team built a 6-0 first-quarter lead. Megan Hyden and Sizemore had two points for Allen Central and Martin

hit two of six free throws.

Harold picked up its offense in the second period and pulled to within two of Allen Central at the half, 10-8. Stelle had four points in the period for Harold and Whitley Likens scored underneath the basket just ahead of the horn to make it a two-point game. Biliter had two points in the period.

Sizemore, who had just two points at the half, went to work in the third period completing a three-point play and scoring five points as Allen Central began to pull away from Harold. Central led 19-10 after three quarters.

Stelle, who had four points at the half, scored six points in the fourth

period to lead a modest Harold comeback after Allen Central had went up by 16 points. Biliter buried a three-point basket for Harold but Hyden had three points for Allen Central and Sizemore scored four in the final period. Martin and Jaclyn Brown had two each for Central.

Harold was cold from the free throw line as the made one of 11 attempts. Allen Central connected on six of 20 tries.

Likens finished with four points for Harold. Samantha Newman scored one point. Hyden netted five points for Central with Jeni Jo Spurlock scored four. Brown, Becky Smith and Leann Brown had two each for Central.

# A Look At Sports

## Without recruit, UK middle to be smaller

### LINE UP.

Antoine Walker, Derek Anderson, Ron Mercer, Anthony Epps and Jeff Sheppard.

The starting lineup for the Kentucky Wildcats next season? Could be. Wayne Turner could find his way into the starting lineup. But so could Jared Prickett. But where? Alan Edwards off the

bench with Oliver Simmons, Nazar Mohammed and Chris Mills. Yes, Mills.

If Kentucky doesn't pick up a blue-chip recruit this spring, then the bench at UK will be as thin as it was thick this past season.

Simmons and Mohammed are

light years away from contributing to the UK team. What if Scott Padgett made a comeback? Nahhh!

Big men! Looks like Tim Thomas and Jermaine O'Neal will escape the Wildcats this season while we let some in-state players get away. O'Neal isn't academically eligible as of yet to play as freshmen. Thus, O'Neal is contemplating a jump to the NBA and by-passing college. Big man Lester Earl appears headed for LSU.

I think coach Rick Pitino knows that he will not land a big center who can contribute this year and concentrate on this year's junior class. So, next season for Kentucky will be a good one, but nothing like this year's.

Meanwhile, major league baseball is looking for answers in how to get a season in away from the frigid weather they have experienced this season. Starting the season early,

this year, has caused several postponements. Starting the baseball season later runs into the frigid air of November. What to do?

What I suggested last Wednesday. Play doubleheaders. Go back to playing Sunday twin-bills and start the season at mid April. That way they could finished the regular season early and get on with the silly playoffs they are now running.

Have you noticed that Willie Greene has hit two dingers already this season for the Cincinnati Reds? Does that mean that he will still be around for the next four years? Greene has been a major disappointment to the Reds despite his having great Triple A seasons. Maybe this will be the season Willie shows his stuff. Let's hope so.

Eric Davis, the favorite Reds player of Bridget Clay, has discarded the earring when he comes to the plate. I noticed that Tuesday night

when I watched them on the tube. But did you also notice the long locks of reliever Jeff Brantley. That used to be against the Reds rule book. No facial hair nor long locks. What happened?

### QUESTION?

Has the sophomore jinks hit NASCAR driver Jeff Gordon? Look for Jeff to come on strong when the weather warms.

What has that got to do with it anyway?

I don't know. I feel better during warm weather, maybe he will too.

Back to college basketball. Have you ever seen so many academic failures that we are seeing out of high school this year. I mean, kids with great talent and a great future ahead of them if they could just get in college. We're talking about playing professional basketball some day. But they cannot get into college because they did not think studying

was necessary.

A SAT or ACT failure. What to do? Skip college and go directly to the NBA. That is the escape that many, who cannot read nor write, are looking for. But what about life after the NBA?

### LOCALLY.

My good friend Jason Blanton is home recuperating from surgery. Jason will have to take it easy for the next week or so. He called me last Wednesday and says that he is feeling better and anxious to get out and head to Florida for a few days.

Jason is a popular radio personality in the area and had been doing some free lance work for the Ashland Independent. We wish him the best.

### TRANSFERS....

I have often been asked by district fans about who will be transferring to where for the next basketball

season. (Many forget that we still have a football season to play before basketball). You hear of many rumors and most of them end up not being true.

Without mentioning names, Prestonsburg may get a transfer. This one may be just what the Blackcats need for next season.

### COACHING CHANGES....

No changes in the county this year! But wait and see.

Hasn't stopped yet....

Prestonsburg coach Jackie Pack. You would think the season was starting tomorrow. Coach Pack is a great coach. He is always excited about the game of basketball. Always planning. Always working. That is why he is successful.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! Take the kids to Sunday School and church this Sunday.



Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

# Prestonsburg mercies Shelby Valley 12-2

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats got back on the winning track last Tuesday when they posted a 12-2 mercy win over the Lady Wildcats of Shelby Valley at Archer Park.

The win snapped a four-game losing streak for coach Bridget Clay's ballclub, which improved to 2-6 on the season.

Camille Robinson led the Lady Blackcats from the plate and Carolyn Jones secured the win in the five-inning game. Robinson collected two runs batted in on three hits. She singled in the first and second innings before collecting an RBI double in the fifth.

Shelby Valley took a 2-0 lead in the first against Jones on four consecutive walks and an error. Prestonsburg plated three in their half of the first. Donna Lafferty and Shelly Greathouse walked and one out later Robinson drilled a base hit scoring both runners. She

later scored on a wild pitch to give Prestonsburg a 3-2 lead.

It was all Prestonsburg from the first inning on. Lafferty blasted a two-run home run in the second inning to stake Prestonsburg to a 5-2 lead.

The Lady Blackcats picked up three runs in the third on four walks and two Shelby Valley errors.

Shelby Valley left the bases loaded in the second inning and Jones retired the side in the third. The Lady Wildcats threatened to extend the game beyond the five innings with back-to-back hits with two out. But Jones got Thacker to retire the side and end the inning.

Prestonsburg then pushed home three runs in the bottom of the fifth for the ten-run mercy rule.

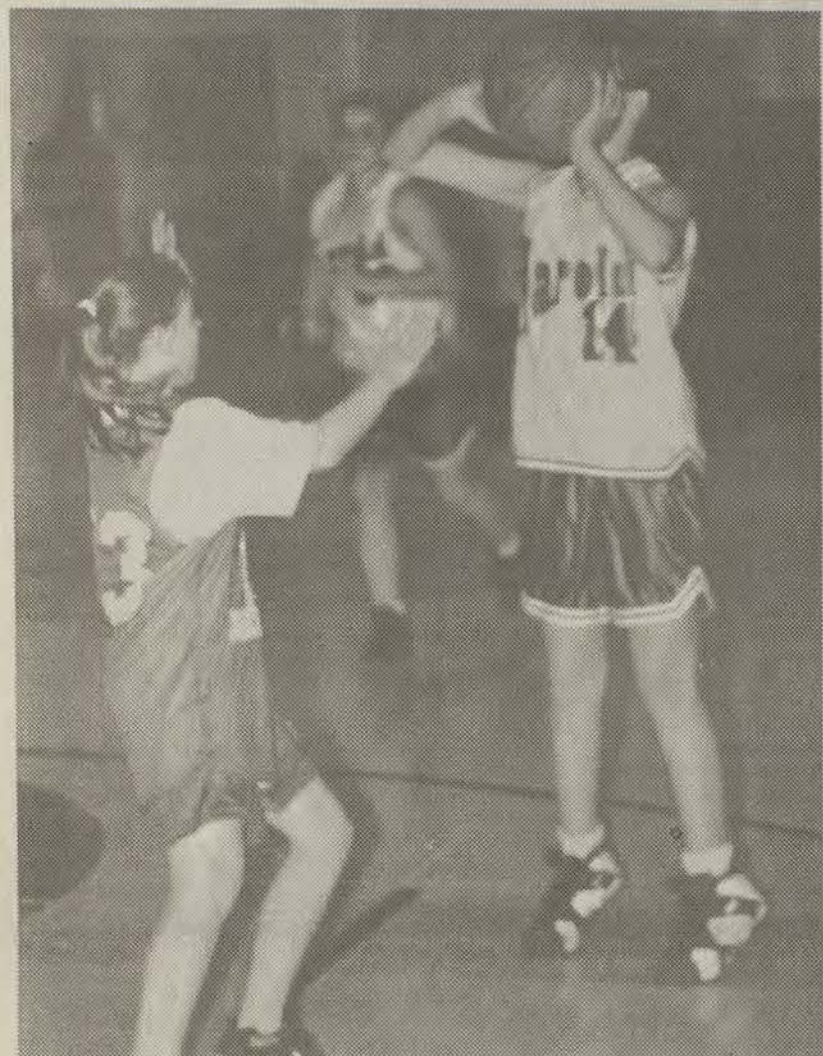
Misty Price had a fourth inning double for Prestonsburg. Ladonna Ousley collected a base hit in the third inning.

Prestonsburg will entertain Whitesburg this Saturday at noon at Archer Park.



**First run**

South Floyd's Chris Moore (3) crossed home plate in the first inning last Tuesday against Betsy Layne. High school baseball has been hampered by cold weather and rain in the first two weeks of the season. (photo by Ed Taylor)



**AAU season!**

The AAU basketball season will run through most of the summer months with different age groups holding regional and state tournaments throughout the summer. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Floyd County's Weekend Sports Scene

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

**Girls Softball**

Allen Central at Whitesburg, 5:30

High School Baseball

Prestonsburg at Betsy Layne, 5:30

Magoffin Co at Allen Central, Archer Park

SATURDAY, APRIL 13

**Girls Softball**

Whitesburg at Prestonsburg, noon

## Kentucky Afield

### Apply now for KDFWR's pond stocking program

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pond is located. The actual stocking of the new fish is the pond owner's responsibility once the delivery has been made.

For more information about farm

### AAU (Continued from A 9)

Martin scored nine of his 23 points in the second period.

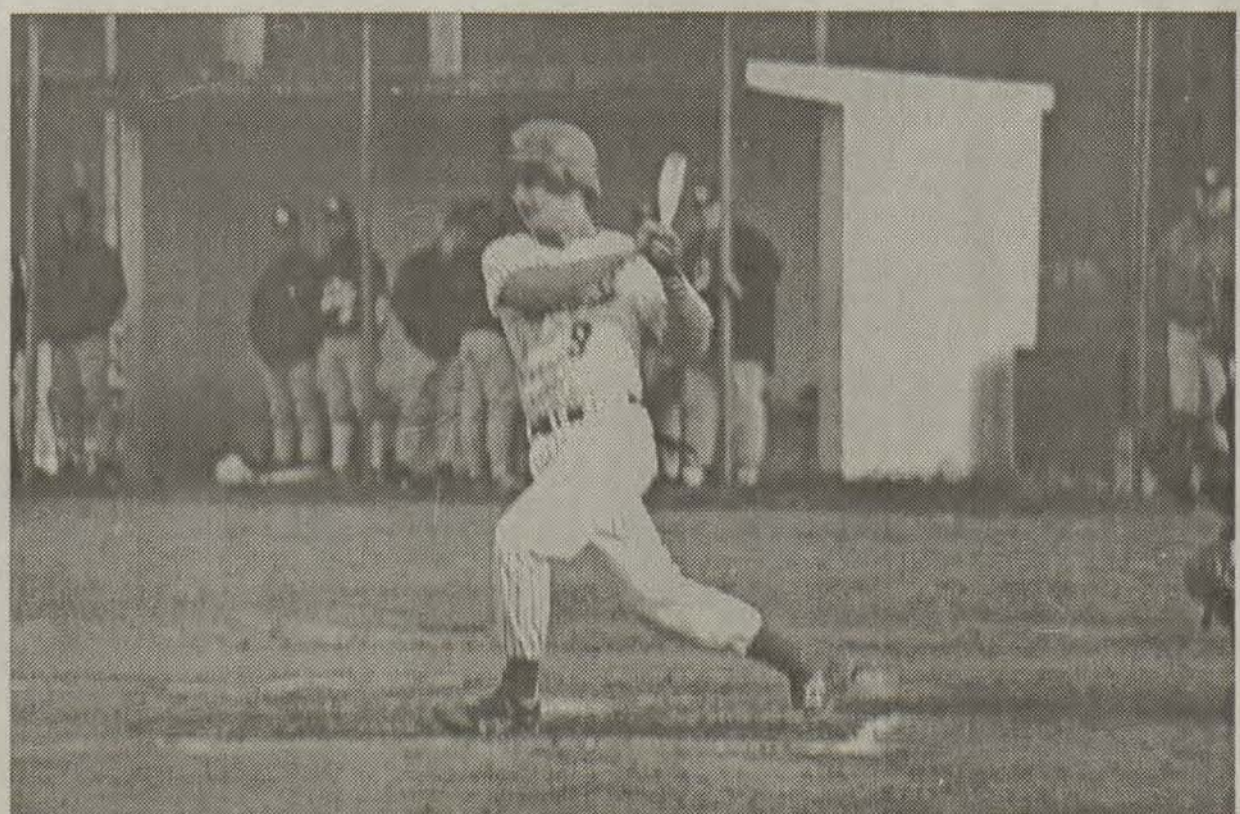
Case had nine first-quarter points for Betsy Layne. Allen Central outscored the Bobcats 19-10 in the final quarter, holding Gibson without a field goal.

Allen Central edged Pikeville earlier, 61-51, behind the three-point shooting of Martin. He had a trey in the first quarter and buried three straight in the second quarter. Martin finished with 14 points.

pond management, contact the state conservation officer stationed in your county or district fishery biologist, or call the KDFWR Fisheries Division at (502) 564-3596.

Larry Mullins had a trey in the third quarter and scored 11 points for the game. Jeremy Hayes led Central with his 15 points. Tim Davis had 11 points, including a three-point basket in the fourth period. Keith Crum finished with four points and Dwight McKinney had two.

Allen Central trailed Pikeville 15-4 after the first quarter, but outscored the host team 22-10 in the second quarter to lead 26-25 at the half.



**A big swing....and a miss!**

Betsy Layne's Brandon Castle wasn't cheated on this swing against South Floyd last Tuesday evening at the Allen Park. Betsy Layne faced the South Floyd Raiders in high school play. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Allen Central (Continued from A 9)

inning. Coach Spurlock said he likes the way his young club is coming together. "We are playing loose," he said. "We're getting better with every game. We just need to gain some experience each time out and store it into our baseball mind. We need to learn to play and think."

Allen Central dropped its first

three games of the season losing to Breathitt County (3-0), Cordia (6-5) and Johnson Central (3-2). The Rebels won over Elkhorn City (5-4) before defeating Magoffin County.

The Rebels will face Magoffin County tonight in a game at Archer Park. The Rebels will travel to Sheldon Clark Monday night.

ALLEN CENTRAL (14)				MAGOFFIN CO (4)					
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Hicks p	2	2	0	1	Risner dh	3	0	0	0
Patton c	4	2	3	2	Wages lf	3	1	1	1
B'lmy 3b	4	1	2	0	Mills 2b	3	0	2	0
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Allen Central	2	5	4	3	1-15	12	1		
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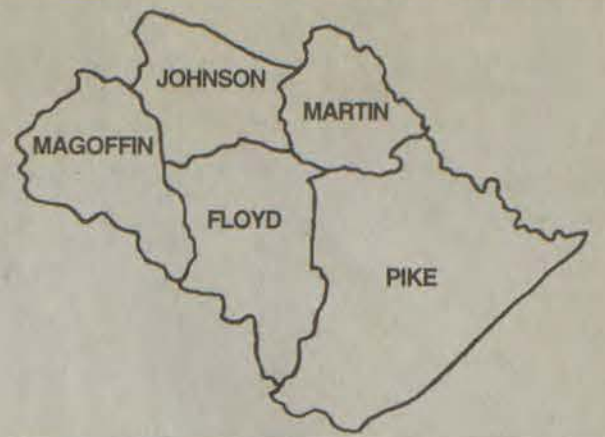
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# Around the Region



## For Your Information NEWS TO USE

### Live auction

The Children's Miracle Network live auction to benefit UK's Children's Hospital will be held this weekend at the Central Kentucky Home and Garden Show at Heritage Hall and Rupp Arena.

Friday, April 12, beginning at 8:30 p.m. is home improvement night.

Saturday, April 13, 8 p.m., is Wildcat Night! Auctioned will be an autographed UK jersey signed by the 1996 NCAA Championship team, a UK basketball signed by Coach Rick Pitino, and more.

On Sunday, April 14, at 3 p.m., its kids and cars. A 1996 Freedom Dodge Neon Truck will be auctioned.

### Appalachian Voices

The Voices of Appalachia, the choir of Alice Lloyd College in Pippa Passes, will present a concert at Campbell Arts Center on April 14, at 7 p.m.

The Voices of Appalachia is made up of students from Alice Lloyd College. The choir specializes in the hymns and ballads of the Southern Appalachian highlands.

### Seminar on depression

Kathy Cronkite, daughter of famed newscaster Walter Cronkite, will be the featured speaker at the Kentucky Medical Association Alliance annual convention April 21-24 at the Ashland Plaza Hotel in Ashland.

Cronkite's lecture, sponsored by Our Lady of the Bellefonte Hospital and Comp Care Center, parent company of OLBH's CarePsych Unit, will begin at 6:30 p.m. April 22 in Ballrooms A, B and C.

The lecture is open to the public and there is no charge to attend.

Cronkite, a former sufferer of depression, is the author of "On the Edge of the Spotlight: Celebrities' Children Speak Out About Their Lives" and "On the Edge of Darkness: Conversations About Conquering Depression."

For more information, call the CareUnit at (606) 833-3557.

### Science and Technology camp

Transylvania's University's science and technology camp will be held June 23-28 for high school students entering the tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade.

The camp will offer students the opportunity to enhance their knowledge of science and its applications. Activities include field trips, lectures, discussions and practice time in laboratories.

Transylvania faculty and guest scientists will serve as instructors. Enrollment is limited to 50 students.

For an application, contact James Miller, professor of mathematics and computer science at Transylvania, (606) 233-8155 or (606) 233-8228.

## Florida man arrested in murder case

by Janice Shepherd  
Managing Editor

A former Virgie resident was arrested in Florida Wednesday for the murder of a man whose decapitated body was found in an abandoned mine.

Robert James Frasier, accused in the slaying of Evert Lee Hall, was arrested around 5 p.m. April 10 by police officers in Titus Florida.

Hall's body was discovered deep in an underground mine at Caney Creek in Pike County after Kentucky State Police officers received tips that the man had been murdered.

State police officers had been investigating a missing persons report on Evert Lee Hall, 47, of Virgie, Pike County Sheriff's Detective Richard Ray and Kentucky State Police Detective Kenneth Slone investigated rumors that Hall was dead and was

buried somewhere in the Virgie area, according to state police records.

The officers got a break in the case when they received a tip that Hall's body was in an abandoned mine. Aided by David Phillips at the Kentucky Department of Mines and Minerals, the officers explored a mine on Caney Creek.

Hall's decapitated body was found about 1,200 feet inside the mine. The body was transported to the state med-

ical examiner's office in Frankfort where Dr. George Nichols and forensic anthropologist Dr. Emily Craig tentatively identified the remains as Evert Hall.

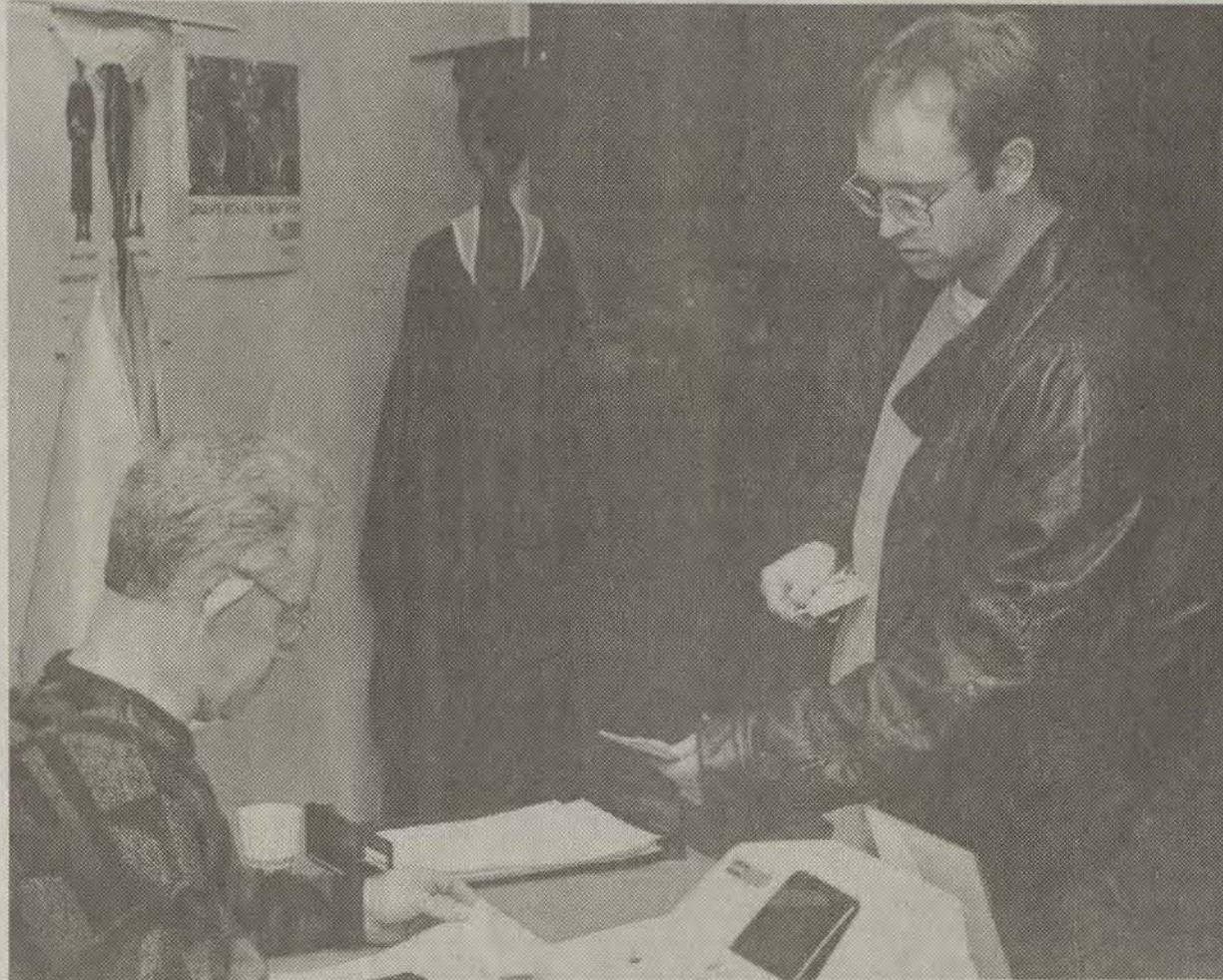
During their investigation, Slone and Ray uncovered enough information and evidence to obtain a murder indictment against Frasier, who left Virgie last summer and moved back to Titusville, Florida.

A photograph of Frasier and the

indictment warrant were sent to the Titusville Police Department and Frasier was arrested.

Kentucky State Police plan to initiate procedures to return Frasier to Pike for trial.

Officers involved in the investigation with Ray and Slone were Detective James McKenzie, Sheriff Charles Keese, Deputy Tim Mullins, Pike County Coroner Charles Morris and Deputy James Harman.



Getting ready for graduation at MSU

Morehead State University students are preparing for graduation exercises and checking out the job market. At a recent graduation fair, Sam Hager, right, Prestonsburg senior accounting major, talked with Bill Sharp, director of the University Bookstore, about the purchase of a cap and gown. MSU's Spring Commencement is set for Saturday, May 11, in Johnson Arena in the Academic-Athletic Center. (MSU photo by John Holbrook)

## Fight heats up for control of Magoffin Democratic party

Competition for leadership of the Magoffin County Democratic Party is heating up.

Battle lines are apparently being drawn between current county Democratic Chairman Dr. Charles Hardin and apparent challenger, Paul H. Salyer.

Hardin, the judge-executive of Magoffin County, has officially announced his intention to seek reelection as party chairman.

Salyer, a former Magoffin County judge-executive (1982-1990), who lost to Hardin in the 1993 primary for the Democratic nomination for judge-executive, has been lining up party support for the chairmanship.

The process for electing Democrat Party heads will take place on Saturday, April 13. Magoffin Democrats will gather at their respective precincts at 10 a.m. on that day to elect representatives to the Magoffin County Democratic Convention.

These elections are open to all registered Democratic voters in the county. Currently there are 6,979 registered Democrats in Magoffin County. Each precinct will elect three representatives, one man, one woman, and one person thirty years of age or younger.

For the first time, the elections will be decided by secret ballot. Historically, such elections have been conducted by a stand-up, or "head count" vote.

These delegates will in turn select 15 persons to serve on the Magoffin County Democratic Executive Committee. A chair and vice-chair will then be elected for the committee. These two positions must be held by persons of opposite gender.

While Hardin is the current chair-

man, Alma Arnett serves as the vice-chairman.

Election for the executive committee is slated for April 20, 10 a.m. Votes are cast on a weighted system according to the number of Democratic voters registered in each respective precinct, based on local party registration in November of 1995. For example, Ward II, with 766 registered Democrats, carries the

most votes, while Bayes precinct, with 276 Democrats, holds the least sway.

The executives committee is responsible for selecting a Democratic nominee to fill any positions vacated during a regular term. They also elect delegates to attend the Congressional District Convention and State Convention, to be held on June 15. — *The Salyersville Independent*

## Judge sends juror to jail

Martin Circuit Judge Stephen "Nick" Frazier sent a Martin County man to jail last Wednesday, April 3, after he violated the court's order to not discuss a case in which he was serving as a juror. The juror's statements forced Frazier to declare a mistrial in the case.

Robert Rufus Stepp, 21, of Inez, was sentenced by Frazier to ten days in jail and a fine of \$637.50 which represents the amount paid to jurors for the first day the trial was in session.

Stepp said nothing during a day of jury selection by the court in which he was repeatedly asked if there was any reason why he could not sit on the jury. But during the second day of the trial, a case in which David "Smokey" Maynard was on trial for allegedly shooting at three Kentucky State Police officers, Stepp was questioned by Judge Frazier about statements he made April 1 to the court bailiff about serving on the jury.

Stepp had told the bailiff that he "did not want to serve on the jury" and that he "had called his girlfriend about the trial and she told him that there may be a conflict because she (his girlfriend) is a relative of Smokey Maynard, the defendant." Stepp said he also may be a relative of Smokey Maynard.

During questioning by Frazier at a contempt hearing the following day (April 3), Stepp admitted what he had said to the bailiff the previous day.

"These actions are not only contempt of the court, but were performed contemptuously," Frazier told Stepp. He then sentenced Stepp to the jail time and fine. He added that if the fine is not paid at noon on the tenth day, Stepp will have to serve an addi-

tional 64 days in jail on the charge (\$10 per day).

Frazier said the cost of Stepp's actions to taxpayers could be as high as \$13,000. Costs include police officers present, jurors, other officers of the court, and witnesses, he said.

The Smokey Maynard case has been widely publicized since KSP Trooper Johnny Adkins chased two of Smokey Maynard's relatives to Maynard's home at Groundhog Hollow in the fall of 1994 and was forced to fire his weapon after one of the men allegedly pointed a pistol at him.

Any time a trooper is forced to discharge his weapon, an investigation by the KSP has to be made and when Sgt. Lynn Cross and Trooper Billy Hall and another officer went to Maynard's home to perform the investigation, Maynard allegedly fired at them with a .25 caliber pistol and was arrested soon after the incident.

Maynard was later indicted on three felony counts of wanton endangerment, three counts of terroristic threatening, and resisting arrest. He has been free on bond awaiting his day in court which came last week.

"You (defendant and others) are here in trial and to take such an attitude about something so important cannot be tolerated in a civilized society and it will not be tolerated here in Martin County," Frazier told Stepp.

Frazier's action is believed to be the first of its kind in Martin County but the judge warned that he will take the same steps in the future.

"The jury system is not to be taken lightly—anytime," Frazier said. — *The Martin County Sun*

## Former IDEA employee arrested for theft, forgery

by Kim Stacy  
Appalachian News-Express

A former executive assistant for the Pikeville-Pike County Industrial Development and Economic Authority was arrested Friday on theft and forgery charges related to her employment with the authority.

Teresa Gibson, 36, of Lexington, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Detective Kenneth Slone at 1:10 p.m. on charges of possession of a forged instrument, two counts of second-degree forgery and theft by deception.

The warrant said Gibson intentionally forged two signatures to a check in the amount of \$300 and cashed the check without the authority to do so.

The warrant did not say who the check was made out to or what account the check was drawn on.

However, Pike County Judge-Executive Donna Damron confirmed Tuesday afternoon the charges were related to Gibson's former employment with IDEA but refused to elaborate further on the charges.

Damron said the charges would be discussed further at a special called IDEA board meeting today at 10 a.m. Gibson was released on a \$5,000 bond. She now lives in Lexington and employed with CMS Industries.

Other arrests include:

Tuesday

Brian Keith Blankenship, 25, of Majestic, was arrested by the Kentucky State Police Trooper Steve Spurlock at 10:10 a.m. on a charge of terroristic threatening. The warrant said he threatened the life and safety of his mother.

Monday

Eric Cooley, 20, of Richmond, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper Damon Gayheart at 7:21 p.m. on charges of theft by unlawful taking, second-degree forgery and possession of a forged instrument. He was released on a \$10,000 bond.

Tracy Thacker, 23, of Raccoon, was arrested by Pikeville Post Officer Kevin Belcher at 5:15 p.m. on charges of driving under the influence (drugs) and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Brian White, 18, of Myra, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper Greg Roberts at 3:30 p.m. on charges of driving under the influence (drugs), possession of marijuana, having prescription drugs in an improper container and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Clarence Robinson, 58, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper Phil Bowersock at 12:10 p.m. on a charge of third-degree sexual abuse. He was released on a \$2,000 bond.

Evelyn Thornsbury, 41, address unavailable, was arrested by Pike County Sheriff's Deputy Tommy

Epling at 10:50 a.m. She was released on a \$2,000 bond.

Kellis McCoy Jr., 35, of Regina, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper Gary Lafferty at 6:10 a.m. on charges of criminal trespassing, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The warrant said McCoy went to his father's residence extremely intoxicated with a handgun and attempted to start a fight with his father. McCoy allegedly would not leave when his father asked him to do so.

McCoy then fell asleep, at which time his father called the police. When he was asked again to leave, he refused and was arrested.

James Chafin, 42, of Phelps, was arrested by Spurlock at 2:20 p.m. on a charge of fourth-degree assault (domestic violence). The warrant said Chafin struck his wife on the head and face.

Darlene Blankenship, 31, and Tommy Sherpinkes, 27, both of Freeburn, were arrested by Spurlock at 9:20 a.m. on charges of fourth-degree assault (domestic violence). The warrant said the brother and sister were fighting. Both were released on \$2,000 bonds.

Hershel Rife, 20, of Stopover, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper Tim Engle at 6:47 a.m. on a charge of driving under the influence (drugs). He was released on a \$5,000 bond.

David Biliter, 25, of Harold, was arrested by Gayheart at 4:55 a.m. on charges of driving on a DUI-suspended license and other traffic-related charges. He was released on a \$2,000 bond.

Howard Martin, 23, address unavailable, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper John Napier at midnight on charges of driving under the influence, reckless driving and other traffic-related charges. He was released on a \$2,000 bond.

Jonathan D. Mullins, 18, address unavailable, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper Mickey Watson at 7:45 p.m. on charges of theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting). He was released on a \$2,000 bond.

Scott Ratliff, 29, address unavailable, turned himself in at 8:45 a.m. to serve 20 days on a charge of terroristic threatening.

Darren Little, 21, of Pikeville, was arrested by Pikeville Police Officer Pam Spiccochi at 4:20 a.m. on a charge of alcohol intoxication and criminal trespassing. He was released on a \$2,000 bond.

Gretchen Bogan, 38, of Floyd Knobs, Ind., was arrested by Pikeville Police Officer Kelly Daniels at 2:37 a.m. on a charge of driving under the influence. She was released on a \$2,500 bond.

## Three county chase ends in arrest of Lexington man

A Kentucky State Police officer pursued the driver of a stolen vehicle through three counties Wednesday.

Trooper John Blanton began the pursuit around 9:12 a.m. after he tried to stop a vehicle allegedly stolen in the early morning hours of April 10 by Chevy R. Crain, 20, of Lexington.

Blanton began investigating the incident around 4:58 a.m. Wednesday when he responded to a complaint of a domestic disturbance on Burning Fork at Salyersville called in by Melissa Price.

Price reported that Crain had

stolen her 1986 Ford Escort. Blanton later spotted the vehicle on the Mountain Parkway and the chase began.

Blanton pursued Crain through Magoffin, Morgan and Wolfe counties before the chase was brought to a halt with the assistance of state police officers assigned to the Morehead Post.

Crain was arrested at Campton and charged with theft by unlawful taking, a felony; first degree wanton endangerment; reckless driving; and parole violation. He was lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center.

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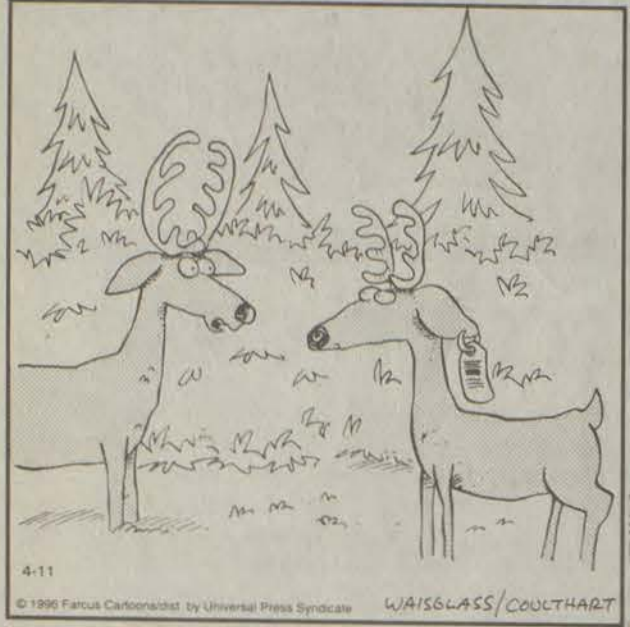
# The Friday Comics

## Farcus

by David Waisglass  
Gordon Coulthart

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## THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



## OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



## R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



## GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



"Take my advice and keep the alien abduction story to yourself."

"We need to improve morale ... any of you boneheads have a good idea?"



## BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL

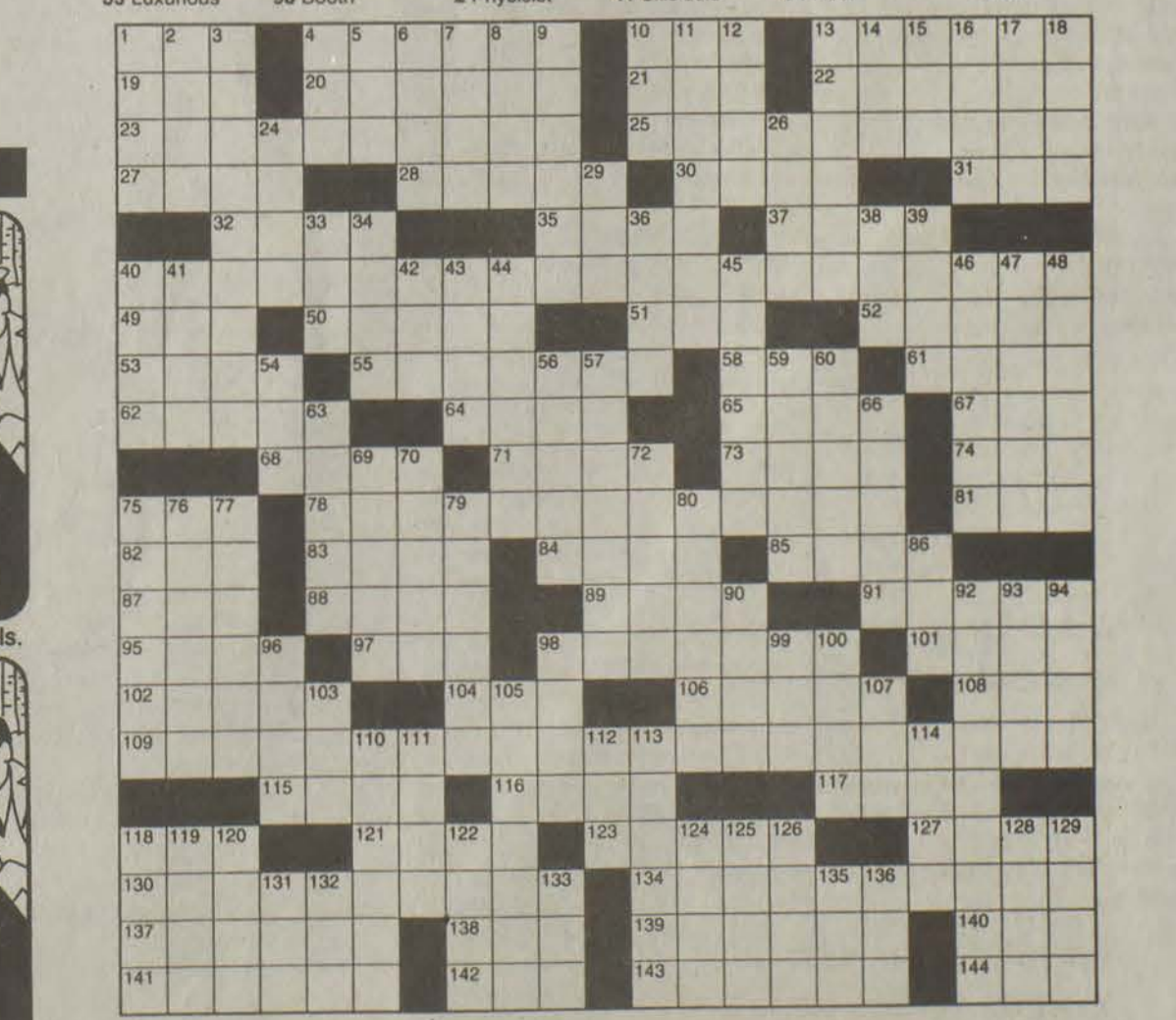


## BRINGING UP FATHER



## Super Crossword

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  - 19 Impresario Hurok
  - 20 Country homes
  - 21 M.D.'s org.
  - 22 Canada's capital
  - 23 Start of a remark by W.C. Fields
  - 25 It's down in the mouth
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  - 52 "My -- Sons"
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  - 87 Singer Davis
  - 88 Doe
  - 89 Apparel
  - 91 New Mexico's state flower
  - 95 Turkish title
  - 97 Luau
  - 98 Booth
  - 101 Henry VIII's widow
  - 102 Caroline, to Ted
  - 104 Vapor
  - 106 Figure at prayer
  - 108 He may woo ewe
  - 109 Part 4 of remark
  - 115 Nobelist Wiesel
  - 116 Barbecue
  - 117 McHale's outfit
  - 118 Go in snow
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  - 134 End of remark
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  - 143 "The -- of Swat" (Babe Ruth)
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  - 40 Bulk
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  - 43 Shanna of "Major Dad"
  - 44 Rumbles
  - 45 Graves or Stratas
  - 46 Sibyl
  - 47 Hold on to the wind
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  - 56 Bounded
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  - 60 " -- nice day!"
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  - 66 Janet Jackson hit
  - 69 Sluggish sort
  - 70 Gleam
  - 72 Golfing great Sam
  - 75 Racy French city?
  - 76 Leisurely, to Lully
  - 77 Prestige
  - 79 Spectrum shade
  - 80 Actor Len
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  - 90 Roseanne, formerly
  - 92 Postpone
  - 93 Zodiac crustacean
  - 94 Host
  - 96 Need a rubdown
  - 98 Gilligan's home
  - 99 A Bobbsey twin
  - 100 Ever's partner
  - 103 Sniggler's quarry
  - 105 Linz's locale
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  - 112 Apply lightly
  - 113 Indisputable facts
  - 114 Depraved
  - 118 Tiff
  - 119 Legionnaire's chapeau
  - 120 Rock's -- Butterfly
  - 122 Klutz's cry
  - 124 G
  - 125 Swiss sharpshooter
  - 126 Give off
  - 128 Austin of "Knots Landing"
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## MagicMaze

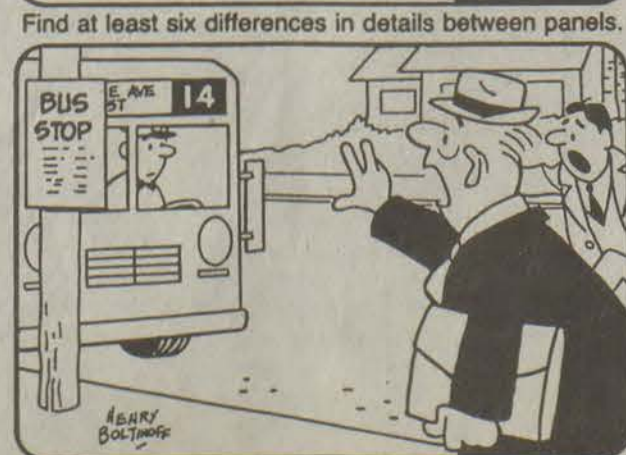
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Bears
- Bengals
- Broncos
- Chiefs
- Colts
- Cowboys
- Dolphins
- Eagles
- Giants
- Jets
- Raiders
- Rams
- Redskins
- Steelers
- Vikings

## Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

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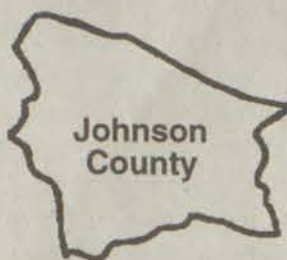
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# Big Sandy Briefs

## The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results  
April 10, 1996

LOTTO KENTUCKY  
16-29-30-36-39-40  
Next Estimated Jackpot  
\$12 million  
POWERBALL  
02-10-23-31-37 (40)  
Next Estimated Jackpot  
\$21 million



Johnson County

### City hall's going after tax scofflaws

If you are a Paintsville business owner who hasn't paid the city's mandatory business permit fee or occupational tax you better beware. The city is coming after you.

And they are coming not just with civil actions, but in some cases may go for the criminal misdemeanor charges that can result in jail time as well as fines.

Paintsville City Council members were in agreement that more must be done to collect the money, especially the occupational tax.

That tax, according to financial director Robert Conley, is the single biggest source of revenue for the city. That fiscal year, which ends June 30, it's budgeted to bring in \$625,000. About \$508,000 has been collected through March. Because some businesses have never paid the occupational tax, which is about 20 years old, finding the scofflaws will take a bit of work.

Some of that work, according to Mayor Robin Cooper, is as simple as having officers check individual businesses for compliance. Also, matching permit purchases against the list of occupational tax payers should turn up those who haven't paid.

Because there is no record of just who hadn't paid the tax and for how long they have owed there is no estimate of just how much money the city is out, the mayor and Conley said.

City Attorney Frank Heaberlin say the occupational tax law required that Paintsville businesses open their books for an inspection or audit to verify compliance. Additionally, if the city files suit it can subpoena business records.

And for those against whom criminal penalties are pursued, Heaberlin said each failure to comply, or each day the tax goes unpaid, constitutes a separate count or offense. — *The Paintsville Herald*

### Burglar nets cash in break-in

A late-night burglar cleaned out the safe of a local restaurant earlier this week.

Employees at Mr. Gatti's in Mayo Plaza noticed approximately \$1,100 missing shortly after arriving for work Monday morning, according to police reports.

Manager Jeff Hitchcock said that the thief got away with all the cash in the safe, as well as rolls of quarters and dimes. However, the culprit left behind loose change and rolls of nickels and pennies.

Both police and Hitchcock say that the safe and a door were found open Monday. Hitchcock said that it is possible the safe and the back door to the restaurant had been open overnight.

The burglary occurred sometime between 11 p.m. Sunday night and 7:40 a.m. Monday morning.

The incident is being investigated by Paintsville assistant police chief Steve Fitch. No suspects have been identified. — *The Paintsville Herald*



Magoffin County

### Murder trial continued

Trial for the Martin County man accused of killing 21-year-old East Point resident Jeff Nelson was continued in Martin Circuit Court.

Judge James A. Knight granted a continuance motion by Tim Maynard's attorney, who apparently needed more time to prepare the defense case. Knight rescheduled the trial for April 29.

Maynard, of Pigeon Roost, is accused of murder in the June 29, stabbing death of Nelson, whose body was found July 8, near a road in Martin County. — *The Salyersville Independent*

### Jury rigging trial of seven began Monday

The trial of seven persons charged in an alleged scheme to rig a jury in Magoffin County Circuit Court was scheduled to begin April 8, in the Pikeville District of U.S. Federal Court.

The trial date set earlier for January 8, was moved to April 8 due to a scheduling conflict.

Scheduled to start trial are Magoffin County Circuit Clerk Roger Gullett, former Magoffin County jailer Colin Ray Jackson, jury members Debra Helton, Homer "Bill Dodd" May, Donald Epling of Pikeville, a witness in the trial, Mark D. Bartley, the lawsuit's plaintiff, and his father, Eppie Bartley, both of Ashcamp in Pike County.

The seven were charged with conspiracy to defraud two insurance companies and four counts each of mail fraud.

Two others charged in the initial indictments by a federal grand jury in October 1994, were Bobby Earl Arnett and former Magoffin County Sheriff Thomas Ryan "Skip" Salyer, entered guilty pleas in February 1995, before Judge Joseph Hood. They are awaiting sentencing. — *The Salyersville Independent*

tered at the scene but none reported such a purchase. There are no suspects at the present time but the investigation is ongoing. — *The Martin County Sun*

### Cordless telephone users should be aware of unknown listeners

Countless numbers of Martin County residents have purchased cordless telephones because of their mobility and convenience but they should be aware that their conversations over these type phones may not be as "private" as they would like.

Cordless telephone conversations can be easily intercepted by persons using police scanners and the number of scanners is growing daily, Sheriff Darriel Young said last week.

A warning in manuals included with cordless phones which explains that conversations may be intercepted has been overlooked by many local residents, Young explained.

"People who are not trying to eavesdrop on phone conversations hear them when they are listening to their scanners and believe me, a lot of people have scanners these days," Young added. — *The Martin County Sun*

Concerned Citizens for Pike County.

The suit alleges that the county's fiscal court, through a majority vote, "illegally, arbitrarily and without any basis in law or fact, authorized the expenditure of public monies" on a bridge at Cow Hollow Road know as Kemie Phillips Bridge.

The lawsuit also says the bridge is not in the county road system.

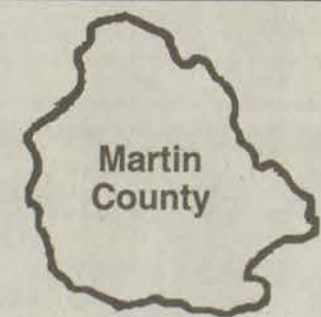
The bridge has a long history with the county in that the previous fiscal court approved emergency repairs to the bridge in April 1993. However, the repair work was never done.

The repair work took place in September 1994. County records showed the materials cost \$3,000; however, equipment and labor costs were not included in that figure.

The lawsuit asks that the county be permanently barred from spending additional public money on the bridge as long as it benefits only one individual.

Residents living near the bridge were divided on the issue of whether it led to a private residence or a residence and business. Court records show, however, that eight landowners petitioned the court to take the bridge into the county road system.

Eric Conn, attorney for the citizens group, said he expects the non-jury trial to conclude in one day, adding he expected to call about six witnesses to testify although many more have been subpoenaed. — *The Appalachian News-Express*



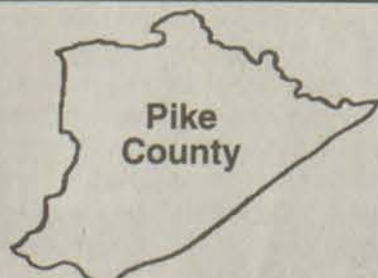
Martin County

### Vandals scatter nails in road at Stepp Bottom Bridge

Several vehicles received damage to their tires last week when unknown vandals apparently placed an assortment of nails in a road that serves as a bypass to Stepp Bottom while a new bridge is under construction.

Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young said that residents of Stepp Bottom reported early Thursday morning that nails had been scattered in their road. One caller said nine nails were found in his tires after just one pass through the road.

Sheriff's deputies investigated the incident by checking with local hardware stores for a recent purchase of three to five pounds of roofing type nails which were found scat-



Pike County

### Additional equipment purchased for E-911

The E-911 board has agreed to purchase a laptop computer for the technician at the Kentucky State Police post.

At a cost of \$4,053, the computer will be used in case of problems with the newly-installed equipment that will serve the E-911 dispatchers. All software will be maintained on the laptop, acquired at state contract price. — *The Appalachian News-Express*

### Judge to hear suit over county bridge repair

A 1994 lawsuit filed over the county's repair of a Feds Creek bridge is set to go before a judge Tuesday.

Pike Circuit Judge Eddy Coleman will hear the case, filed against the county in December 1994 by the



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## News of the Weird

by Chuck Shepherd

In February, the British Columbia Supreme Court acquitted a 26-year-old man with a sleep disorder of sexually assaulting a 4-year-old girl because the assault occurred while he was allegedly asleep. In 1995, a man in Calgary was acquitted of sexual assault using the same defense, and in 1987, an Ontario man who stabbed his mother-in-law to death after having driven 20 kilometers on a busy highway to get to her house also proved he had a sleep disorder and was acquitted on the same ground.

### GOVERNMENT IN ACTION

— A Houston Chronicle investigation published in February revealed that only rarely does a complaint to the state Board of Examiners of Psychologists result in suspension or revocation of a license. One Temple, Texas, psychologist admitted pointing a gun to his head in a suicide threat, shooting a gun inside his home, seducing a patient, and carving a pentagram into his arm with a knife; he's still practicing. While the board is not quick to pull licenses, it often requires that troubled psychologists get psychological counseling.

— In October, Pennsylvania Rep. Alan Butkowitz introduced legislation to end a disparity in state law. Under the unsatisfactory law, a drunk driver who causes an accident and fails his blood-alcohol test is subject to a felony charge, but one who manages to flee the scene before the cops get there, sober up and turn him-

self in later is subject only to a misdemeanor.

— Former Orange County (Calif.) Treasurer Robert L. Citron, who is awaiting sentencing for fraud in mishandling the county's finances, said in December that the reason his investment decisions plunged the county into the biggest local-government bankruptcy in history in 1994 was the bad advice he had received on interest rates from a mail-order psychic. The good news for Citron, according to Anaheim, Calif., chancellor Barbara Connor, is that Citron said he learned during two trances last year that he would receive community service but no jail time for his conviction.

— Program analysts hired by the CIA to evaluate its \$20 million project to use psychics to gather intelligence concluded in November that the psychics were accurate about 15 percent of the time. Among the psychics' tasks were to track down Moammar Gadhafi so that he could be hit in the 1986 bombing of Libya and to locate the plutonium squirreled away in North Korea. According to columnist Jack Anderson, the Pentagon adopted the program in the early 1970s because the Soviet Union was making extensive use of psychics.

— In December, less than three months after he had sold federal land worth \$1 billion in mining rights to a Danish company for \$275, Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt was forced to sell another \$2.9 billion piece of land in Arizona for \$1,745. Babbitt is required to make these sales under an 1872 federal law, which Western senators refuse to change.

### OOPS!

— Recent Highway Truck Spills: two dozen bags of coins from an armored truck, and kegs and bottles from

a beer truck, in Washington, D.C., in November; a half-ton of cat litter, in Stafford County, Va., in March; dozens of boxes of socks in Decatur, Ala., in January; and animal blood, which dripped out of a tanker and stained a highway for 20 miles near Syracuse, Kan., in February.

— In December, Eric Dulkan, 19, failed his driver's test in Chicago when he inadvertently accelerated as he was leaving the parking lot, causing his car to fishtail and smash through a window in the licensing-office building. In Greenville, S.C., in November, a 15-year-old boy driving a stolen car saw his grandmother driving toward him in traffic, ducked down to avoid her seeing him and inadvertently hit the gas pedal, causing his car to smash into hers. (Injuries were minor.)

— In February in Winona, Minn., firefighters had to be called to rescue Mary Tyler, 39, after her hand got stuck in her toilet as she tried to retrieve a deodorant container that had fallen in.

— Lowell Altwater, 80, was charged with negligent assault in Sandusky, Ohio, in November after he thought he saw a rat in his barn and fired his shotgun at it. It turned out to be his wife's hat, which she was wearing. Mrs. Altwater begged police not to file charges, but they did, in part because Lowell had shot himself in the leg in 1992 in the same barn after thinking then, too, that he had spotted a rat.

— In January near Branford, Conn., Mark Sullivan, 41, was about to bite into a Big Mac while driving on an icy road when his car spun into a concrete divider. The first rescuer on the scene found "McDonald's wrappers and French fries all over the place" and Sullivan turning blue, the sandwich having been thrust down his throat by the impact. (He's fine now.)

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## Popperri

by Scott Perry

Okay guys, if you've been wondering why you're always wondering and why you've started acting, sounding and looking like your dads, the scientific community has come up with an explanation.

You are afflicted with the incredible shrinking brain.

While this physiological phenomenon is most prevalent in men, brain shrink affects women, too. The symptoms are not so recognizable in women, though, because, as we all know, women have two brains. They always carry a spare in their purses and use them strictly for long-term memory storage.

Whenever women need to recall some transgression you made, say, twenty years ago, they slip off to the ladies room on the pretense of powdering their noses, but they're really plugging into that spare brain, which is chock-full of data concerning your past.

It's sort of like a criminal rap sheet.

You, on the other hand, have no ability to defend yourself from these long-forgotten slip-ups because you have just one brain and it has shrunk to the size of a golf ball, which explains why so many of us guys can remember who won the Masters in 1986 (Jack Nicklaus), but we can't recall who was Vice President in 1996 (Gore Vidal?).

Who cares who the Vice President is, anyway?

Brain shrink, as best we can tell, is an unavoidable side effect of the aging process in men but it is not one we guys should be too alarmed about.

Since one of the basic scientific principles suggests that matter can be neither created nor destroyed, we have a theory that there is a distinct relationship between the decrease of our brain sizes and the increase of our waist sizes.

Thus the time-honored tenet that we guys "think with our stomachs" as we get older.

So, we're not really getting dumber, or fatter, we're just relocating our reasoning tools to an area where we can keep a closer eye on them.

Naturally, you stand to lose something in the transition, mostly those long-term memories about things like anniversaries, birthdays and promises you made to get out of some sort of trouble.

Don't need those memories, anyway.

The wife has a pocketbook full of them.

## Critic's Corner

by Michael Greene

### Two Much

If you ask me, the Europeans, the British in particular, excel at the genre of farce, especially with a sexual theme. While I don't mean to sound disparaging, we Americans are just too direct and forthright to capture the nuances necessary to make the sexual farce a success. And thus it is with this flick.

Antonio Banderas portrays a character named Art Dodge (how obviously Dickensian). He's a minor Miami art dealer, but through the grace of fate, finds himself engaged to the obscenely rich and eccentric Betty Kerner (Melanie Griffith). Unfortunately for Art, he's got a roving eye which happens to light upon Betty's high-falutin' sister, Liz (Daryl Hannah).

Ever practical, Dodge has to find a way to woo the sister of his choice without jeopardizing his potential liaison with Betty. Thus, he decides to disguise himself as his own fictitious twin brother, Bart. The difference in appearance is accomplished through the use of glasses and a wig. Bart is supposedly a struggling artist (a career abandoned by Art years hence).

Most likely, the only thing this movie accomplished is the matching up of Banderas and Griffith, soon to become parents. Other than that, there is nothing here to recommend this flick at all.

Granted, there's a wonderful cast assembled. We have Eli Wallach as Art's father and we have supporting players in no less than Danny Aiello, Joan Cusack, Austin Pendleton and Vincent Schiavelli. The problem lies with the filmmaker, Fernando Trueba, who tried desperately to bring his "Belle Epoque" '94 Oscar winner for Best Foreign Language Film to this country. Something is definitely lost in the translation.

My rating: 1/2\*.

# Blattara

The Weekend

## Alford scheduled to open for Exile

The Troubadour Concert Series is rolling through the spring of 1996 with no signs of slowing down.

Scheduled for performance Friday, April 12 are Exile with J.P. Pennington and Les Taylor. Opening the concert will be the 1995 winner of the Jim Beam Country Talent contest, Brad Alford.

The Troubadour Series "is like a big community party and nobody wants to go home" says folksinger and series producer Michael Johnathon. "What started out as a simple six concert project at the Kentucky Theatre in Lexington has turned into a full blown concert free-for-all in two cities."

The Troubadour Concert Series expanded from Lexington into the historic Paramount Arts Center last April. Although slow to find its audience at first, the Paramount has since begun to outsell its Lexington sister series.

"I think the audiences in the area couldn't quite at first believe that artists like Gordon Lightfoot, Dave Brubeck of Shawn Colvin were eleven in their backyard, no less for a low ticket price" says Johnathon. Artists who performed for the series last year included Arlo Guthrie, Kris Kristofferson, Little Feat, the Jayhawks and more."

Firmly established in Lexington by the time it expanded into the Paramount, audiences on both sides have poured into all three of the Theatres (Opera House and Kentucky Theatre in Lexington; the Paramount in Ashland) to experience the unique warmth and clarity of the concerts. Clear sound systems, comfortable seating, low ticket prices and family-type surroundings have accelerated the popularity

and "Folk-a-pa-looza" atmosphere of the concert events.

Volunteer run and financially supported by Budweiser (even though there

are no beer sales in any Theatre), the series has also attracted a unique arrangement of media co-sponsors. Competing radio stations actually co-promote the same concerts and give away tickets to audience winners with other radio stations' logos on them. In the highly competitive world of media promotion, it is an achievement that has captured the attention of the music world as a whole.

The popularity of the project has also become the drooling envy of several other theatres and cities around the country. To date, eleven venues in ten cities have approached the series to expand into their markets. Johnathon, who is busy with two album releases this year, plus his own touring schedule, turned down requests to bring the Troubadour Concert Series into Bowling Green and Indianapolis, Knoxville and Cincinnati, among others.

"We're not into the 'McConcerts' concept at all. This is hometown fun, volunteer supported," says Johnathon. "It's not a business. I let it into Ashland because Appalachia NEVER gets this music, and that's where it all came from to begin with. The art has to come first always..."

Johnathon toured with Judy Collins this summer, and was one third of the Acoustic Rainbow tour this fall with fellow songwriters David Gates (from the 70s supergroup BREAD) and country star Billy Dean. Johnathon's latest album, WoodSongs, features the artistry of JD Crow, Jean Ritchie and Winchester mandolin master Homer Ledford.

It is these connections, along with a tightly run volunteer organi-

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Opening act

Opening the concert for Exile April 12 will be the 1995 winner of the Jim Beam Country Talent contest, Brad Alford. Tickets are only \$15.50 plus tax and service charge, available at the Paramount Arts Center, 1300 Winchester Ave., Ashland. For ticket information call 606-324-3175.

### IT'S HELEN IN GEORGIA

(Prologue)

Once again my three siblings and my mother and I, took five soul searching, painstaking minutes to plan our "family get-together" vacation. After careful deliberation, we decided to spend five fun-filled days in that world renowned Alpine resort, which lies on the edge of the hazy Blue Ridge Mountains, known as Helen, Georgia.

And it was.

Instead of our usual one car caravan, we chose to take two vehicles because Melinda and I had to leave earlier than the rest of the clan. So as Amanda and I cruised down I-75 south, with Melinda, Jenny and Mother in the lead, we decided to use our car phones to talk.

"What's the matter, Amanda?" I asked as she dialed.

"The line's busy," she replied. "Wonder who they called?"

"Probably us."

"I should have known our family needed call-waiting installed on a car phone," she said in a serious tone.



When we stopped to refuel and eat, Jenny asked if I was looking forward to seeing the comic. "Which one?" I asked. "Robin Williams, Steve Martin? I'm glad we'll have entertainment at this place."

"That's comet spelled with an E-T. It has a tail and all."

My heart sank. From what I had gleaned from Amanda, the activities in Helen were limited to Alpine tubing and team yodeling, both of which I find as exciting as open heart surgery and slamming my pinkie in the car door.

"Come on, Sara," Melinda hollered as she got back into the car with a fresh bag of pretzels and a sack of

Hershey's kisses. "You ride with us, Mom, you go with Amanda." As usual, Melinda was in command of the situation. When she said mush, we mushed. Three hours later we pulled into a food/gas station to look at the atlas. We had not seen any signs directing us to Helen, so Melinda was afraid WE might have verred off course.

"How old is this atlas, Amanda?" Melinda asked as she moved her finger up and down the vein-lined paper.

"It says nineteen eighty-three."

"That explains the Louisiana Purchase and the Northwest Territory in bold print."

Has anyone seen anything that resembles asphalt? Melinda asked.

We decided to go inside and ask directions from the checkout clerk whose aimless gaze told us the lobotomy had been successful. There were also three men who were standing idly around wearing "You Might Be A Redneck If" T-shirts talking about sheep.

"Yup. It's okay that we can sheer'em and cook'em,

(See Smile, page five)







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