

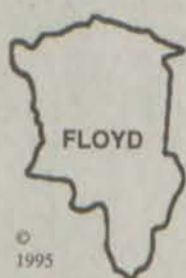
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Early retirement plan rejected by 2-2 board vote

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

An effort by Superintendent Dr. John Balentine to bring the finances of the Floyd County School System into line failed Tuesday night when school board members refused to put the issue on the table for a vote.

Balentine offered a 50 percent payment of accumulated sick leave for employees eligible for retirement — those having 26 or more

years of service to the teaching profession, but board members refused to make a motion to consider the issue.

The early-retirement offer was also extended to classified workers as well as certified professionals.

"I think an incentive would be nice, but I'm not sure this is the incentive we need to offer," board member Phyllis Honshell said.

"Eleven years ago, we agreed to offer a 30 percent payment for those retiring," board member Ray Brackett added. "I think it is unfair to single out one group for a 50 percent payment and then turn around and offer just 30 percent next year. With our budget situation, I can't vote for it."

But helping the budget is just what Balentine said he intended to do when he put the incentive together. When older, more experienced teachers retire, they are most often replaced with first-year teachers who are paid several thousand dollars a year less.

Balentine said he estimated that 12 people would take advantage of the offer if it was approved, costing the system about \$70,000. In turn, those 12 positions would have been filled by first-year and second-year teachers who were laid off earlier this year.

Those teachers' salaries average about \$26,000 with benefits while teachers with more than 25 years of experience make between \$10,000 and \$12,000 more than that each year.

The move could have saved the system about \$100,000 in the com-

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Board splits on calendar alternatives

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

The issue of an alternative calendar for schools within the school system has obviously divided the Floyd County School Board.

A motion to allow Betsy Layne High School and Betsy Layne Elementary to continue their alternative calendar next year, made by board member Ursal Ray Wilcox, failed on a 2-2 vote Tuesday night.

Board members Wilcox and Brackett voted to allow the schools to continue the practice while board members Phyllis Honshell and Eddie Patton voted against the move. "On the advice of council," Honshell said.

Board member Dr. Brent Clark was absent from the meeting.

Wilcox motion comes a month after the board voted to use one, traditional, calendar for all the schools in the district.

"This is a school system, not a system of schools," Superintendent Dr. John Balentine said at that meeting. "We need to all be on the same calendar. That vote was 3-2, with Wilcox and Clark voting to let the schools maintain their alternative schedules."

Board attorney Phil Damron advised the board that it would be in violation of state law if it approved the change from the original vote.

He said the board can only choose a calendar the superintendent has recommended. He emphasized that the board could not make its own recommendation and vote

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Some seeing red over school name, colors

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

The residents of Martin bleed purple and gold and they want everyone to know it.

They also want the school board to keep the school's name, its mascot, and the colors.

But they may have been barking up the wrong tree Tuesday night when they asked the Floyd County school board to allow them to keep the name, colors and mascot.

"I'm a former student of the Martin High School," Thomasina Robinson told members of the board during the regular school board. "I'm here to express the concerns of the business people of Martin about the name of the consolidated middle school."

But board members said the issue wasn't on the agenda and that it was to be handled by the site-based councils at each of the school.

Students from the Martin and Maytown areas will be consolidated into two schools with students in grades kindergarten through fifth attending classes at the new facility being built on Stephens Branch. Students in grades six through eight will participate in a middle school program at the current Martin facility.

"We should remain the Purple Flash," Robinson said. "We have purple and gold blood running through our veins."

She said she had secured 630 signatures over a three-day period to help persuade the board to retain the current name.

"This is no reflection on our neighbors from Maytown," Robinson said. "We are unique and we think we should be able to keep this unique mascot and the unique colors."

Dr. John Balentine, superintendent

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Come Soar With Us

Fifth grade students at Prestonsburg Elementary School were rewarded for their years of hard work Thursday morning with hot air balloon trips. According to Rebel Reynolds, director of the family resource center at Prestonsburg and coordinator of the Come Soar With Us program, all fifth graders got a chance to ride in the balloon. It rose 75 feet in the air and was anchored to the ground with tethers. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Number of teaching layoffs likely to decline with recalls

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

At least 25 of 69 teachers who were handed pink slips in April will have jobs to go back to when school starts in the fall.

Floyd County superintendent Dr. John Balentine announced that principals would receive the recall list this week and could begin notifying those teachers immediately.

But at least one unnamed site-based decision-making council has indicated it thinks the board is overstepping its bounds by telling principals which personnel it must

recall.

Phil Damron, attorney for the board, told members that the state has advised that site-based council that it does not have to use the recall list provided by the superintendent when it hires teachers back in the fall.

"They indicated this interferes with the rights of the site-based council," Damron said. "We can continue to rehire from the list until June 30, but after that we can hire from the list only for non-site-based schools."

He agreed with the board that the state's decision is "not fair

under these circumstances, but we have to do this in a way that doesn't interfere with their rights," Damron said.

Board chairman Eddie Patton asked if that means the site-based council can hire who they want for the openings and not pick from the list.

Damron told him that is possible, but if the councils don't hire from the lists, "they're using some other standard" for choosing their teachers.

He said only first- and second-year teachers who had satisfactory evaluations could be on the recall list in the first place.

Balentine said he would have a "hard time giving them a new list" from which to choose their replacements if council members didn't choose those teachers who had been laid off from the system.

"I was hoping they'd rehire those teachers who had been laid off before they hired teachers from other counties," he said. "I want to give those teachers a chance to come back. I'm going to do everything in my power to get them back to work."

He said he expects more recalls, but doesn't expect the system will be able to bring back additional teachers until the board "gets a firm handle on its budget for next year." Budget discussions are scheduled to begin after June 30.

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City, Corps agree to swap; property taxes are to be waived temporarily

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

The city of Prestonsburg and the Corps of Engineers are making a trade.

The two are trading two pieces of land in order to make a proposed recreation center a reality.

"After Costain looked at the land on this end they said there wouldn't be as much land as we need for the golf course after it is mined," Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin said Monday during a regu-

lar meeting of the council. "We decided to ask if we could shift the parcel from this end to the other end and the Corps of Engineers agreed."

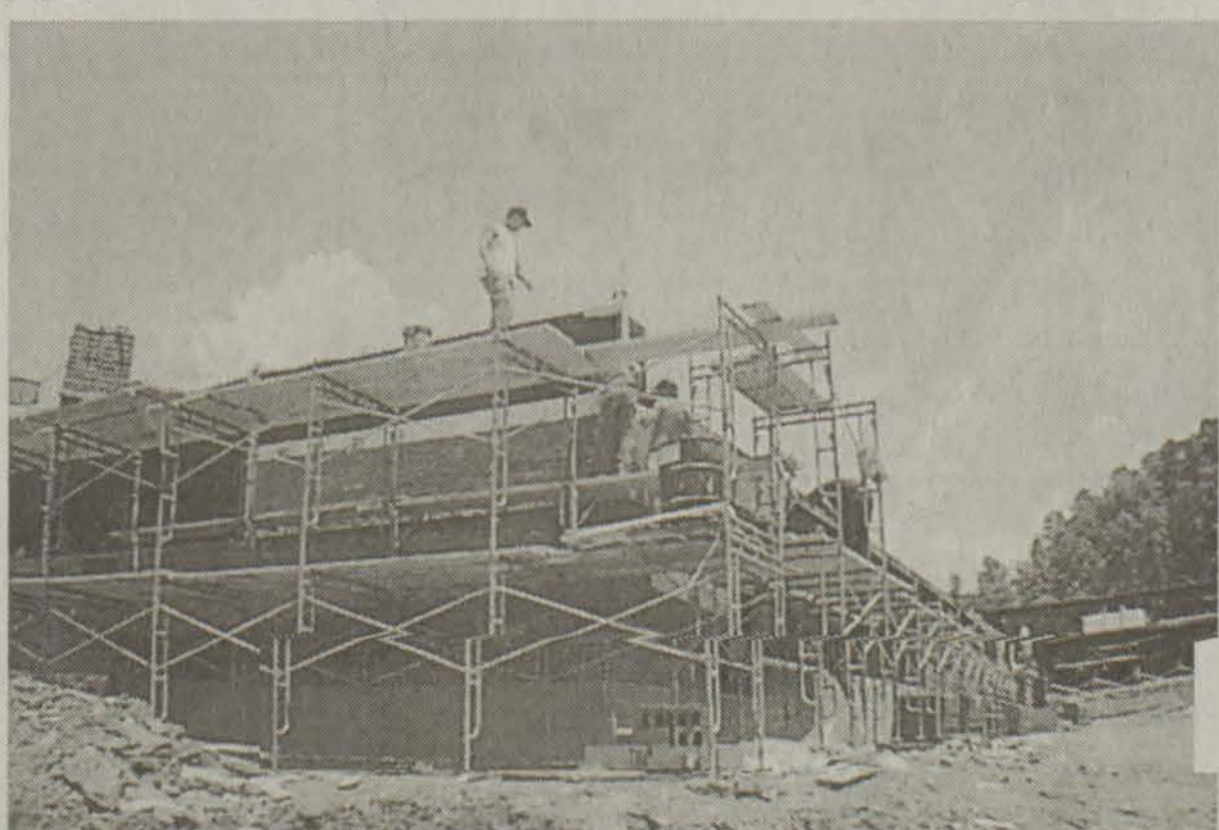
The swap means there will be direct access from the state park to the recreational facility, something that would not have been possible before.

In connection with the project, the city agreed to purchase property owned by Wanda Hamilton. The land connects with the golf course property and the city will pay

Hamilton \$40,000.

The council also agreed to waive all property taxes for residents whose property is being annexed along with the property donated to the city for the recreation facility.

Fannin explained that only about 600 acres of the 3,600 to be annexed will be developed. He said the city is annexing from an elevation of about 800 feet up to the ridge line.



Moving on up...

Residents of Martin are in an uproar over the possibility that Martin Elementary could be renamed and the school could lose its mascot and colors when the new school at Stephens Branch, pictured above, opens, possibly this fall. See related story in Sports, page 10. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Costs may doom city ambulance operation

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

Less than nine months after the city of Prestonsburg's ambulance made its first run, council members are looking at ways to cut costs — or possibly cut the service altogether.

During a recent meeting of the finance and revenue committee, council members struggled with the bottom line and focused on the service that has brought in only about \$6,000 since it started last September.

The budget council gave first reading to earlier this week includes only the salaries of the EMTs required to run the ambulance and about \$1,000 in medical supplies for the unit.

Eliminated was \$25,000 for a new ambulance.

"We can cut that and keep the old one running, work on it, for another year," Tom Blackburn, Prestonsburg Fire Chief, told the committee.

Committee members agreed. "We need a little more history running an ambulance before we buy another one," council member Estill Carter said at that meeting, which was held June 7. "Up until now, there's been a negative cash flow. Right now we couldn't justify that kind of expense."

A necessary service

But that's where Blackburn and Carter disagree.

Blackburn says the city should decide if it wants to provide its residents a service — like it does with police protection — or if it is strictly interested in making money off the ambulance.

"I've been with the department since the 1960s," Blackburn said during an interview June 10. "There were long waits at wrecks and heart attacks. No other service was ever able to hold back an ambulance for city calls. That became unacceptable to us."

The ambulance is operating under the license of Respond Ambulance Service. That company gets 25 percent of any money collected on runs made by the city in exchange for the city's use of its license.

All the paperwork has been completed so that the city can get its own license, but that license

(See Doom, page two)

Burglary case to be heard by grand jury

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Prestonsburg man, whose name has become very familiar to the county attorney's office, received a birthday gift he will not forget for a long time — he was arrested and charged with second-degree burglary.

John M. McKenzie, who turned 24 on the date of his arrest, and Paul R. Setser, 20, were arraigned Monday in Floyd District Court for allegedly breaking into the home of Robin L. Jarrell, of Stumbo Hollow, and taking three prescription bottles of medicine, according to court records.

McKenzie and Setser were arrested on Saturday, June 8.

District Judge James R. Allen entered not-guilty pleas to the defendants' felony charges. Assistant County Attorney Lance Daniels

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Mud Creek housing project set to open in middle of July

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners finalized details at a special meeting Tuesday for the opening of the Creekside Village, the Mud Creek housing project.

Julia Mayo May, executive director, informed the board that the Mud Creek project is scheduled to open mid-July, but a few details needed to be decided before the opening.

May advised the board that a utility allowance for the project needed to be adopted. She said the board needed to determine a fair allowance to deduct from the rent because tenants pay their own electric bills.

The board voted to accept an allowance of \$48 for two-bedroom apartments and \$58 for a three-bedroom.

May said Kentucky Power Company had estimated a slightly lower amount, but the figures were determined by taking the average electric bills from Warco and Ivy Creek Apartments.

Secondly, the board discussed naming the Mud Creek project. One board member disagreed that the housing development should be named Mud Creek Apartments, because the name provides a negative connotation.

After considering a suggestion made by Patsy Ryan to name the project Creekside Apartments, the board approved Creekside Village.

Other items on the agenda included the Public Housing Management Assistance Program and nomination for vice-chairmanship of the board.

"We are rated every year," May said. "But the procedure now is we rate ourselves on certain portions and HUD (Housing and Urban Development) rates us in other portions."

Ryan said the board rates the housing projects by looking at their records and matching what they have done with the criteria laid out by HUD.

May said Floyd County Housing has a vacancy rate of zero — meaning every unit is ready within five days from the time of vacancy, and the rent delinquency rate is one percent. Ryan explained that the rent collection is the total of rents that are

uncollected as presented out as amount collected. In other words, the housing authority collects 99 percent of the rent owed by tenants.

May also said the tenant accounts receivable is three percent. She explained that HUD guidelines require the tenant accounts receivable remain under ten percent.

Ryan clarified that the tenant accounts receivable is the amount tenants owe the housing authority and are paying through a payment agreement.

May informed the board that for the past three years, the housing authority has received exceptionally high ratings from HUD.

In 1992, the housing authority received a 90.5 percent, a 97.8 percent in 1993, and 95.5 percent in 1994.

May said she anticipated receiving a score in the 90's as well for this year, and this is because of the tenants and workers for the housing authority.

Final action taken by the housing authority board was the nomination of Morris Hilton as the vice chairman. Hilton accepted the nomination.

Anyone interested in applying for a housing unit at Creekside Village should contact one of the Floyd County Housing Authority offices in Ivy Creek, Warco, or Left Beaver Creek.



Aiken-Jacobs to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Aiken of Prestonsburg, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, MaShawna Renee, and Joseph Bryon Jacobs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph G. Jacobs of Stanville. The marriage will take place on June 22 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martha Catholic Church on Lancer/Water Gap Road. The gracious custom of an open wedding will be observed. Reprinted due to error.

Grand

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recommended a \$15,000 cash bond for McKenzie and added that the county attorney's office receives five to ten complaints per week against McKenzie. Daniels also said more arrest warrants for McKenzie are pending.

"Some way we are going to change you," Allen told McKenzie. A \$10,000 cash bond was set for Setser's felony charge.

A preliminary hearing for both cases was held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday.

At the hearing, Jarrell testified that when she arrived home about 12:12 a.m. on the night of the burglary, she saw two men running through her back yard. She said she identified McKenzie as he was running, but could not identify the other man who was wearing a ball cap.

Jarrell said she found the cap on the edge of her property line, and a neighbor would testify that Setser and McKenzie had been to her house earlier in the evening to use the telephone, and Setser was wearing the ball cap.

Jarrell said she called the sheriff's office and deputies Charlie Thompson, Shawn Roop, and two state police troopers came to the scene and took fingerprints off a collector's liquor bottle and the screen door. She added that hair samples were also taken from the hat.

McKenzie's attorney, John Coleman, asked Jarrell what proof she had that McKenzie was the subject who broke into her house, she said she had recorded a phone conversation with McKenzie confessing to the burglary and offering to repair any damages to the house, if she did not press charges. Jarrell added that McKenzie also informed her Setser was also with him during the burglary.

Another hearing was held Wednesday for McKenzie for allegedly shooting at the residence of Willa Dean Goins, of Stumbo Hollow. McKenzie was charged with criminal trespass and wanton endangerment.

Goins testified that on June 7 she received a call around 11 p.m. from a neighbor who said McKenzie was

coming her way carrying a rifle. "When I went outside to look, I didn't see anyone and went back in," Goins said.

Goins said she began hearing noises hitting her stove pipe and back door. "McKenzie was on the hill shooting the roof and stove pipe of my house," she said.

"There's no doubt in my mind it was him (McKenzie), but I didn't see him," Goins said.

Allen found probable cause to refer Setser's case and McKenzie's cases to the Floyd Grand Jury.

Allen reduced Setser's bond to \$5,000 cash after Amy Kratz, Setser's attorney, requested the reduction.

Coleman requested a bond reduction for his client, but Allen refused stating there was no way he would consider reducing McKenzie's bond.

Retirement

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ing school year.

"We were trying to give older, more experienced teachers some incentives to go ahead and retire," Balentine said. "Obviously the board didn't agree with the means, but we will continue to look at ways to improve the opportunity for people to retire."

Board members had asked Balentine to reconsider the abolishment of the deans of students positions at some of the schools in the district. Those positions were eliminated as part of the deficit reduction plan approved by the state.

While the issue was tabled, board members said they are concerned about putting the positions back into the budget because of finances, but they think deans of students may be needed in some schools.

Board chairman Eddie Patton said he had several people asking that the issue be brought back up.

"These are people from schools that have made great strides," he said. "This is the way to go. They are improving and they are happy (with the positions in place). We ought to be able to do something for them."

"These were included in the deficit reduction plan?" Honsell asked getting an affirmative answer from Balentine. "Before we do consider returning the positions I'd like to see a job description for assistant principals, deans of students, deans of curriculum, and administrative assistants."

But member Ray Brackett said the board should wait until it learns how well it has done making up the

deficit.

"Until we have a best picture of where we stand, it's ill-advised to reconsider these positions," he said.

The school system has apparently made strides toward reducing a nearly \$1 million deficit that has precipitated the need for layoffs and cutbacks.

Balentine received a letter from Tom Willis, state associate education commissioner, June 11 indicating that the state board of education is pleased with the progress the system has made since Balentine took the helm.

"The committee expressed pleasure with the progress that has been made," the letter from Willis states. "They appear to be very pleased that the district is making a strong, positive effort to address the deficit in the exact manner that was approved by the KBE several months ago."

The letter states, however, that state board members think the system is far from being out of danger.

"At the time the committee was expressing their satisfaction with progress being made, there was strong sentiment that Floyd County was certainly 'not out of the woods' and a strong commitment to resolve the deficit situation must continue," the letter also states. "Certainly, the KBE expects our staff to continue close monitoring of the situation and, in my opinion, expects the district to continue the actions necessary to place the district on a solid financial foundation."

He added that it is imperative that the school board "stay the course."

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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Excellence deserves exposure

by Scott Perry

There is a debate forming on the educational horizon which, at first glance, appears innocuous but on closer examination looks more like one of those forays into the abyss known as political correctness.

The issue at hand concerns academic rankings for high school seniors, those numbers which produce valedictorians, salutatorians and top ten lists.

Critics of the rankings say they generate too much stress and unhealthy competition among students, all of which is unnecessary.

We suspect, too, that opponents to academic rankings are among that same group who feel that spelling bees should be banned because they might make some kids feel inadequate.

What a crock.

We have a tradition here at the Times of publishing annually the top students in each of our high schools' graduating classes, not to make other kids look bad, but to give credit where credit is due.

Top achievers in academics rarely get the notice that their athletic peers accumulate, but once a year, at least,

they are front page news.

And, if academic rankings encourage students to compete for better grades, what is wrong with that?

Our children compete by instinct and by design from the day they are born until the days they grow old and feeble.

For all its negative connotations, competition is a positive force that leads each of us to attempt to excel in one area or another.

To say that students should not be recognized for excellence in school is the same as saying Major League Baseball should quit playing the World Series and that sports pages should eliminate box scores from publication.

Academic rankings are goals worth striving for, even for those students who don't make it to the top.

They are tangible rewards for success, not slaps in the face for failure.

Eliminating those rewards to soothe the egos of those who don't attain them would be just another attempt to create someone's idea of a utopian society where everyone is equally mediocre.

The truth is, though, that no two snowflakes are alike, and success breeds success. Keep it up.



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Rescue squad thanks community for help

Editor:
 We would like to take this opportunity to thank the people of Floyd County and the surrounding area for the support received during our 30th Annual Radio Auction that was held from June 5th through the 8th on WDOC-AM and WQHY-FM and on CableVision channel 7.

Without the support of these people, the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad would cease to exist. The kindness shown to us during the auction is deeply appreciated and touched us all. Unfortunately, most Floyd Countians meet us during a time of distress. It is a welcome relief to meet in a happier atmosphere like we did last week.

The auction brought in close to half the money we will spend on equipment, maintenance, and training during the coming year. We still have to work hard to get the other half and more, but we know that we can do it with your support.

We receive no tax base, no member is paid or reimbursed for expenses, all members are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. And we are happy to do it. Visitors are welcome at our headquarters building in Prestonsburg to see how the money that is donated is spent.

Our prayer is that every call we go on will turn out to be insignificant, but we know that can't be. Our pledge to you is that we will try in

every way possible to do all we can to rescue those in need and comfort all involved. God bless you all for all you have done over the years.

Derek Calhoun and the members of the Floyd Co. Emergency and Rescue Squad

Look to the future, remember the past

Editor:
 In response to the letter in an earlier issue, doesn't the writer have any feelings for our children?

When you read the letter it sounds as if our children are not wanted at the Martin school. Well, let me tell you, most of us prefer that they don't make the move. As you know, we are going to be moved anyway.

Now let me ask you this, Mrs. Dingus, how would you like to come to Maytown, which has long been a rivalry, and be called a Wildcat? Now get real! The time has come for us to move on. We will still all be Wildcats, and Purple Flashes in our hearts. Let our children start anew, with new friends, new faces, new mascot and new colors, selected by them. We can still have our reunions.

It is time to move ahead to the future. We are sad to lose our Wildcats also, but you and I, as adults, should know it is time to look ahead to the future and still be able to remember the past.

Hopefully the staff of Martin Elementary doesn't feel the same as

you, because we want to work with them as best we can.

Lowell Prater
 Langley

Martin High grad encourages change

Editor:
 In response to your letter from Mrs. Dingus concerning the Martin-Maytown school situation, I just wanted to ask why the feelings of our students weren't taken into consideration? They are having a difficult time accepting the change as well as many parents and schools staff.

It is our hope that we work together in each phase of development. Many of us would have met with you had we been asked. Please help support us in this move. We do not need any hostility, especially at the beginning of something great. How many of us would have loved attending a new school during our school years?

I am a 1965 graduate of Martin High School and currently hold the position of Curriculum Coordinator at Maytown Elementary. I will always be a Purple Flasher. I am equally proud of the two schools, but want the students to be happy with the name of their school.

Please help support the change, we need you and others behind us. Let our communities come together to be one.

Ruth Ann Castle
 Langley

Other Voices

Legionnaires fight to protect 'Old Glory'

by Daniel A. Ludwig

I want you to use your imagination for a moment. Picture yourself walking a mile in somebody else's boots.

You are in the heat of a ground battle. Death and destruction are all you can see through the haze of dust and exploding hunks of earth. Exploding rockets and towering flames radiate overtures of death.

Artillery blasts pound your eardrums and rattle your rib cage. The smell and taste of gun powder overwhelm the senses. If this continues, you know you will meet your maker.

Your adrenaline is flowing fast. Your heartbeat pounds like an airhammer.

But you and your comrades are

not throwing in the towel. For you are fighting for freedom. You hang tough through the night.

When the sun comes up, you and your buddies look for a sign of hope.

When you look into the sky, you see the unifying symbol of everything for which you fight. The American flag, "Old Glory," is wafting gently in the breeze. The flag is a bit tattered—and so are you.

The flag's presence shows America is not defeated. The dreams of a proud and resilient people are still alive.

This was the scenario in which American troops found themselves in 1814. They were fighting the British at Baltimore Harbor because they believed in a sov-

eign United States.

The American flag is a symbol of freedom. The American flag is a symbol of liberty's triumph over tyranny. We pause on Flag Day, June 14, to reflect on the significance of "Old Glory."

If you served the United States in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War or the Persian Gulf War, you looked up at "Old Glory."

If you served in El Salvador, Panama, Lebanon, Grenada, Somalia or Bosnia, then you noticed the American flag went with you. If any of your loved ones served in the armed forces, then you understand that the flag represents the cause to which service members take an oath.

"Old Glory" holds the same

significance today as it held for American troops in the nation's struggle for independence. The American flag is the legitimate symbol of "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." It's worthy of a special place in our society.

Many of us three million wartime veterans who comprise The American Legion are a little tattered—by time.

But we're still standing, just like "Old Glory" was on that eventful morning in Baltimore that inspired Francis Scott Key to pen "The Star Spangled Banner." As long as we're alive, we're going to fight to protect the flag from fools who want to burn it to make a point.

Intentional physical desecration

of the flag is not free speech. It's an outrage. It's an ugly act of disrespect for the patriots who took an oath to defend the Constitution of the United States.

The people who say flag desecration is free speech remind me of the British forces in 1814. They underestimate the resolve of the people who are fighting to preserve the flag.

They underestimate the will of 80 percent of Americans, according to national polling data, who favor a flag-protection amendment.

There is still some fight left in the three million men and women who call themselves Legionnaires. We will win the battle to protect "Old Glory." Our persuasive power will be our weapon.

The dust will settle on Capitol Hill after the battle. We'll ease our tired bodies into our favorite chairs. We'll read the newspaper, looking for a sign that our cause survived the battle.

We will read about passage of the 28th Amendment to the Constitution. It will simply say, "Congress shall have the power to prohibit the physical desecration of the flag of the United States."

Providing a constitutional sanctuary for "Old Glory" will be the legacy of a proud and resilient people: Legionnaires, veterans and, above all, Americans.

Daniel A. Ludwig is national commander of The American Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization.

Development center to open Saturday

Kentucky's new Center for Rural Development in Somerset will officially open its doors this Saturday, June 15, and Prestonsburg Tourism Commission will be among the exhibitors showcasing the region.

According to Prestonsburg Tourism Director Freddie James, the Prestonsburg exhibit will be promoting Jenny Wiley State Park, Jenny Wiley Theatre, The Mountain Arts Center, the Battle of Middle Creek, the U.S. 23 Country Music Highway, and the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival. Paintsville and Pikeville tourism commissions will also have

exhibits. Thousands of people from across the state are expected for the elaborate grand opening, consisting of an open house beginning at 10 a.m., and the official ribbon-cutting at 4 p.m.

Speaking at the 4 p.m. ceremony are Governor Paul Patton; Charles Wethington, president of the University of Kentucky; and Congressman Harold "Hal" Rogers, who conceived the facility with regional leaders nearly a decade ago. Among those leaders are Roger Recktenwald, director of the Big Sandy Area Development District, and Paul Hughes, a Prestonsburg businessman who was instrumental in establishing the Mountain Arts Center, located in Prestonsburg. Both men were recently named board members of the Rural Development Center.

The \$16 million center will serve as a national model for rural development initiatives, providing 40 Southern and Eastern Kentucky counties with a range of services, and hosting several development organizations under one roof. The center also will contain the most modern communications technology available today.

The grand opening will be an all-day event, open to the general public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be self-guided tours of the facility, complete with directional maps and stationed guides.

Visitors will be able to take part in a two-way teleconference with distant locations, as well as explore the world-wide computer network (Internet) and learn how it will benefit the region.

Filling its 28,000 square-foot exhibition hall will be booths, including tourism booths, featuring examples of the region's culture and history. On display will be everything from coal mines to houseboats, from homemade crafts to Civil War reenactors.

In the state-of-the-art 760-seat theater, grand opening performances will begin at 10 a.m. Musicians, a boys' choir and a dance company will be among the performers. Visitors will enjoy 15-minute segments — at 30-minute intervals — until 3:45.

The 100,426 square foot Center for Rural Development combines impressive facilities with experts in economic development and job creation.

Its theater features a full stage with fly loft, orchestra pit, sound system, lighting system, dressing rooms and prop storage. The exhibition hall can be partitioned off for smaller groups or can be used for extra large exhibitions, such as houseboat shows.

Working from the center's offices are three volunteer development groups which have representation from each of the region's 40 counties: the Southern Kentucky Rural Economic Development Corporation, providing industry recruitment services; the Southern Kentucky Tourism Development Association; and the Southern/Eastern Kentucky Agricultural Development Association.

Government agencies in the center include the U.S. International Trade Administration, which helps small businesses sell overseas; and the U.S. Small Business Administration, which provides small business financing and counseling.

Cultural activities will be coordinated by the Lake Cumberland Performing Arts, housed in the

center, and the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture will provide Extension Service assistance throughout the region's forty counties.

The heart of the center will be its state-of-the-art teleconferencing and distance learning equipment. A television production studio will be linked to Kentucky Education Television and its 1,700 downlink locations statewide. Broadcasts are expected to include training sessions, seminars, performing arts productions and other special events.

The center will receive and relay broadcasts from anywhere in the world, as well as provide two-way teleconferencing.

Rogers said the center plans to be at the forefront of the new information age, allowing citizens

to coordinate on regional economic development projects.

"Our mountains and bad roads have been barriers to our working together for the improvement of our region," said Rogers. "The center's technology will allow us to share ideas and projects through the air, above those historic barriers. It will show our people how to use the power of the Internet and the World Wide Web. And it gives our region one of its first and finest distance learning laboratories."

Rogers added, "The opening of the center marks the beginning of a new future for our region and its people — I invite all to take part in this special day."

The center is located on South U.S. 27, four miles south of the junction of KY 80 in Somerset.

Will renew VOWS

John D. and Emadel Boyd of Banner will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception given by their family on Saturday, June 15th, at the Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church. The couple were married June 15, 1946 in Paintsville. They have two children, three grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. A vow renewal ceremony will begin at 2 p.m., with a reception held later in the church's fellowship hall until 6 p.m. Friends and family are urged to attend the celebration. The couple request that no presents be given.



Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE

Chevron Foodmart, doing business at KY Rt. 7, one half mile from junction of Hwy. 80 and Rt. 7, Garrett, KY 41630, by David Larkey, P.O. Box 338, Neon, KY 41840, hereby declares his intention to apply for a license as a retail beer dealer under the state law.

BID NOTICE

The City of Martin will be accepting sealed bids for one 1984 white Ford LTD two door vehicle until June 24, 1996 at 3 p.m.

The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bids may be submitted to the City of Martin, P.O. Box 749, Martin, KY 41649.

Alan R. Whicker, Mayor

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered for public sale on June 27, 1996 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Commonwealth Bank parking lot, 169 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed February 27, 1995.

1991 Nissan Stanza, s/n 8897. All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with seller. Announcement at sale takes priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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Click-Prater Reunion Planned

The "first" annual Click-Prater reunion will be held on Saturday, July 20, at Stumbo Park, picnic shelter, Allen, Kentucky.

Friends and relatives are invited to join the descendants of John and Laura Hicks Click and Elias and Mary Jane Ousley Prater families.

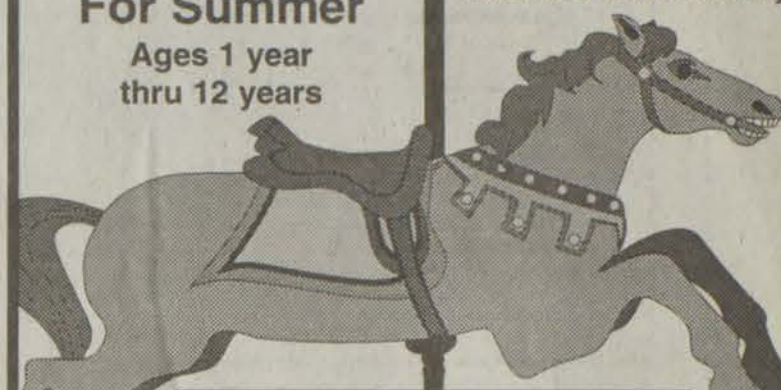
Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. Covered dish. Please bring food, soft drinks, games, pictures, lawn chairs, and all of your family and let's all spread our food together for the noon meal.

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Harold man must leave state after jail time is served

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Harold man was arraigned Wednesday in Floyd District Court and ordered to spend five days in the county jail and leave the state within five days of his release.

Edward Lee Glenn, 36, was arrested on Friday, June 7 for violating an emergency protection order (EPO), according to a police citation.

Glenn had two previous arrests since a domestic violence order (DVO) issued on December 18, 1995 directed him to have no contact or communication with the complaining witness, to vacate the residence, to have no acts of violence or abuse, and to not destroy or damage any property.

Glenn allegedly broke the DVO on February 12 and April 22.

Glenn was restricted from contacting the victim and he came to the residence drinking an alcoholic beverage, according to Kentucky State Police Sergeant Mike Crawford's report.

Crawford also included in the report that Glenn's wife said he

made threats toward her, but she left to call the police before any physical abuse took place.

When Floyd District Judge James R. Allen asked Glenn how he wanted to plea to the charges, he said, "I plead guilty with a statement."

Glenn said he had so much trou-

ble in this state since December, he would like to pack up his "stuff" and leave.

After considering Glenn's statement, Assistant County Attorney Lance Daniels recommended a ten-day jail sentence, probating five days on the condition Glenn leave the state within those five days.



Mayor Jerry Fannin signed a proclamation Wednesday declaring the union of Prestonsburg with the U.S. Postal Service and the Kentucky Breast Cancer Coalition in the fight against breast cancer. Breast Cancer Awareness Day is Saturday, June 15. Pictured are (from left to right): John McIntosh, Peggy Wright, Sandra Robertson, Alonzo Bowling, Garnett Fairchild, Gay Herrin, Shirley Davis, and (front, center) Mayor Fannin. (photo by Chris McDavid)



Boyd graduates

Dr. Lee Boyd of Allen, is graduating from Louisiana State University postgraduate program in pediatric dentistry at New Orleans, Louisiana. Dr. Boyd is a 1994 graduate of the University of Kentucky, College of Dentistry and a 1987 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. He is married to Sabrina Boyd of Martin and is the son of Mike and Vickie Boyd of Allen. Dr. Boyd plans to open a pediatric dental office in Allen in July.

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Academics

McDowell Forensic team soars to new heights

The McDowell Elementary Forensic Team has soared to great heights in its pursuit to become the best in the county this year.

Their first endeavor consisted of competing in the regional competition at Johnson Central High on February 20. During this competition students competed against 31 other schools in the region. The team was victorious in numerous categories, sending 11 of the 14 members on the team to the state competition at Western Kentucky University.

The students attending and qualifying for the state competition were:

Brandon Gearheart and Monica Hobson, Improvisational Duo Acting; Lance Sparkman and Tiffany Rivera, Duo Acting; Rachel Little and Ashley Reynolds, Duo Acting; Brandon Gearheart, Storytelling;

Monica Hobson, Solo Acting; Morgan Hall, Solo Acting; Ashley Ward, Extemporaneous Speaking; Tiffany Rivera, Radio Broadcast-

ing; Rachel Little and Sheree Hamilton, Improvisational Duo Acting; Stephanie Skeans, Poetry; and Sonya Tackett, Prose.

As a result of this competition, McDowell Elementary is currently ranked eighth in the region.

Next, the team proceeded to the state competition in Bowling Green on March 15. The students competed against 71 other schools across the state and once again were victorious in their efforts. McDowell Elementary sent more students to the semi-finals than any other school in Floyd County.

These students were Lance Sparkman and Tiffany Rivera, 10th in state Duo Acting, and Rachel Little and Ashley Reynolds, 13th in state Duo Acting.

The two students who captured the hearts of many judges and went on to place second in the state in Improvisational Duo Acting were Brandon Gearheart and Monica Hobson.



McDowell band

McDowell Daredevil Band members pictured are, in front row, from left, Sonya Tackett, Jared Elswick, Lance Sparkman, Tiffany Rivera and Morgan Hall. In back row, from left, are Brandon Lawson, Casey Brown, Matt Caldwell, Kyle Williams, Brittany Patton and Angela Taylor.

McDowell sends five to All-County Band

The McDowell Daredevil Band was well represented this year in the All-County Junior High Band. Eleven students from McDowell tried out for the All-County Band and five were chosen.

Students selected were Sonya Tackett, Jared Elswick, Lance Sparkman, Tiffany Rivera and Morgan Hall.

Sonya Tackett is in the eighth grade, and she plays the clarinet. Jared Elswick is in the seventh grade, and he plays the trombone. Lance Sparkman is in the eighth grade, and he plays the bells. Tiffany Rivera is in the eighth grade, and she

plays the clarinet. Morgan Hall is in the eighth grade, and she plays the trumpet.

Sonya, Jared, Lance, Tiffany and Morgan practiced hard all week under the direction of Jeannette Oldaker, former band director at McDowell, in preparation for the Floyd County Music Festival which was held on Thursday, May 23, at 7 p.m.

Students have to compete against other band students from across the county to get into the All-County Band. Scales and prepared pieces have to be played well enough to be one of the best in the county.



Tenth in state

McDowell students Tiffany Rivera and Lance Sparkman placed tenth in the state in duo-acting forensics competition.



McDowell team members

Members of the McDowell Forensic Team include Lance Sparkman, Sonya Tackett, Wendy Mullins, Jessica Pack, Tiffany Rivera, Monica Hobson, Ashley Reynolds, Holly Hamilton, Terry Joe Hamilton, Sheree Hamilton, Stephanie Skeans, Rachel Little, Brandon Gearheart, Ashley Ward, and Morgan Hall.



Second in state

Monica Hobson and Brandon Gearheart placed second in state forensics competition. Both are students at McDowell Elementary.

McDowell students in KMEA All District Band

Two McDowell Elementary band students, Lance Sparkman and Sonya Tackett, were selected to participate in the Kentucky Music Educator's Association All District Junior High Band.

Students from 12 counties in our district practice scales and prepared pieces in hopes of being one of the best and being able to make it into the band. The KMEA District 9 Junior High Band is organized by Judy Looney, former band director at McDowell.

Lance is in the eighth grade and he plays the bells. He had the honor of making the All District Band with the highest bells score to be the first chair bells player.

Sonya is also in the eighth grade and she plays the clarinet.

They practiced very hard while enjoying their stay at the Carriage House in Paintsville where the

District Band Festival is held. The All District High School Jazz Band also performed in concert with the Junior High Band.



Lance Sparkman and Sonya Tackett.

Duff's Who's Who of American Teachers

James A. Duff Elementary School is pleased to announce that, Greg Nichols, a seventh and eighth grade mathematics teacher, has been selected for inclusion in the fourth edition of Who's Who of American Teachers, 1996.

He was nominated by a successful former student, Andrea Patton, of Allen Central High School.

Only high school or college students who have been cited for academic excellence in Who's Who of American High School Students or The National Dean's List are invited to nominate a single teacher from their entire academic experience. Only five percent of our nation's best teachers are selected for the publication.

Mr. Nichols and his wife, Linda, reside with their daughters, Lori and Sarah, at Langley.



Greg Nichols

Mountain Christian Academy honor roll

These young gentlemen and ladies are honored for their academic achievements this fourth quarter of the 1995-1996 school year at Mountain Christian Academy.

- Third grade High honor roll
- Molly Burchett, Jessica Jarrell, and Chance Bradley.
- Honor roll
- Charlie Beatty, Grant Campbell, Caitlin Clark, Lauren Preston, Samantha Farthing, Brian Jones, Kelly Key and Michael Sapienza.
- Fourth grade High honor
- Lora Gibson.
- Honor roll
- Aaron Snider, Clinton Halbert,

- Chayla Reid, Tessa Shepherd, David Hicks, John Langefeld, Derek Slone, Andrew Greer, Shawna Peters and Kristyn Buckley.
- Fifth grade High honor roll
- Andrew Burchett, Jessica Combs, Heather Leslie, Carlo Reputan and Celina Rowe.
- Fifth grade honor roll
- Trent Bradley, Leslie Dotson, Jonathan Shepherd, Whitney Slone, Dustin Stumbo, Bart Barnette, Kyle Scaff, and Randy O'Neal.
- Sixth grade high honor roll

- William Jefferson Jones, and David Brandon Gibson.
- Honor roll
- Katherine Hall, Megan Barber, Victoria Bowling and Amanda McDonald.
- Seventh grade High honor roll
- Matthew Goeing, Nora Traum, and Joseph Fitzgerald.
- Honor roll
- Jennifer Cole and Ashley Leslie.
- Eighth grade High honor roll
- Tai England.
- Honor roll
- Kelli Sanders, Ann Turner and Natalie McDonald.

Family Resource Centers

Prestonsburg Elementary Resource Center activities

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

Maytown Family Resource Center activities

- Physicals to enter into kindergarten, headstart, preschool or 6th grade will be given by the Floyd County Health Department upstairs in the Maytown Grade School. For an appointment, call 285-0321.
- GED classes every Monday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The classes are free and the instructor is Joyce Hall.

Allen Central Youth Service Center activities

- Clothes Closet will be open to students and the public upon request. The Clothes Closet is accepting donations.
- Country and western line dancing classes will be held every Tuesday night at 7 p.m.
- The center is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and is located behind the high school in the middle trailer.
- For more information about classes or community activities, call Kelly Hairston, Linda Nichols, or Lisa Fletcher at 358-3048.

South Floyd Youth Services Center activities

- The Adult Learning Center (ALC) is open Monday's, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Learn new job skills, earn your GED, prepare for college or vocational entrance exams, get leads on good jobs, learn computer skills, brush up on your reading, writing, and math skills, learn job success tips, and find help with housing, food, clothes and more. This service is free and open to the public. Instructor is Mitzi Crisp. The ALC is sponsored by the David School. For more information, contact Mitzi Crisp, Keith Smallwood, or Mable Hall. Phone 452-4904 or 452-9600, ext. 145.
- The Clothing Bank is open to students upon request.
- Cancer support group meets monthly. For more information, call Georgia Smith at 452-4115 or the SFYSC at 452-9600, ext. 145.
- Student activity hour is held Monday-Friday, from 3-4 p.m. in the foyer.
- Community Crafts Etc. class meets Fridays from 10-noon. Class is free. Everyone is welcome.
- Computer classes Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. for five weeks. Call for more information or to register.
- Aerobics class is held Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6-7 p.m. The class is free.
- South Floyd Youth Service Center is open 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Fridays. The center is located in Suite 232 at South Floyd High School. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable C. Hall, 452-9600, Ext. 145. Fax 452-9303.

McDowell Family Resource Center activities

- Fluoride treatments are given each Tuesday for students with signed permission slips.
- Parents, if your children are enrolled in the fifth grade and have not had their sixth grade physical, call the McDowell Family Resource Center, 377-2678, to schedule an appointment.
- Joy Moore from the Floyd County Health Department is at the Center each Monday to see patients. She will administer well-child exams, school physicals (head start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), immunizations, and T. B. skin test. She will also see established W.I.C. patients.
- Fluoride treatments on Wednesdays to 1st-6th grade students.
- GED classes with instructor Bill Tussey Jr. Classes are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- The center will begin their

grade), immunizations, and T. B. skin test. She will also see established W.I.C. patients. Call for an appointment, 377-2678.

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

• Health clinic June 19, from 8:30-1:30, sponsored by Floyd County Health Department (pap smear, breast exam, urinalysis check and hemoglobin). Cost \$1-5 or free. Call for more information.

Prestonsburg High, Auxier Elementary Youth Service Center activities

- Walking class every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 3:10 to 4 p.m. at PHS.
- Auxier Family Resource Center is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for clothing distribution.
- Fluoride treatments will be given to the students at Auxier Elementary School every Monday.
- Clothing distribution every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the Auxier center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- For more information, call 886-2252.

Mud Creek Community Family Resource Center activities

- Fitness class Wednesday nights from 6:30-8 p.m.
- Clothing bank open to students and public upon request.

Duff Family Resource Center activities

- Joy Moore from the Floyd County Health Department is at the center each Tuesday to see patients. She will administer well-child exams, school physicals (head start, kindergarten, and sixth grade), immunizations, and T. B. skin test. She will also see established W.I.C. patients.
- Fluoride treatments on Wednesdays to 1st-6th grade students.
- GED classes with instructor Bill Tussey Jr. Classes are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- The center will begin their

after-school child care in August. If you are interested, call the center at (606) 358-9878, due to the fact that the need you have depends on whether or not it becomes a reality.

Clark Family Resource Center

- Joy Moore, RN, from the Floyd County Health Dept., is in the center on Fridays. The center is currently scheduling appointments for 6th grade physicals, also head start and kindergarten physicals. Call 886-0815 for an appointment.
- Fluoride mouthwash program every Tuesday for grades 1-5.
- Adult Education Classes are taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the center for location and more information. Center hours: 8-4:00 M-F; evening appointments, are available.

Betsy Layne High School council activities

- GED classes every Tuesday.
- Fluoride treatments are given each Thursday.
- The center sponsors a clothes closet that is open to the public. All items are free. It will be open upon request.
- The center is looking into the possibility of providing a summer camp for students between the ages of 5 and 12. If you are interested in summer camp, contact the center so you can complete the survey. The camp would begin June 24 and run through August. A sliding scale fee, based on family income, will be used to charge for student fees.
- State law requires that any student enrolling in sixth grade this fall will need to get a physical exam and updates on immunizations. The Betsy Layne branch of the health department can provide this service. You can call them at 478-5454 to schedule an appointment. Their clinic is located in the white trailer behind Brooks Pharmacy at Betsy Layne.
- June 18: Family resource advisory council meeting at 3 p.m. in the school library.

Martin Elementary Family Resource Center activities

- If your child has left clothing at school this year, check in the resource center's lost and found.

The Friday Comics

Farcus

by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart

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"It's brief, sensible and to the point, Lewis ... but it's not exactly how we do things around here."

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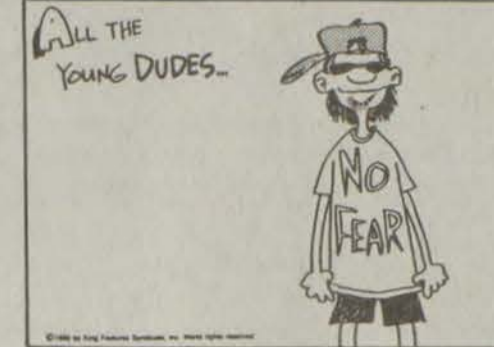
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MagicMaze

JAIL (Answers on B 5)

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

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Can	Hoosgow	Poky	Tower
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Vision Teaser



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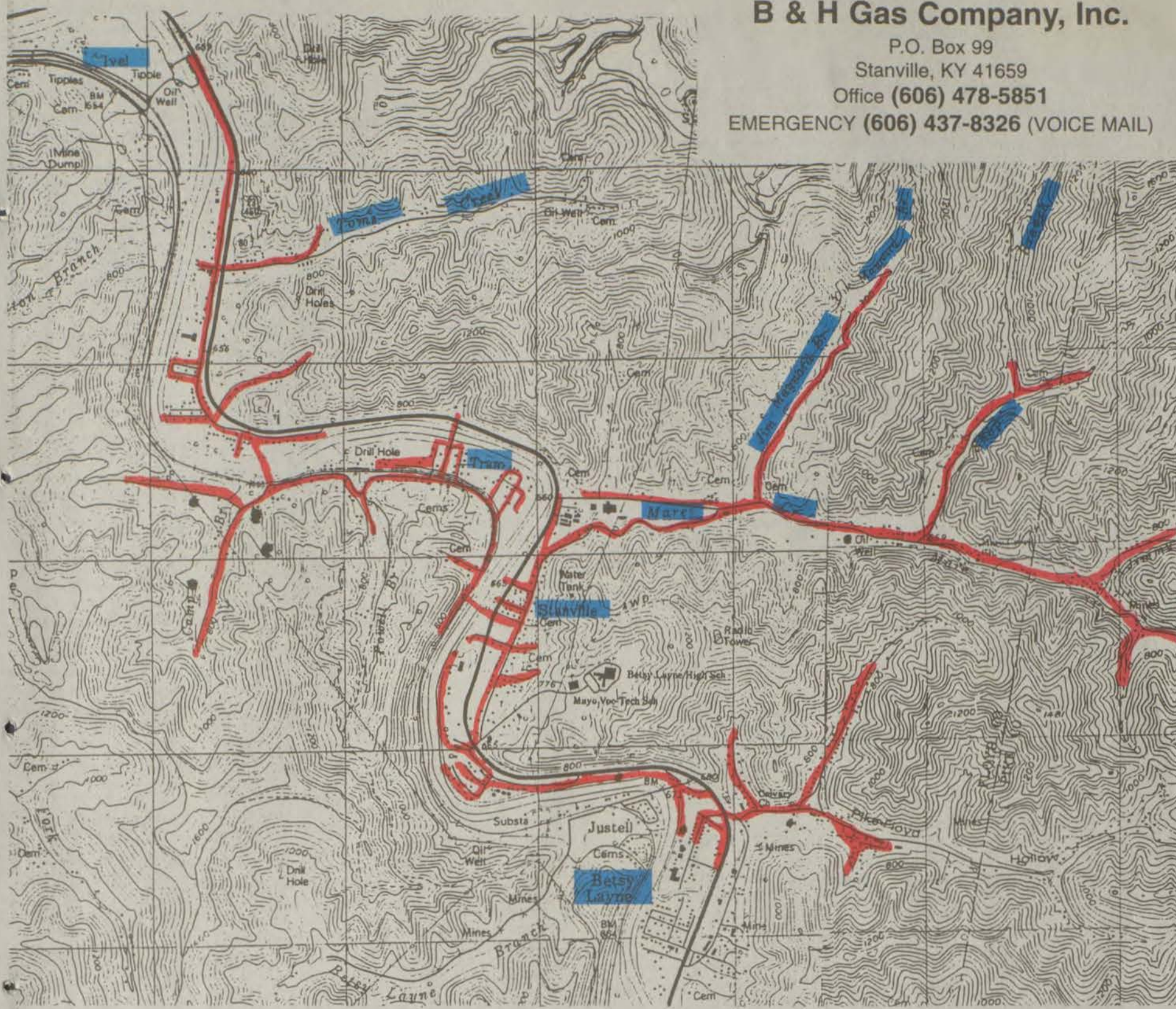
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