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School finances look brighter

Year-end numbers still in the red, but a little bit rosier than expected

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

It looks like the Floyd County School Board is quickly digging its way out of the financial hole it found itself in earlier this year.

A preliminary end-of-the-year financial report given to board members Wednesday afternoon shows the school system only

\$619,000 in the red. That's nearly \$1 million less than was projected earlier this year.

For the current year's operating expenses, the system is showing a surplus of more than \$25,000.

School board chairman Eddie Patton Jr. gives credit to the improved financial status to Superintendent Dr. John Balentine and employees in the financial department.

"He and the financial department have worked long hours crunching these numbers," Patton said Thursday morning. "He has approved every purchase and he signs every check and that has made a big difference."

It was projected that the school system would be in the red \$1,152,000 if it had continued on its set course during the last school

year. The fund balances from extra programs, that received funding from grants and other sources, would have increased that deficit to nearly \$1.6 million, financial records show. The general fund balance was originally estimated to be \$1.063 million in the hole.

Balentine took over the reins to the school system in early January and immediately put a freeze on excessive spending. He also began to implement a state-approved reduction plan that included the elimination of 100 jobs.

In addition to the planned cuts in the system's work force, Balentine implemented a freeze on any expenditures costing more than \$1,000. Those expenditure requests had to come to the school board for its approval before funds could be spent, even if the program had money in its budgets to do so.

Some teachers and parents complained that school supplies were not being purchased, but Balentine emphasized to the school board that the cuts were necessary to bring the finances into line.

"This is exactly what needed to happen," Patton said. "Before, there was no internal control. We've had that since January."

He said he wished the control had come "three to four years earlier," and he hopes that control continues into the future.

"I want the superintendent to continue to watch every dollar that is spent in this county," he said. "The people down there now know who is boss."

Being boss, however, hasn't come easy. Patton said Balentine has butted heads many times with department heads and principals over financial questions. "It's not been easy. It's still not easy," he

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Basic 911 on court's menu; liquor by the drink is not

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Fiscal Court is expected to consider at its regular meeting today a recommendation from the 911 board to purchase pagers for volunteers and secure clean frequencies for the service.

The 911 board approved the recommendation at its regular meeting last week. Today's meeting begins at 10 a.m. in the circuit court room at the courthouse.

The move is expected to help alert volunteers who might be away from their scanners of a possible emergency, Ben Hale, County Judge-Executive, said last week.

Hale said he expects to make magistrates aware of the fact that the county can begin operations of the system as soon as communications equipment is in place despite the fact that the mapping hasn't been complete.

"We'll go with the automatic numbering answering service as soon as we can get the communication equipment in place and be sure it is working properly," Hale said Wednesday afternoon.

Hale emphasized he wouldn't stop working toward getting the enhanced service on line, but said the basic service would get 911 to the residents of Floyd County faster.

What isn't scheduled to be heard at the meeting is a request for an alcohol ordinance in Floyd County.

Sandy Woods, owner of Cactus Jacks restaurant at the Plantation Motel, has appeared at the last two meetings asking Hale to consider putting the request on the agenda.

Hale has said he isn't in favor of allowing restaurants to serve liquor by the drink and has no plan to put it on the agenda.

At the first meeting, in May,

Hale told Woods he would put her request for an alcohol ordinance on the agenda for the June meeting. When it wasn't on that agenda either, Woods said she has a right to be heard.

But Hale said there are several unanswered questions that need to be addressed. He said there is a question as to whether the court can approve the request or whether it needs to be voted on.

But Woods' attorney, Richard Counts, said he had made several

phone calls and thought the request is legal.

The proposed ordinance allows mixed drinks at restaurants with at least 50 percent of the total gross sale of the restaurant coming from "food for consumption on the premises."

Cactus Jacks can now serve beer and wine to its customers. Some restaurants within the city limits of Prestonsburg already have the right to serve liquor by the drink

Dodging bullets: May says special team needed to address rising disaster risks

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

Every day, tankers filled with hazardous materials make their way through Floyd County via the roads and railways.

Their contents include materials with names that include a soup of alphabet letters. The placards on their sides serve as a reminder of the dangers those contents pose if they are released from the tanks in which they are carried.

In West Prestonsburg, a silo of nitrogen fertilizer stands across a blacktop road from a container of diesel fuel. That combination was used to make the bomb that destroyed the federal building in Oklahoma City more than a year ago.

Just a few hundred yards from the county's middle school, chlorine gas is used to treat the drinking water of the residents of Prestonsburg. While the city of Prestonsburg keeps a watchful eye on the chemical, a spill could be fatal if the gas is absorbed through the skin.

Lon May, Floyd County Disaster and Emergency Services Director, is concerned about these materials escaping their confines and harming area residents. He's trying to do something about it.

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Elderly Prestonsburg man is killed in traffic accident

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

A Prestonsburg man died Wednesday when he apparently turned across traffic on Route 80 and was struck by another vehicle.

Martin L. Hammonds, 88, was pronounced dead shortly after arrival at Our Lady of the Way Hospital in Martin. The accident occurred about 1:05 p.m. near Kinzer Drilling.

The driver of the other vehicle, Kathy Allen, 21, of Wayland, and her two passengers also suffered in-

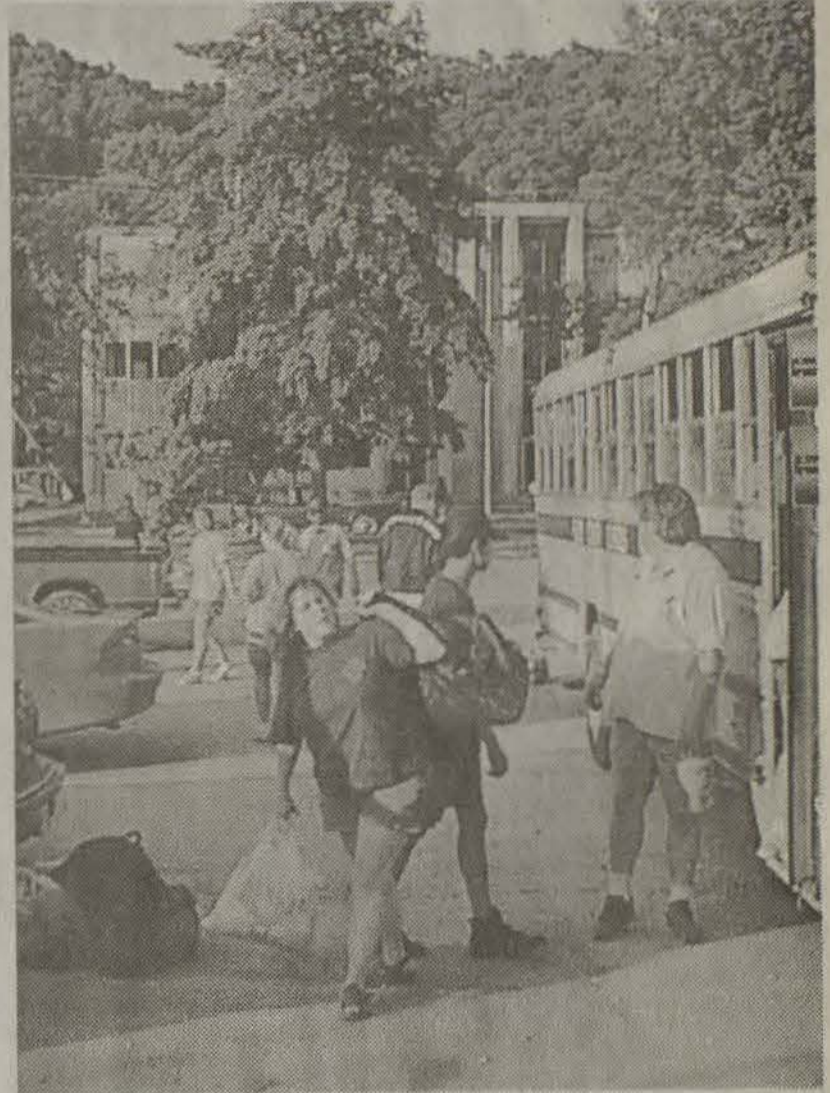
juries. Allen, Kyle Shelton, 2, and Ollie Allen, 61, were also transported to the hospital.

All three were treated and released from Highlands Regional Medical Center.

According to the accident report filed with the Kentucky State Police by Troopers Mike Thorpe and Craig McGlone, Hammonds, who was operating a 1991 GMC Sonoma pickup, was westbound on Route 80 when he apparently turned left across the eastbound

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Home again...



The Floyd County Sheriff's Department ten-day Western Trip ended Tuesday evening around 8 p.m. at the courthouse. After nearly 100 hours on the school bus and camping throughout the United States, many of the weary teens said they enjoyed their trip, but were glad to be home. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Road-weary group makes its last stop

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

After 4,400 miles and nearly 100 hours on a school bus, a weary group of Floyd County teens made the final stop of their journey Tuesday at the Floyd County Courthouse.

Twenty-nine students, four bus drivers, and six chaperones participated in the trip, sponsored by the Floyd County Sheriff's Department.

Last year, 31 students and their luggage were in one bus, but this year, two buses were used for the trip. Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson said the many hours on the bus were much more bearable because the students had a little more room to move around.

The trip, which was for high school juniors who will be seniors in the upcoming year, included camping throughout the United States at several national parks and

stops at other educational points of interest.

"It sure was roughing it," Angie Little, a student who went on the trip, said. "But it was a different kind of experience, although I'm glad to be back home to the mountains."

"It was fun. I really had a good time," Allen Central's Tina Blevins said. "I think the Rocky Mountains in Colorado were the best part — it was the prettiest."

Thompson said it was a "smooth trip."

Once the kids got to the Rocky Mountain National Park in Denver, Colorado — a 32-hour non-stop ride — "It was all sight seeing," the Sheriff added.

After crossing the Rockies, the group took a hike up to the Colorado River where the water was about six inches deep and four-and-a-half feet wide.

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Family Feud County judge, jailer butt heads over trash

by Chris McDavid
and Patti M. Clark
Staff Writers

Apparent conflicts between the county judge-executive and the county jailer seem to be escalating.

Ben Hale and Roger Webb apparently disagreed over the use of a garbage dumpster earlier this week.

Hale said Webb had locked a fence surrounding the dumpster and wouldn't permit janitors working in the courthouse to put trash in the receptacle.

Webb said he is required by state law to secure the dumpster if it is within the confines of the fence of the jail. "It's a secured perimeter area," Webb said Wednesday.

Hale said he plans to meet with Webb to work out the problems the two have had.

"We just need to sit down and talk about it," Hale said.

They nearly came to blows during a recent fiscal court meeting when the two battled over budgets, food supplies and cars.

Garbage at the courthouse annex was sitting on the street Thursday morning. While Tom Harris, director of public works for the city of Prestonsburg, said the county often leaves trash on the curb if there is an overflow, he is usually notified when that's the case. He said Thursday he wasn't aware of the trash that had been placed on the curb. There has been discussion about moving the dumpster before it becomes more of a problem.

"I don't have the personnel to continue locking and unlocking the gate throughout the day," Webb said. "If he wants to move the dumpster to another location, that's fine. Me or one of the deputy jailers will take out the trash."

Webb said prisoners who work

in the jail have access to the secured area to take jail garbage out to the dumpster.

"If you let everybody go in and out, you never know who may leave something for a prisoner," Webb said. "We can't issue a key to people doing community service to pay fines. You never know who may leave something for a prisoner."

Webb said the fence post was torn down shortly after jail employees and inmates moved into the new facility. Before repair of the post was complete, about two weeks ago, a dead dog was found in the dumpster.

"Ever since the post was repaired, we've kept the gate locked and it will stay locked," Webb said. "I'll cooperate in any way as long as it does not jeopardize the safety and

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Trash time

Trash was piled up on the curb at the courthouse annex Thursday morning waiting for pickup by the city of Prestonsburg. County Judge-Executive Ben Hale and County Jailer Roger Webb have disagreed over the use of a dumpster which belongs to the county, but is located inside the fence for the jail. (photo by Patti M. Clark)

Wayland man charged with assault

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Wayland man's case was handed over to the grand jury Wednesday after Judge James R. Allen heard testimony during a preliminary hearing from the plaintiff who suffered numerous cuts and bruises and had 178 stitches in her face.

Morris Dwayne Amburgey, 19, was charged with second-degree assault for allegedly intentionally causing serious physical injury to his girlfriend, Nora L. Mastin of Garrett.

Mastin testified during the hearing that Amburgey and some of his friends came to her house between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. on July 10 and she told them to leave. "They wouldn't leave," Mastin said. "And we got in a fight."

Mastin said she and Amburgey had been dating "off and on."

Mastin said Amburgey hit her in the face two times, that she could remember, and he kicked her in the chest and under the chin.

Mastin went to the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital for treatment. She said she had to have stitches around her eye, stitches where her jaw was cut three layers deep, "a zillion x-rays," and the hospital released her after prescribing pain medication.

Mastin said she notified the sheriff's department and they advised her to speak with the county attorney's office to file a complaint. An arrest warrant was issued on July 11.

Mastin said her eye doctor had repaired a broken blood vessel in her eye with laser surgery, but the doctor

said he didn't think she would have any permanent eye injury.

Kristi Gray, Amburgey's attorney, asked Mastin if she had hit Amburgey first. "No, I didn't hit him," Mastin answered.

"You didn't hit him at all?" Gray questioned. "No," Mastin replied.

"You didn't break his thumb?" Amburgey's attorney asked. "No," Mastin said.

After Allen referred Amburgey's

case to the grand jury, Gray petitioned the court for a bond reduction.

Assistant County Attorney Lance Daniels said he had no objection to a bond reduction at the court's discretion, but stipulated Amburgey was to be "no where near the complaining witness" and have no contact with

her.

Allen set Amburgey's bond at \$20,000 or ten percent cash. His previous bond was \$10,000 cash.

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Weary

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Thompson said he and 20 students took a mile-and-a-half hike into the canyon to the second layer. He said they took the Kaibab trail which was steep, but it had a great view.

At Lake Powell, at the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Thompson said he rented two boats. "That gave the students 2 hours on the lake," he said. Thompson said the waters in Lake Powell are 800 to 1,000 feet deep.

"The trip gave the students from the four different high schools in the county the opportunity to get better acquainted with each other,"

Thompson said.

Two Prestonsburg High students, Mallena Briggs and Melinda Hall, were in agreement with Thompson. "We had lots of fun. We made new friends and enjoyed the wilderness," Briggs said.

Hall agreed with Briggs, but added, "We're glad Paul (Thompson) and Donna (Thompson's wife) let us go and took care of us."

Thompson said \$11,000 was contributed by business and people in the county to finance the trip.

"The trip is something they'll remember for the rest of their lives," Thompson said.

Fairfield waives extradition to Michigan

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Prestonsburg man waived extradition to Michigan Wednesday in Floyd District Court during arraignments.

Joseph L. Fairfield, 24, was arrested July 16 at 8:20 p.m. because of a fugitive warrant for apparent kidnapping, according to court records.

District Judge James R. Allen advised Fairfield to speak with attorney Amy Kratz before signing the waiver.

Police officials in Centerville, Michigan would not release any details of the warrant.

Floyd County chief-deputy jailer Damon Newsome said Thursday Michigan officials were notified that Fairfield signed the waiver for extradition.

Bullets

May is trying to reestablish a hazardous materials team to respond to accidents involving dangerous chemicals.

"You wouldn't believe the stuff that comes through here," May said. "It's not a matter of if, it's a matter of when an accident happens."

A hazardous materials team would have come in handy during a recent spill in Warfield in Martin County. "We're as close to the beginning stages as can possibly be," May said.

May has put together a proposed budget for the team. He estimates it can start on as little as \$50,000.

"People at first told me it would take \$500,000 to get this thing going," he said. "I've put the numbers on paper and that's not the case."

The biggest reason for that is a hazmat truck that was purchased by the Big Sandy ADD for the five-county area. That truck, which was bought in 1991, is currently in Floyd County and will be used if a team is resurrected.

May said he isn't sure why the

team didn't continue to operate before, since he wasn't involved, but he wants to make this one a success.

"I'm hoping that all five counties will participate and each will chip in \$10,000," he said. May would like to see that cost split between the county government and the city government in that county. "That would only be \$5,000 each," he added. "It's real possible, real feasible for us to do this."

He said he also plans to ask private companies for donations to get the team up and running.

"This is going to help them more than anyone," May said. "This could save them thousands, on clean-up efforts if they have a spill and on their insurance."

May said that while the county hasn't had any major incidents in the last few years, the county "has just dodged a lot of bullets."

"With Route 23 going through here, our chances are increasing every day," he said.

A train derailment in West Prestonsburg several years ago is just one example, May said. "The train before the one that derailed included several tankers of dangerous chemicals," he said.

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Ten volunteers are needed to begin the team. May said he hopes it continues to grow after that. "We've got 100 percent of the support from all the fire departments," he said.

No time frame has been set to put the team on the road, but May said he's looking at a couple of months at least. He's also looking for a piece of land on which to build the station for the team and the truck. "It doesn't have to be in Floyd County, either," he said.

Feud

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security of the jail."

Other rumors circulating around the courthouse also indicate a problem with mail being intercepted before reaching the jail. Neither Webb nor Hale would discuss that situation, but Hale said he didn't get mail that was intended for jail inmates or its personnel.

Some of the issues may be addressed at today's fiscal court meeting. The meeting begins at 10 a.m. and will be held in the circuit court room in the courthouse.

Traffic

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lanes. He pulled into the path of an eastbound Ford Tempo driven by Kathy Allen.

Kathy and Ollie Allen were wearing seat belts and Shelton was restrained in a child safety seat. Hammonds was not wearing a seat belt.

Funeral services for Hammonds will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Floyd Funeral Home.

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Minor tried in his absence for DUI; bench warrant issue

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A bench warrant was issued Thursday by Floyd District Judge James R. Allen for the arrest of an 18-year-old minor after he was tried in absentia and found guilty of second-offense driving under the influence.

Silas Slone Jr., of Hueysville, was arrested June 2 for probable cause DUI, possession of alcohol by a minor, and failure to have license in possession. He was released on a \$5,000 surety bond.

Silas Slone's attorney, Amy Kratz, withdrew from the case because the defendant did not appear for the trial.

Kentucky State Trooper Steve Slone testified that he followed a vehicle into the Highlands Regional Medical Center parking lot on the night of Silas Slone's arrest.

Trooper Slone said he drove to the Emergency Room entrance and, when he began to enter the facility, he met Silas Slone, who was staggering.

Trooper Slone said the defendant stated several times that he was driving and came to the hospital to visit a friend. After administering several field sobriety tests, Silas Slone was arrested, Trooper Slone said.

Trooper Slone said he found alcohol in Silas Slone's vehicle.

Silas Slone's blood alcohol level was .126.

In 1995, Silas Slone pleaded guilty to first-offense DUI.

Silas Slone was fined \$425, sentenced to 10 days in the county jail, and will lose his driver's license for one year.

Allen issued a bench warrant for Silas Slone's arrest so he can begin serving the jail sentence.



Exercise workshop

Dr. Craig Mauk, assistant professor of biology, uses a model of the skeletal-muscular system during a session on anatomy and physiology held for participants in an American College of Sports Medicine Exercise Leader Workshop and Certification held recently at Prestonsburg Community College. Exercise leaders from four states participated in the workshop and certification. They included Jeff Hicks of Prestonsburg, (left), a PCC Wellness Center aerobics instructor, and Colleen Servick of Powell, Ohio. The workshop and certification was conducted under the auspices of Chris Fleming, Project Health Coordinator and Instructor of Kinesiology and Health Promotion at PCC. Fleming is a certified American College of Sports Medicine Health Fitness Instructor.

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Two Prestonsburg residents appointed by Governor to state boards

Two Prestonsburg residents received appointments to state boards this week.

Benita Joy Riley and Franklin D. Fitzpatrick were among Governor Paul Patton's appointments announced July 16.

Riley, a Prestonsburg attorney will serve on the Charitable Gaming Advisory Commission. The commission provides on-going advice to the division of state government that oversees charitable gaming operations and to the General Assembly. The commission also assists in establishing policy in licensing and regulating charitable gaming.

Seven members comprise the commission, which consists of representatives from the state Justice Cabinet, county clerk's offices, accountants, and the public at large. The group will meet quarterly.

Riley's term will end July 10, 1999.

Fitzpatrick was reappointed to the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Board. He will represent the Kentucky Chapter of the Nature Conservancy. The board was created by the General Assembly in 1990, but no funding mechanism was put in place to aid

the members in their efforts at conservation until 1994. Since then the group accepts applications from throughout the state and awards funding based on the success of the project.

At least 50 percent of the fund balance is designated to certain groups, Fitzpatrick said. The Department of Parks, Division of Forestry, the state Nature Preserves Commission, the Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Wild Rivers Program get 10 percent each.

The other 50 percent of the funds are used to purchase property for conservation projects, ranging from property used for research only to property accessible to the public for hunting, fishing and recreation.

The group's most visible accomplishment, Fitzpatrick said, has been the establishment of the Nature Conservancy license plate displaying the Kentucky Warbler and Tulip Poplar. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the plate goes into the fund to aid such land purchase projects as the Bad Branch Nature Preserves in Letcher County.

Fitzpatrick will serve five years. His term expires July 15, 2000.



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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

Another round of applause

by Scott Perry

A short while back, we applauded labor and management at American Standard's Paintsville plant for ironing out a labor contract that avoided a strike.

This week, we'll do the same for employers and employees at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Most of us probably don't realize the significance of these events or the lift they give to our region's economic image.

It is important for us to be able to show folks outside our region, especially those who might be interested in bringing us some new jobs, that labor and management can sit down, talk out their differences and arrive at reasonable compromises.

American Standard and Highlands are major employers in the Big Sandy region and they deserve to be recognized for their efforts to maintain the status quo, at least, as far as it concerns the workplace atmosphere.

No one with as many employees as these companies is going to get along all the time, but both have shown a willingness to get along at contract time and that is a major asset for anyone attempting to market the Big Sandy to prospective new employers.

The employees at both companies deserve praise, as well, for their willingness to compromise.

They are showing outsiders, too, that we have a labor force that wants to work and they're willing to do what it takes to keep their companies operating.

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Writing to the PSC is "waste of time"

Editor:
In regard to your interest in our gas rate, could this be politics? I own the home my mother, who is a city councilwoman, lives in. It is a waste of time to write the public service commission. As you know the owner, Bill Weinberg, is Bert Combs' son-in-law, a Patton supporter.

Our capable mayor, Alan Whicker, is not dumb. You people on Auxier Gas Company and Magoffin County get ready for a raise. Estill raised money for Paul, too.

I happen to know Don Mills with the PSC personally. He does what he is told to do. We, the people in Martin, know who always helped when we called—Brereton C. Jones.

We will be there on the election grounds in November to show our confidence in our mayor.

Bill Dingus
Martin

Regulate yard sales as retail business

Editor:
'Tis summertime and along with boating, swimming, fishing and vacations comes yard sale time. Every pretty day you see signs out as you travel Eastern Kentucky roadways. They are a lot of fun and sometimes you may find a long sought after treasure. But, there are several folks taking advantage of our lax systems of control in the region.

To me, a yard sale is a sale an individual or charity has to dispose of unwanted items. It is an event that takes place maybe 2-3 times a year at the most. Drive down US 23 and you will find several folks who have yard sales every day or at least every single weekend at the same residence. These, my friends are not yard sales, they are retail businesses being run out of a home and should be subject to licenses, permits, and taxes as applicable to any other

retail business. The people who run these sales are in direct competition with other small businesses in the area who do have to have a license and do have to pay taxes.

You'll find a lot of these "yard sellers" at the local thrift shops and other yard sales looking for items to restock their business with. They take items that the poor and others need back home to their "yard sale," not to use but to make profit. Let's look at the flea marketers next...

In Florida I used to sell tapes and records on the weekend at the flea. We were checked regularly by the state of Florida Department of Revenue-Sales Tax unit. We had to have a state tax ID number—they even went incognito to find out what some of the bigger dealers were making.

In Eastern Kentucky, you have the same people every week at the flea selling guns, ball cards, brick-a-brack, tools, shirts etc... and I've yet to see a license or state sales tax number on the wall at their booths. These are businesses, albeit part-time businesses and the rules that apply to Wal-Mart or Bubba's General Store should apply to them as well. Many of these folks are on a leech draw check yet make \$200-300 a weekend at the flea.

While our county and state government cry about no money, we let plenty of it get away and I'll not even bring up local coal and log trucks that are tagged in other states to avoid taxes, that's a whole 'nother story we'll write on later. We don't need higher taxes, we need to collect from those free riding, now...

Chuck Scoville
Ivel

"Kentucky clicks" is lifesaving program

Editor:
Seat belts and child restraints have long been recognized as lifesaving and injury preventing devices. Data indicates that of the 1,943 vehicle occupants involved in fatal collisions during 1995, only 835 were using safety restraints. This is an overall usage rate of only 43 percent in fatal crashes. Of particular significance is the fact that 76 percent of vehicle occupants who were either totally or partially ejected were killed. This data reaffirms the lifesaving advantage of using an active restraint, since the possibility of being ejected upon impact is significantly reduced.

The Highway Safety Branch of the Kentucky State Police would like to commend the law enforcement personnel in your area for their participation in the "Kentucky Clicks" campaign. In the event that you are not familiar with the campaign, "Kentucky Clicks" is an exciting contest that was introduced by WKYT-TV (Channel 27 out of Lexington). The contest will run through August 28. The "Kentucky Clicks" contest is an effort to raise awareness on the benefits of using a seat belt and hopefully will result in more of Kentucky's citizens buckling up. As summer traveling increases, this is an excellent way to get people to buckle their safety belts.

The contest centers around a bumper sticker emblazoned with a seat belt logo and the "Kentucky Clicks" slogan. Viewers will be encouraged to pick up "Kentucky Clicks" bumper stickers from participating sponsors including many of the law enforcement agencies. Police officers throughout the Channel 27 viewing area will be asked to watch for vehicles displaying the bumper sticker and the driver buckled up. The officer will have a daily reporting sheet to jot down the license plate number, a simple vehicle description (i.e. blue

Ford Mustang), the officer's name, police department name and phone number, and the date the bumper sticker was observed.

Each day these sheets will be faxed into WKYT where they will be entered into a daily drawing. Winning license plate numbers will be displayed several times throughout the day during newscasts and the person must claim that day to claim their \$100 prize. All daily winners will be eligible for the grand prize drawing of \$1,000 on September 3. There will also be prizes for participating officers; and at the end of the contest, one law enforcement agency will be awarded a complete radar unit.

The "Kentucky Clicks" contest is a great opportunity to have positive interaction between officers and the public to win prizes; however, we need to keep in mind that the biggest winners in the "Kentucky Clicks" contest will be everyone in "Kentucky who will not die or be injured because they have chosen to protect themselves and their passengers by making certain that everyone in their vehicle is buckled up. We hope everyone will join in the fun and ensure that "Kentucky Clicks" for a safer summer. If you need additional information, contact the Highway Safety Branch at (502) 6956356.

Gary W. Rose
Commissioner
Kentucky State Police

Writer has solution for community woes

Editor:
This is the first time I have ever written a letter to the editor, but I've had enough, so I am going to take on everyone.

Let's start with the controversies surrounding Prestonsburg Community College.

First of all, there is no controversy. PCC is a state run institution and if there's a problem with any of the faculty or dean or whatever, the problem will eventually be solved.

If the faculty causes problems, fire them; if they have tenure, transfer them. Same goes for the dean. It's the students who count the most anyway.

Now as for this ongoing feud between Mr. Johnson and Mr. Owens, it has got to end. To think that trees had to be cut down to make way for this battle of bold print is ridiculous. Anybody who uses the phrase "people of this county" more than three times per letter is running for something. So just relax and enjoy the summer. Put the pen down, play with your children, take up tennis, anything that keeps you from making the "people of this county" endure this any further.

Jackson Latta
Prestonsburg

Make of vehicles is misidentified

Editor:
I guess I did make a mistake. I kept seeing all of those big white shiny four-wheel drive vehicles that belong to the fiscal court and I naturally thought they were Ford Broncos. My daddy always favored Fords, but we were very poor and never had anything like that given to us. I guess I thought just like my daddy—that anything that big and new and pretty had to be a Ford. But I was apparently wrong on the make, as they say they are made by Chevy. I hope I didn't hurt anyone's feeling by saying that they were driving a new Ford.

Elmer Lee Johnson
Weeksbury

The Political Party

WORKER'S COMP CHANGES ARE APPROACHING

"They say muscle, sweat and blood makes a coal loadin' man...must've been born with a shovel in my hand. But when I get to shovelin' makes my blood run cold, my lungs are gettin' blacker than the coal that I load"—Gene Sisco

America is willing to endanger the health and safety of our soldiers to ensure we maintain a continuous supply of oil. To unburden ourselves from the feelings of guilt, we compensate those who are injured, with money. This exchange is wrong, but we need the oil.

We need coal, too. The job of extracting it from the ground is one of the most dangerous in the world. Continuous exposure to coal dust turns a miner's lungs black. In the advanced stages, a black lung suffered will set out to inhale a breath of oxygen, but not be able to take in enough...for proper respiration. Some miners will not suffer this nightmare, but very many will die, way too young, from heart failure, lung cancer, emphysema, or tuberculosis. To unburden themselves from lawsuits, companies pay money for worker's compensation insurance. This exchange is wrong, but we need the coal.

Our governments' policymaking very often runs in cycles. Worker's compensation reform is today's big issue. The media in Central Kentucky is already busy setting the

mood for the special legislative session Governor Patton will call later this year, to discuss worker's comp—and the mood is anti-Eastern Kentucky. Last month, the people of Jefferson County were instilled with the idea that their tax money was (unfairly) being used to fund "the far reaches of a largely rural and poor state." This, of course, is not true...just look around.

This month, an editorial called "Envelope economics" was printed. The essence of it can be summed up with these quotes, which came from the article, "The envelope economy, renewed with the arrival of each month's welfare and disability checks (to Eastern Kentucky), continues undisturbed. The infrastructure that matters the most in the mountains is still the postal service," and "The rest of Kentucky is still victimized." The editorial also unjustly assaulted Senator Kelsey Friend of Pikeville, saying "(Senator Friend) made a fortune in the business of processing comp claims, while using his state Senate position to discourage unwanted reform." It would be difficult for me to overemphasize the influence our state's largest newspapers have on the legislative process. Worker's comp reform will be no exception.

The most powerful ammunition being used by their media is a study done on worker's comp which revealed that 45 percent of worker's comp money awarded in Kentucky

was given to only ten counties in Eastern Kentucky, one of which is Floyd County. To those outside of Eastern Kentucky, these statistics reflect widespread abuse of the system, by the coal miners. Within Eastern Kentucky (or at least to me) these statistics reflect widespread abuse of the coal miners, by the system.

One statistic which their study did not mention was the fact that those ten Eastern Kentucky counties make up 60 percent of all miners in Kentucky. It should surprise no one, of average intelligence, that these counties would have a much larger number of injured workers claiming benefits, than the rest of the state.

The atmosphere in Frankfort is charged with reform, fueled by the press. Worker's compensation is in for some major changes, predetermined to hurt our miners and mining industry. However, there is a bright spot. Last Thursday, Governor Patton announced that he would propose a comprehensive reform plan which would not cut any benefits being paid to injured workers, and give the coal industry a major tax-break by eliminating a \$40 million annual tax paid by coal companies. This tax-break would be a boost to the coal industry and, subsequently, to our economy.

Of course, the anti-Eastern Kentucky press reacted immediately, pointing out that Governor Patton "made a fortune in the coal



Dave Porter

industry and still holds coal interests." Paul Patton is trying to help out the poorest region in the country...our region. We can help him by getting involved in this upcoming special session, concerning worker's comp., reforms. Call or visit your legislator to obtain more information, and let them know how you want them to represent your interests. Central and Western Kentucky legislators are mobilized for a strike on worker's comp. To protect Eastern Kentucky miners, get behind your legislators by attending and speaking at the special session.



Back by popular demand
 The Kentucky Opry Jr. Pros return Monday night to open for the Kentucky Opry at Jenny Wiley Theatre. The group will be joined onstage by the Kentucky Opry Jr. Bluegrass pickers. "Don't miss this show," says Opry founder Billie Jean Osborne. "Invite your neighbors and come on out." The show begins at 8:15 p.m. No rainouts. The show moves into the Wilkinsor/Stumbo Convention Center when the rains come.

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DAVCO STEEL

Hayton is the First Step counselor in Harold

Dorthea Hayton of Pikeville has joined the staff of Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's Cornerstone Family Center at Harold as a pregnancy and adoption counselor.

A graduate of Pikeville College with degrees in psychology and human services, Hayton previously worked at Mountain Comprehensive Care Center in Pikeville. At that facility she counseled adults in the community support, rehabilitation and outpatient services programs.

Hayton is working as part of Cornerstone Family Center's First Step Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Service which offers assistance to birth parents facing unplanned pregnancies. Hayton provides personal counseling, referral services and training for birth parents choosing to parent their child.

She also assists birth parents interested in adoption. First Step uses an open adoption process which involves the birth family in the decision-making process for the adoption of a child.

Individuals interested in receiving services or more information can contact Hayton at (606) 478-3300.

Two other KBHC ministries are also available at the Cornerstone Family Center. Family Foster Care provides training and assistance to those who wish to take a foster child into their home. The Center also operates Cornerstone Counseling which is a professional Christian counseling service for individuals and families.

The Cornerstone Family Center is a partnership ministry between KBHC and Enterprise and Pike associations of Southern Baptists.

KBHC provides care for chil-

dren who have been abused, neglected, or whose families are in crisis. The agency assists more than 2,300 children and adults each year.

Residential programs include Spring Meadows Children's Home in Middletown, Glen Dale Children's Home in Glendale, the Baptist Youth Ranch in Elizabethtown, the Dixon Temporary Shelter in Dixon, the Baptist Youth Shelter in Morehead, the Genesis Home in Mayfield, the Southern Region Shelter in Somerset and the Wilderness Camping Treatment Program in Somerset.

KBHC also operates First Step Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption in Louisville, manages private foster homes all over the state and provides family preservation and reunification services in Southern Kentucky. Help for older teens through independent living,

college and career counseling is available through the agency's Center for Independence in Louisville.

In addition to the office in Harold, KBHC's Cornerstone Counseling ministry provides professional Christian counseling to individuals and families through offices in Ashland, Berea, Bowling Green, Corbin, Erlanger, Frankfort, Harlan, Henderson, Hopkinsville, London, Madisonville, New Castle, Owensboro, Pineville and Somerset.

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Fall orientation and assessment set at PCC

New students planning to enter Prestonsburg Community College during the 1996 Fall Semester to pursue a degree are required to attend an orientation session which will include the evaluation of academic skills. This program also provides an overview of the campus and the services available.

New students who attend orientation later this month will have the opportunity to meet with an advisor and register for classes. Orientation and assessment sessions are scheduled for July 20 and for July 23-31.

Students who do not plan to seek a degree do not have to attend orientation or complete an assessment unless they plan to take an English or math course. There is no charge for the orientation or assessment.

Open registration will be held Wednesday, August 14, and Thursday, August 15, on the

Prestonsburg campus. Registration at the Pike County Campus will be held Monday, August 19. Hours will be from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and 2 to 4:30 p.m. each day. Registration for evening classes will be conducted from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each day.

Late registration on both campuses will be held August 21-23 and August 26-27. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day except Friday, August 23, when hours will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All registration on the Prestonsburg campus will be held in Room 102 of the Johnson Administration Building. All registration on the Pike County Campus will be held in Building B, Room 207.

Anyone planning to attend orientation should register in advance by calling the PCC Counseling Center at (606) 886-3863 or (606) 432-4800.

Church offers weight management seminars

The biggest nutrition program in the United States is the abuse of abundance, according to Geraldine Foraker.

Foraker continues to say that 50 million people are spending \$50 billion a year for diets, drugs, exercise equipment, spas, fat pills, and other devices to lose weight.

At the Fellowship Hall of the Prestonsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church, a weight management program will be conducted for ten weeks to benefit persons who need to lose between 10 and 50 pounds.

Foraker says the program will focus on nutrition and fitness education, and how to change habits.

"We are losing the battle of the bulge," says Foraker. Men and women are several pounds heavier than they were 20 years ago.

The factors contributing to obesity are overeating, low-fiber diets, high-calorie foods, and inactivity.

To combat this increasing problem, Foraker suggests that people should eat foods high in fiber, decrease high-calorie foods, and increase activity during work and leisure hours.

Losing weight is never easy, and all too often you gain back all you have lost. This program offers a way to achieve permanent weight loss.

For more information on the weight management seminar beginning July 30, 1996, call 886-3459 or 432-2955. The sessions start at 7:00 p.m.

Correction:

The name of Vance Hale of Arkansas Creek was incorrectly listed as Vance Hall in an announcement regarding the upcoming wedding of his son, Jeremy Lee Hale and Jennifer Lynn Prater on July 19.

Engagements



Moore-Newsom to wed

Brenda Moore of McDowell and Rich Newsom of Virgie announce their forthcoming marriage. The bride-elect is a registered nurse employed by the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital. Newsom is employed as a court security officer at the Federal Courthouse in Pikeville. The wedding will take place at 6 p.m. Saturday, August 3 at the home of the groom. A reception will be held. The custom of an open wedding will be observed.

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Academics

J.K.G. students win in regional competition

The Betsy Layne High School J.K.G. students recently captured first place or were first runners-up in the six categories in the Northeast Regional Career Development Conference at Martin County Alternative School, Monday, May 27.

Betsy Layne J.K.G. students competed with Johnson Central and Martin County Alternative School in six events. This is the first year for the competition.

First place winners included: LaShonda Bailey, who won in the telephone technique category; and Robin Howell, Jennifer Lewis, and Melissa Iricks, who won the poster division.

First runners-up included Melissa Iricks, telephone technique; Michael Taylor, employment interview; Princess Boyd, public speaking; Princess Boyd, Rhonda Collins, Jennifer Salisbury, and Melissa Iricks, decision making; and George McCoy, Daniel Rogers, and Jake Goble, poster.

The Betsy Layne High School J.K.G. Scrapbook also won first runner-up.

Awards were presented by

Marcie Ward, Martin County Alternative School J.K.G. specialist; Angela V. Coleman, Betsy Layne High School, J.K.G. specialist; and Billy Johnson, Johnson Central High School J.K.G. specialist.

J.K.G. has been a tremendous asset for Betsy Layne High School,

according to Angela V. Coleman. The program is in its third year. Students are given the opportunity to learn about the world of work through field trips, guest speakers, community service, and a variety of classroom activities. Betsy Layne is one of 24 schools in the state that offers the program.



Poster winners

Jennifer Lewis (left), Robin Howell (center), and Melissa Iricks (right) were winners of the poster competition.



Public speaker

Princess Boyd was a runner-up in the public speaking category of the J.K.G. regional.



Decision makers

First runners-up in the decision-making competition of the regional J.K.G. meet were, from left, Jennifer Salisbury, Princess Boyd, Melissa Iricks, and Rhonda Collins.



Telephone techniques

LaShonda Bailey showed she knows her stuff when it comes to telephone etiquette. She won the telephone technique portion of the J.K.G. regional competition.



Runners-up

From left, Jake Goble, Daniel Rogers, and George McCoy were runners-up in J.K.G.'s poster competition.

Math team receives highest recognition

Coach Eddie Hamilton's mathematics students learned that working hard in the classroom can be very rewarding. The McDowell team earned the Highest Recognition in the Problem Solving category of the Morehead State University Mathematics Science Outreach Program on May 4.

In addition to winning top honors as team members, Ashley Ward was recognized as the top-ranking student in grade eight mathematics and Wendy Mullins was recognized as ranking the highest in oral quiz for mathematics in grades seven-nine.

The program was sponsored by Morehead State University through

a grant from GTE. All student participants were presented with embossed certificates and treated to a formal luncheon.

Specific objectives for the program were to motivate students to strive for higher levels of achievement in mathematics and science and to recognize students for excellence in performance in science and mathematics.

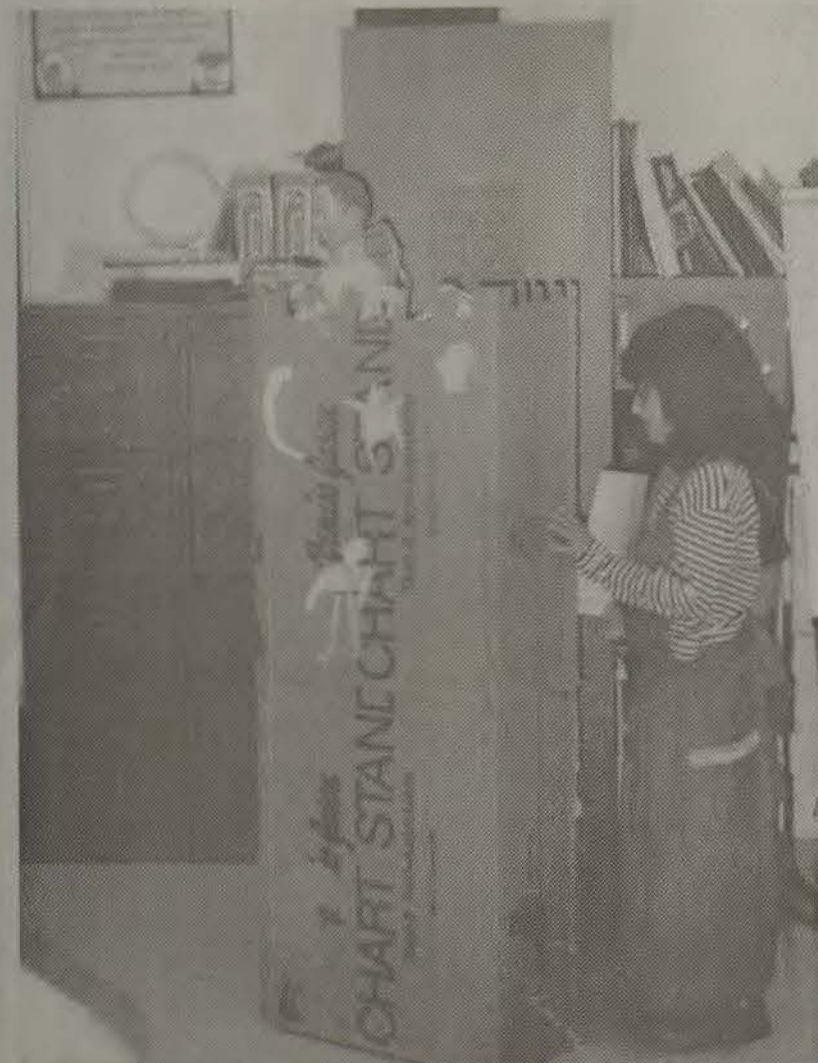
The Outreach Program offered Kentucky students in grades seven through twelve an opportunity to compete in a variety of categories including geometry, algebra, metric system, physics, chemistry, and computer programming. Morehead State University plans to offer the opportunity again during the 1996-97 school year.

For information on how students may register for this event, please call Joyce O. Watson, Floyd County Schools Office of Instruction, 886-2354.



Math students

The Mathematics Problem Solving Team consists of the following students: Monica Hobson, Joe Skeans, Alexis Maldonado, Jennifer Spriggs, Sonya Tackett, Ashley Ward, Lance Sparkman, Sheena Allen, Wendy Mullins, and Brandon Gearheart. Each student solved several challenging mathematics problems individually producing an accumulative score that was the best overall.



Language arts

Students experience language arts in a dramatic activity at Betsy Layne Elementary. Through exploring a child's creative talents, skills in reading and writing are enhanced.



Niagara tour

Floyd County Gifted and Talented (TAG) and Science Olympiad students visited Niagara Falls and Toronto, Canada. At Niagara Falls, they rode on the Maid of the Mist Boat and visited Tussaud's Wax Museum. In Toronto, they visited Casa Loma Castle, Fork York, Pickering Nuclear Power Plant, Ontario Science Center, CN Tower, and Eaton Center. TAG students participating were Brent Tackett, Neil Moore and Brent Holbrook of South Floyd High School; Tyler Greene, Virginia Shepherd and John Slone of Duff; Allison Pack of Adams Middle School; Narissa Sparkman and Daniel Bentley of Allen Central High School; Jason Goble, Preston Combs and Heidi Caudill of Allen Elementary. Other students attending were Casey Craft and Chasity Hamilton of Allen Central High School, and Ryan Turner and Seth Crisp of Allen Elementary.

Betsy Layne Elementary young authors program

Students at Betsy Layne Elementary worked hard to produce great stories to make the Young Authors program a big success again this year at the school.

Betsy Layne had 54 school winners to enter the county judging in May. Betsy Layne Elementary placed first in the county for the second straight year, with 14 county winners. The 14 county winners each received a certificate and a \$50 savings bond that was awarded to them on Sunday, June 2 at the Stumbo/Wilkinson Convention Center. They were also recognized and awarded a trophy for their

accomplishments at the Honors Banquet which was held in the Betsy Layne Elementary cafeteria, June 18.

Betsy Layne Elementary's Young Authors' county winners were Hannah Blackburn, Michael Rose, Tyler Hamilton and Angie Robinette (kindergarten), Devon Stokes and Crystal Osborne (first grade), Amanda Hunter and Zachary Wagner (second grade), Lyle Watson (third grade), Nat Blackburn (fifth grade), Justin Morton and Ashley Hall (sixth grade), Brandis Bradley and Christibeth Blackburn (eighth grade).



Earth lessons

Brent Tackett, Bobby Akers, and Neil Moore, South Floyd High School students; and Daniel Bentley, Allen Central High School learned lessons about Floyd County's water supply by testing water samples from streams throughout the county. Pictured with them are Prestonsburg Community College instructors Dr. Paul D. Thompson and David Turnbull. The project was part of a two-year program for the "Talented and Gifted" (TAG) students in the county.



Fighting fires

Phyllis Allison's kindergarten class at Prestonsburg Elementary visited the Prestonsburg Fire Department recently to learn about the responsibilities of fire fighters, and to see the equipment they use to fight fires.



Soil conservation

Deborah DeRossett and Jennifer Skeans attended the annual Soil Conservation Awards Banquet at Clark Elementary School with their winning students, Lowell Brock and Zachary Carroll from Prestonsburg Elementary.

A Look At Sports

UK shows interest in Castle; game called off; other stuff and more

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH TO...



Ed Taylor Sports Editor

Ryan Hardee, who will celebrate his 16th birthday Tuesday, July 23, Ryan is all-stater in cross-country at Prestonsburg and is a 1600 and 3200-meter endurance runner in track and field. Happy birthday, Ryan!

CASTLE DOING WELL...

Back when he was an eighth grader, I predicted that Brandon Castle could become a big time player. I still believe that and it appears that college coaches are seeing things the same way.

University of Kentucky baseball coach Keith Madison has written Castle expressing an interest in the senior-to-be and I am sure that there will many letters arriving at the Castle home this coming season.

Castle is currently playing summer baseball for Coach Dick Grammer (a Toronto Bluejays' scout) in Huntington, West Virginia, and he is getting the needed exposure that often brings just the right break.

I understand that he has strained a back muscle and it has hindered him some lately. But Brandon is a strong kid and will come back just as strong.

I wrote about Jason Hackworth getting to play summer ball in Lexington and doing well. Here Brandon is in Huntington. It is good that our county boys get to play and get all the exposure. That's good. But wouldn't it be wonderful if we had a local team that traveled and played in Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Indiana and other sites.

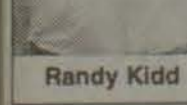
I have always contended that we have some very fine baseball players in Floyd County, but they just don't get the exposure players in other areas of the state get.

I would like to see a coach, scout or someone else with connections, take a group of our county players and tour a summer with them. I would like to see what the outcome would be.

Brandon's team will be playing in Georgetown and Lexington this weekend in tournament action. Huntington will play two games in Georgetown Friday at 12:30 and then again at 5:30. They will be at Versailles Field in Lexington on Saturday at 3 p.m.

GAME CALLED...

Last Sunday the Floyd County 13-year-old All-Stars saw their game against Louisville come to an abrupt end at Boyd County High School. The All-Stars were trailing 10-0 in the fourth inning when manager Byron Hansford was tossed from the game by the umpires. Hansford figured being tossed would fire up his team and they would play better. But what he didn't reckon was that coach Randy Kidd would get tossed also, leaving the team short of coaches.



Randy Kidd

After Kidd was tossed, after being warned, the game was called off with Louisville getting the win. The Floyd County fans who followed the team to Ashland wanted a refund on the money they paid to get in. Some of the fans also felt offended by the type of animal sounds the PA system announcer was putting out, according to Floyd County Babe Ruth President Harold Case. In the eight years that I have been covering these all-star tournaments, we have yet to make a

Betsy Layne's Collins inks with Sue Bennett

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Betsy Layne first baseman Wes Collins signed a letter-of-intent to play college baseball at Sue Bennett College this fall. Collins signed this past Tuesday in the high school library in front of family and former coaches. Collins is the second athlete to sign a letter-of-intent this year. Jonathan Newman signed a basketball letter earlier. Collins played two seasons at Betsy Layne after transferring from Prestonsburg. He

played first base for the Bobcats and was a solid defensive player who saw a lot of improvement with the bat this past season. Coach Junior Newsome said Collins was a big part of the Bobcats' offense this year. "Wes made tremendous improvement in his hitting this year," said the Betsy Layne mentor. "Had it not been for his injury, he probably would have done even better." Collins batted .425 for Betsy Layne before and after the injury. "He certainly has been a big part of our baseball program the past two years, helping

us to win back-to-back district titles," said Newsome. "We're going to miss him tremendously. He's a tremendous kid and a very hard worker. Wes is a coachable kid, a good student-athlete as well." "We're just happy he has a chance to continue his baseball skills with Sue Bennett as well as get a good education," he said. Collins could be used at other positions beside first base, but Coach Newsome said the transition would not bother Collins. "With Wes and his work habits, he will adapt to any situation. We're happy he is able

to continue his baseball career," said Newsome. Collins was sidelined in April of this year because of a separated shoulder, but did return in time for the district tournament. In swimming, he re-injured the shoulder and had surgery last week. Collins said Sue Bennett was a good choice for him. "My father lives down there," he said. "It will be a lot easier for me. I'll live off campus with him, so it will be a lot better." Collins' mother, Karen, said she is pleased with his decision. "I'm glad he got to go to Sue Bennett. He's a good ballplayer and a good kid. It's about a two-hour drive and we will be going over to watch him play very often." "He started the season well this year, but he got hurt in April. He did come back and finish the season, even though he wasn't suppose to. He was supposed to miss the rest of the season, but he wanted to go back and play in the district tournament." "He didn't get to play summer baseball because he re-injured the shoulder in June swimming. It has been a rough season for him, but he will be okay." "The doctors said he will be fine. He had surgery last week and within two months he should be able to work out and in three months he will be just fine," she said. The injury is not a concern for Sue Bennett coach Mike Arvin. He says injury has healed. "The injury to his shoulder doesn't bother me," he said. "He's young enough that, that will heal in time. It takes time to do that. It has been a blessing that he has stayed out this summer and not having to do a whole lot." Coach Arvin said he likes the way Collins handles himself at first base, but thinks he could play two positions for Sue Bennett. "This time is a unique situation at Sue Bennett," said Arvin, "because we don't have but five or six players



Collins inks with Sue Bennett
Wes Collins (center) was flanked by family, along with Coach Junior Newsome and Sue Bennett Coach Mike Arvin, as he signed a letter-of-intent to play baseball this fall. Collins batted .425 for the season, but had a shoulder surgery last week. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Casebolt's triple gives Floyd County extra inning win over Johnson County All-Stars

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

When coach Ronnie Patton's 15-year-old Babe Ruth All-Stars took the field at Johnson Central last Saturday afternoon, they had their

backs to the wall after losing to Johnson County on Friday night in the opening round of the Babe Ruth All-Star Tournament. But when it was all over with Saturday evening, Floyd County had swept Johnson County in a

twin-bill and won the regional championship to advance to state tournament play tonight in Lexington. Floyd won the opening game, 9-2, (Johnson County's first loss) to force a third game playoff. They recorded a 6-5 win in eight innings.

Eric Casebolt had a long RBI triple in the bottom of the eighth inning that sent Barry Conley scampering home with the winning run. Conley led off the eighth with a single.

Brian Crawford picked up the victory, working the final two and two-thirds innings. Shaw Deskins started for Floyd County and went the first five and a third before leaving in the sixth.

Johnson County scored twice in the top of the seventh inning to take a 5-4 lead but Floyd County came back to tie the game at 5 to send the game into extra innings. In the top of the eighth, Crawford struck out

Blair to leave two runners stranded. It didn't take long for Floyd County to end in the bottom of the inning. Johnson County took a brief 1-0 lead in the first on a walk to O'Brian and Blair's base hit. Floyd went in front 2-1 on Nick Moore's two-run single. Crawford walked to open the inning, Corbett Howell singled before Byron Patton walked to load the bases.

The score remained 2-1 until Johnson County batted in the fourth and scored twice for a 3-2 lead. Blair singled and Brad Pery doubled with both runners scoring on two Floyd County errors.

In the bottom of the fifth, Floyd County reclaimed the lead at 4-3. Ryan Owens walked and scored on Patton's two out double. Patton scored on a Johnson County error.

Casebolt had a single in the sixth inning but was left stranded. In the first game on Saturday, Wes Howard went the distance in a

9-2 win for Floyd County. Floyd scored four times in the first inning and pushed home two runs in each of the fifth and sixth innings. Howard had Johnson County shut out until they batted in the bottom of the seventh inning when they scored twice.

The big blow for Floyd County was Nick Moore's three-run home run. Barry Conley singled after two were out and scored on an error to give Floyd County a 4-0 lead. Brian Crawford opened the second for Floyd with a double and scored on Corbett Howell's single to make it a 5-0 score.

Howard doubled home a run and scored in the two-run fifth for Floyd. Patton tripled home Crawford, who had singled, in the sixth inning and he scored on a forced out.

Howard walked two batters in the Johnson County first inning but got a pop out and grounder to first to escape trouble. Johnson County put two runners on base in the third but good defense kept them off the scoreboard.

Howard scattered six Johnson County hits, but four came in their two run seventh.

Floyd County faces Louisville tonight at Lexington's Shilto Park with the first pitch scheduled for 5:30 p.m.



One of two

Grant Newsome of the Harold-Allen-Prater All-Stars drew one of just two walks Belfry pitcher Steven Duty issued in the finals of the Little League All-Star Tournament at Pikeville last Monday evening. Newsome had a double in the game as well. HAP dropped a 7-3 decision. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Duty's duty: Keep ball low against HAP All-Stars

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Harold-Allen-Prater Little League All-Stars like the ball up in the strike zone where the batters can drive it out of the park. Steven Duty, of the Belfry All-Stars, knew that and did something about it.

Duty kept the ball low on the All-Stars, resulting in 10 ground ball outs, one a double play. Belfry posted a 7-3 win over HAP to win the District 7 Little League All-Star championship and the right to advance to Corbin next week in the state tournament.

HAP was continually beating the ball on the ground and the infield had the defense to back it up. Belfry had one error in the game and that came in the fourth inning when Bo Varney booted Casey Brown's ground ball. Belfry first baseman Josh Spears had eight put outs in the game.

HAP was slow getting any offense going as Duty retired six of the first seven he faced in two

innings. He walked Grant Newsome with two out in the first. Got the next four until he walked Matt Stevens leading off the third. But Belfry turned a beautiful 6-4-3 double play, text book style. Daniel Knauz grounded out to end the third inning.

Meanwhile, while HAP was struggling offensively, Belfry staked Duty to a 4-0 lead after three innings. Craig Keathley, who started for HAP, gave up a lead-off single to Boo Hager and hit Bo Varney with one out. Josh Spears then lined a double, scoring Hager. Varney scored on a fielder's choice play with Spears coming home on an error.

In the third inning, Belfry put its fourth run on the board on a lead-off single by Matt Thornsbury, a passed ball and ground out to first base.

HAP got on the board in the fourth with two runs for a 4-2 game. Newsome doubled to start the rally

Betsy Layne to hold two-day skills camp

New Betsy Layne head football coach Randall Hager will conduct a two-day football camp July 24-25 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. each day.

The camp will be for fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and freshmen players.

"Anyone who is planning to play football in the Betsy Layne school area, grade school or freshman, should attend the camp," said Coach Hager.

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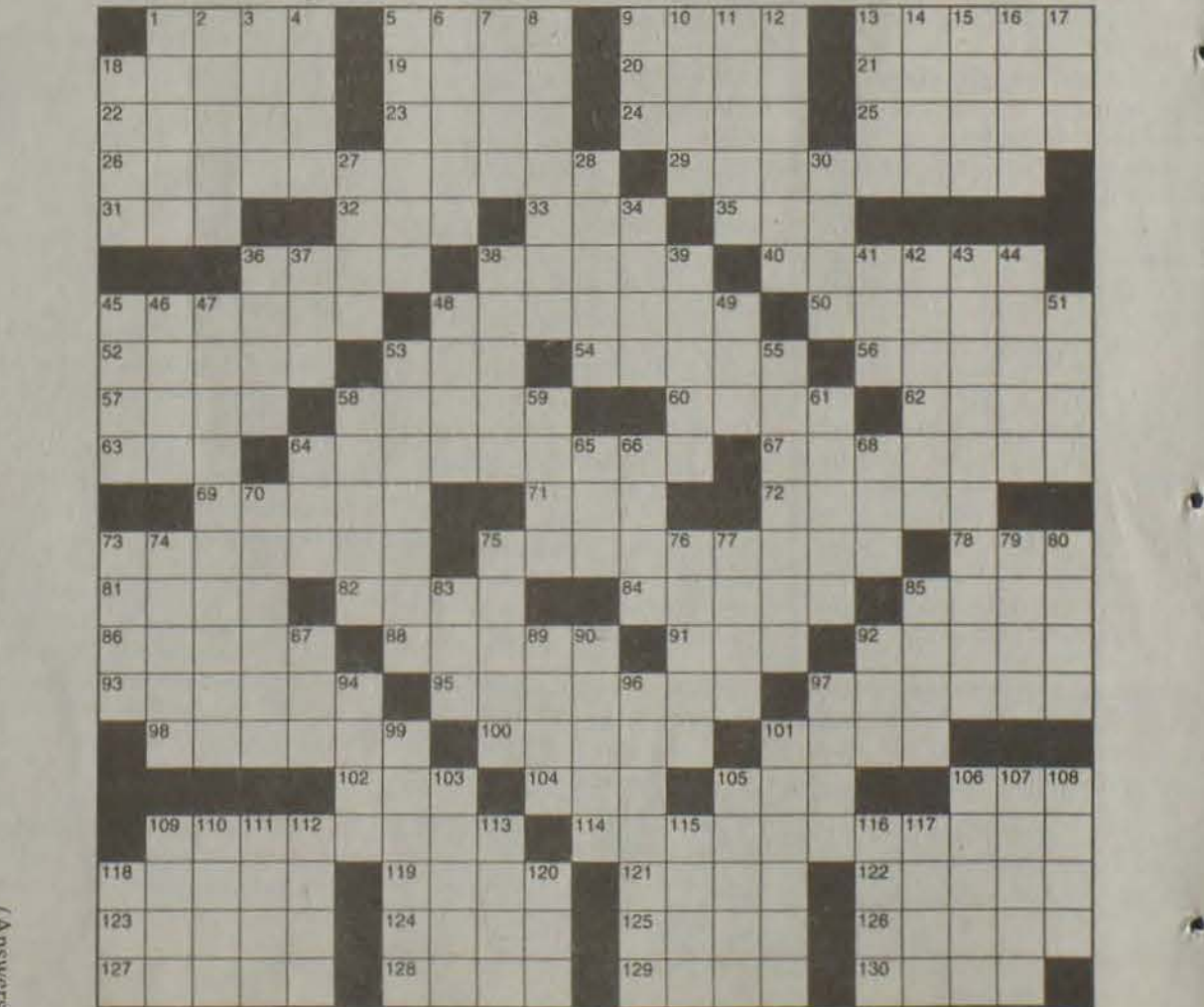
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Johnson County

Barnes trial postponed

The trial of a convicted sex offender currently serving a 198-year sentence and accused of 56 additional sex-related crimes was scheduled to get underway this week, but was postponed after the defendant filed a flurry of last-minute motions.

Jack Barnes, 47, formerly of Johnson County and Waverly, Ohio, was to stand trial Monday on 18 counts of first-degree sodomy, 21 counts of first-degree sexual abuse, and 17 counts of first-degree rape of a child under 12.

The victim in the case — a relative of Barnes' — was allegedly molested in the 1980s from the time she was seven until shortly before she turned 12.

But the trial ground to a halt when Barnes, who is representing himself, filed 15 motions seeking to, among other things, disqualify Circuit Judge James A. Knight and have his trial moved from Johnson County.

Knight overruled Barnes' request that the judge step aside in the case, after Barnes refused to say on what grounds the judge should recuse himself. Knight postponed the trial indefinitely while he considers Barnes' other motions. — *The Paintsville Herald*

Fiscal court brings county workers back

A trimmed-down county workforce was back on the job Tuesday, July 16, after the Johnson County Fiscal Court last week agreed to end over three months of layoffs.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the call-back Thursday night, after wrangling over the matter in closed session for over 90 minutes. The action affects all workers laid off March 29 except those whose jobs were abolished when commissioners made budget cuts last month. The cuts mean there will be four fewer employees in the road department and three less in Judge-Executive Hobert Meade's office. The position of maintenance supervisor was also eliminated.

Commissioners also made a stand against Meade's efforts to replace Ernie Vanhoose as road supervisor. In a three-to-one vote, the court decided to reinstate Vanhoose, who received a letter from Meade last week informing him that he was no longer employed. Meade was the lone dissenting vote. — *The Paintsville Herald*

the very entrance of the home.

There is not another county in Kentucky that will have information as detailed or complete as what Magoffin will have. The main reason that this procedure will be so detailed is that the U.S. Postal System will be interacting with the mapping service. Anyone who is capable of receiving mail will be included in this mapping.

Roger Recktenwald of the Big Sandy Area Development District presented the proposal to the Magoffin County Fiscal Court during a meeting last month. The Big Sandy ADD has reportedly been very influential in acquiring the equipment for this mapping. Equipment and operators for the equipment will be on loan from this pilot project for use in Magoffin County. Mapping should be completed during the current calendar year. — *The Salyersville Independent*

MCHS to interview applicants for principal position

The Magoffin County High School Site-Based Council will convene on July 22, in a meeting that will be closed to the public, to interview applicants for the position of school principal.

The job became vacant when Owen Barnett announced his retirement, effective June 30. — *The Salyersville Independent*

ous condition with multiple head injuries, and had been removed from intensive care at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

The Martin County Ambulance Service has utilized the Health Net services frequently this year due to a high number of ATV accidents that have occurred recently in Martin County. — *The Martin County Sun*

Martin County flood project is approved

The House Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee has approved Representative Hal Rogers' request for \$492,000 for flood control work in Martin County.

Rogers said the funds will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to begin a project along the Tug Fork of the Big Sandy River that will floodproof or relocate homes and businesses.

"We've overcome the first major hurdle in getting additional federal dollars to continue this project," said Rogers. "This work will help end the problem of flooding in Martin County — protecting its citizens and promoting economic development," said Rogers.

Rogers serves as vice-chairman of the subcommittee and helped write the bill that will now be considered before the full Appropriations Committee. The legislation must be approved by the full Appropriations Committee and the House of Representatives. — *The Martin County Sun*

MHC Inc.

Andy Lowe, 33, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Detective Kenneth Slone on charges of theft by unlawful taking and two counts of first-degree burglary. The warrant said Lowe was armed with a firearm at the time of the burglary and took items valued at more than \$300. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Ratliff will not seek re-election to county school board

Three-term Pike County School Board member Karen Sue Ratliff made it official at Tuesday night's, July 9 board meeting — she will not be seeking re-election in November.

Ratliff, a former board chairwoman and representative of Division III, said she would not be able to seek re-election because of a new federal judicial regulation issued by the Judicial Court of the United States.

"I think the important thing to look at is how the citizens perceive the court," said Ratliff, who has been employed with U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood for the past six years. "It's real important that a citizen who brings a lawsuit to this court feels they are going to get a fair trial.

"More and more there are federal regulations that involve political entities. We want to guard the integrity of the court beyond everything else. That's more important than my service on the school board." — *Appalachian News-Express*

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The system is currently being used to map everything from city streets to forests. In urban areas, it can map the exact location of street lights, fire hydrants, benches, bus stops, etc.

In Magoffin County, it will provide not only the precise distance to a home that has placed a call for emergency services, but will describe each and every turn to

Martin County

Stafford youth still in coma after 4-wheeler accident

Raymond Shannon Rowe, a 17-year-old resident of Stafford at Tomahawk, six miles from Inez, wrecked his four-wheeler and sustained many serious injuries Wednesday, July 10.

According to Chief Deputy F. D. Fitzpatrick, Martin County Sheriff's Deputies Rusty Jude and Gary McCallister were on routine patrol in the Tomahawk area when a call for emergency assistance was needed at Stafford.

Within approximately five minutes, deputies arrived at the scene of the mishap and began administering first aid.

Jude and McCallister, who are both EMT certified, provided emergency assistance to Rowe until the Martin County Ambulance Service arrived with EMTs and a Paramedic to provide advanced life support care and transport.

As of Saturday afternoon, Rowe was listed in seri-

Pike County

Three teens charged in vandalism

Two Pikeville men were arrested and a Pikeville juvenile taken into custody in several criminal mischief/vandalism offenses Thursday, July 11.

Randall Scott Mitchell, 19; Jason Bunch, 18; and a juvenile, 16, whose name was not released, were responsible for spray painting five vehicles and several buildings on Bank Street and Cemetery Road, according to a report from the Pikeville City Police. As a result of the investigation, a burglary, theft and several criminal mischief cases were cleared and stolen property was recovered from the juvenile's residence. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Zebulon man charged with burglary, more DUI arrests made

A Zebulon man was arrested Tuesday, July 9, for taking items from two buildings and surrounding areas owned by



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News of the Weird by Chuck Shepherd

— On June 9, rock climber Reza Zand, 35, had to be rescued by a volunteer search team on a 300-foot cliff near Castaic, Calif., where he got stuck while studying peregrine falcons. He was admonished for being poorly prepared and then released. On June 13, a fire department search and rescue team was called to get Zand, once again lacking sufficient rope, down from the very same spot.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY

— Despite appeals by their more mainstream leaders, about 4,000 Shiite Muslims in Nabatiyeh, Lebanon, slashed their heads with swords and razors in May in the annual self-flagellation celebration of the revered 7th-century saint Hussein, the grandson of the Prophet Mohammed.

— In December, shown on a TBS network documentary on entrepreneurialism in China ("China: The Wild East") were maidens on horseback dressed in Tang Dynasty costumes and playing "horse basketball" (which is, of course, conventional basketball but with

players on horseback).

— In January, The New York Times profiled physician Rubens Faria Jr., the latest in a line of Brazilians who claim to possess the soul of "Dr. Fritz," an inexplicably meaningful German physician who died during World War I, and who is said to have had magical healing powers. On a typical day, 800 people will wait up to 14 hours in line for an "office visit" that might last just 30 seconds.

— In April, a rabbi in London, England, granted estranged wife Rachel David a "nidui" in her quest to pressure her husband, Moses David, for a divorce. The "nidui" forbids observant Jews from speaking to Moses or coming within six yards of him. So far, despite the pressure, Moses has refused to grant Rachel a "get," which means that she cannot have a religious divorce and that her subsequent children will be regarded as illegitimate.

— Ms. Hind Abderrahim Mohamed, 17, was recently raped by a stranger on the street in Cairo, Egypt. Under the circumstances, the man has one chance of avoiding prison: Under Egyptian law, he cannot be punished if the victim agrees to marry him, and in February, she did.

— In April, a court in Hebei province in China found night watchman Qi Mingjin, 61, guilty of making 180 long-distance calls on his employer's telephone and

intended him to life in prison.

CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

— Mark Steele, a Massachusetts candidate for the U.S. House, is on probation for setting a business afire to collect insurance payments (and as part of his platform, lectures voters to take greater personal responsibility).

— Bill Yellowtail, running for the U.S. House from Montana, was revealed to have had his Montana state senate pay docketed in the 1980s for child-support payments and to have kept secret his expulsion from Dartmouth College for burglary convictions.

— State Sen. Charles Davidson, who had announced for a U.S. House seat in Alabama, dropped out after flak from a floor speech in May in which he defended slavery as ordained by God.

— Bill Levinger, challenging Idaho's militia-defending U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth in the primary, appeared on a public affairs TV show in April, stripped down to his underwear, offered the host \$5,000 for a kiss, and played with a toy elephant and rolls of \$100 bills.

WON'T TAKE NO FOR AN ANSWER

— The Columbia (Mo.) Tribune reported in May on

(See Weird, page five)

Popperri

by Scott Perry

Dog days are here. It's that freakish time when dogs rise up on their hind legs, speak plain English, and generally act as though they are human, unless there happens to be a fire hydrant nearby.

Ha ha. Just kidding.

Not all dogs speak plain English, some speak German, French or Chinese, depending on their breeding.

Our Scottish Terrier, for instance, tends to sound a bit like Robert Burns, whose highland brogue is about as decipherable as the lyrics in the song "Louie, Louie."

Actually dog days aren't about dogs at all, but refer to an astronomical event when Sirius, the Dog Star, rises and sets with the sun.

Other dog stars, like Lassie or Rin Tin Tin don't usually get up that early because, well, they're movie stars and are inclined to be a tad spoiled.

It is no coincidence that dog days are generally associated with the hottest, hazy and most humid weather of the year, because they occur between the first of July and mid-August, when we always have hot, hazy and humid weather. Unless you live in South America, that is, when July is in the dead of winter.

Many myths have their origins in dog days, too, probably because the hot, hazy, humid weather causes people to hallucinate and act strangely.

For instance, some people believe that snakes don't bite during dog days. We do not advise putting that theory to the test, but if you do, try to stick to the non-venomous variety.

While most of us like to complain about the heat, haze and humidity that accompany dog days, the period that immediately follows is often considered less desirable, at least by our kids.

As soon as dog days are over, school days begin. That's when children of all ages stand up on their hind legs and howl like dogs.

Critic's Corner

by Michael Greene

Eraser

My girlfriend, who likes to watch soap operas now and again, tells me that the writers of these shows either consult with each other or steal from each other. She says story lines are constantly being repeated from one soap to another. Even the same first names show up from soap to soap! I was reminded of this as I watched this latest Schwarzenegger action flick.

The plot is identical (at least in my mind) to the "Mission: Impossible" movie. Arnold portrays John Kruger, an operative for the U.S. Marshals' Witness Security Program. His code name is, appropriately, "Eraser," since it's his job to take people who have been witnesses in extremely sensitive cases, "erase" their identities, and place them in new lives. He does this generally by faking their deaths.

His latest assignment is a woman named Lee (Vanessa Williams). In her job working with an arms manufacturer, she has come across a plot to sell powerful, yet untested, new weapons to enemies of the U.S. In collusion with the FBI, she has obtained secret files testifying to this and has agreed to appear in court against the Cyrez corporation (the arms manufacturer).

Lee doesn't cotton to Kruger at first. However, she's soon convinced she needs him when five very sinister-looking men show up to kill her. Grudgingly, Kruger and Lee team up.

Neither of them knows that the Cyrez information links certain nefarious activities with high-level operatives within the government. By the time they discover this, it's too late. They've been set up as "moles," and are being pursued by the same people they're trying to help.

The ending is fairly predictable, and the action scenes are as well. However, fans of the genre, and of Schwarzenegger, will like this flick. Personally, I really didn't care for it. Schwarzenegger is terrible at "sensitive," which is what he goes for in this movie. The bright spot for me was Vanessa Williams. Hers is a performance that lights up the screen!

The BYPATRA Weekend

Bishops to perform in Berea

The Bishops' homecoming celebration continues today and tomorrow, Friday and Saturday in Berea.

The Bishops' 12th anniversary homecoming concerts began Thursday and end Saturday at the Indian Fort Theatre in Berea. Friday's concert begins at 7 p.m. and Saturday's concert begins earlier, at 6 p.m.

The Bishops began their career in the gospel music field in 1984 when they went into a small, Kentucky recording studio to record their first album on RCM Records. That album, recorded more for family and friends than themselves, was to be the beginning of one of the

most successful careers in Southern Gospel Music as The Bishops have carved a notch for themselves and become one of the most widely known names in gospel music.

This family group, consisting of dad, Kenneth Bishop, his two sons, Mark and Kenny, along with bassist Steve Perkins, pianist Johnny Sansom and drummer Brian McGee have traveled the country over, sharing their deeply held faith through their own brand of family harmony, front-porch style singing and down-home humor. Their openness and sincerity has helped them to maintain their perspective and keep their delivery simple and uncomplicated to

make their message pure and open.

The list of songs that The Bishops have introduced to gospel music goes on and on. These include, "Lazarus, Come Forth," "I Need You More Today," "For Every Cross There Is A Crown," "He's In The Midst," and their latest song to reach the number one position on the national charts, "He's My Hiding Place."

Songs with a message for eternity are typical of any recording or performance by The Bishops. Their latest recording "Seems Like Only Yesterday" is a collection of songs this family grew up singing in their home church in the rolling hills of Kentucky. Old favorites like "I'm Going That Way," "The Meeting In The Air," and "The Eastern Gate," take the group back to their days of singing in their church with family and friends.

The Bishops have appeared on television and radio worldwide. As guests they have appeared on TNN's "Nashville Now" with Ralph Emory, "Music City Tonight" with Crook and Chase, TNN's "Gospel Jubilee" and TBN's "Praise The Lord" program with Laverne Tripp, as well as a host of other television and radio programs across the United States, Canada and around the world.

The awards, nominations and special recognitions The Bishops have accumulated over the years are an accurate testimony to the dedication and the hard work that this group puts into everything they do on stage and off.

With the direction of their record company of the last ten years, The Eddie Crook Company/Morning Star Records, and the additional work of their booking agency, Harper and Associates, The Bishops have worked hard to maintain a standard of quality and integrity that has helped them to achieve great success while lifting with pride, the banner of Christ.

Performing with the Bishops during their homecoming performance on Friday night will be Brian Free and Assurance, The Greenses. Saturday night entertainers include the Bishops, The Hoppers, The Nelons, and Charles Mealing.

For more information about The Bishops, call their office at (606) 369-3635. For more information about motel accommodations in Berea for the concert, call the Berea Tourism Commission at 1-800-598-5263.



The Bishops

FLYING THE COOP (PART 4)

As campus life looms in front of him, our son is ecstatic about setting out on his own. He's been so excited the last couple of weeks that he's actually come precariously close to deciding upon a field of study. At present, he's got it narrowed down to communications, journalism, engineering, accounting and computers.

"Is Hunt still interested in marine biology?" I asked my son.

"Yeah, I guess," J.R. replied. "Why not ask him yourself?"

"I sure am," Hunt said, as he followed in the room behind J.R.

"It must be good to know what you want to do. Ever since I can remember you were interested in the sea, Hunt," I stated.

"Seahunt was an old television program with Beau Bridges' dad, Mom," J.R. laughed.

"Well, actually I wanted to be an NBA superstar, but I opted for a secure profession with a guaranteed income of less than 98.5 million every seven years,"

Hunt laughed.
"Do you think you'll like UK, Hunt?" my husband, Jimmie, asked.

"I like it when I visit the campus, and I like Lexington. I guess I'll like it."

"I'll like him being only 20 minutes away," J.R. said.

"And I can go visit J.R. and 'Shoes' when I'm not busy studying," Hunt added.

Obviously, the boys had caught on to our concern that

study would be the least of theirs, so they continued to discuss study habits.

"We'll probably go over pretty often to study with each other," J.R. stated. "Hunt says they have an excellent library there."

"Don't they have a library at Eastern?" I asked.

"Yes, but it probably won't have the books I'll need," J.R. replied.

"What books would those be? You haven't even signed up for classes yet?"

"I'm not sure, but I'm positive most of the books I'll need can be found in Lexington."



Smile
Awhile

Sara Hopson

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5351, Transfer

In accordance with the provisions to 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Tram Coal Company, P.O. Box 232, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, intends to transfer permit number 836-5199 to Costain Coal, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The new permit number will be 836-5351. The operation disturbs 4.23 surface acres and underlies 170.00 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 4.0 miles southwest of Honaker in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 3.0 miles southwest from Ky. 2030's junction with Ky. 1426 and located 0.10 miles east of Upper Wolfpen Branch. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 28' 14" and longitude 82° 42' 09".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5352, Transfer

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Tram Coal Company, P.O. Box 323, Ivel, Kentucky 41642, intends to transfer permit number 836-5214 to Costain Coal, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The new permit number will be 836-5352. The operation disturbs 4.2 surface acres and underlies 82.21 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 3.5 miles south of Honaker in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 3.0 miles south from Ky. 2030's junction with Ky. 5197 and located along Stone Hollow of Little Mud Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 28' 16" and longitude 82° 40' 48".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0268, Renewal

In accordance with the provision of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Carbon Tech Fuels, Inc., P.O. Box 218, Ivel, Kentucky 41642 has filed an application for renewal of an underground coal mining and reclamation operation. The existing operation will affect a surface disturbance of 10.74 acres and will underlie an additional 143.59 acres for a total proposed permit acreage of 154.33 acres located 3.50 miles west of Honaker in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.50 miles southwest from KY

2030's junction with KY 1426 and located 3.50 miles west of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. The latitude is 37° 31' 20". The longitude is 82° 40' 37".

The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Bernard Clark, Ronald Newberry and Willie Lawson. The operation will underlie land owned by Bernard Clark, Ronald Newberry Willie Lawson, Vernon Case, Aaron Tackett, John P. Hall, Henry Harvey, Parsons Estate and George Kidd. The operation will use the contour/auger and underground methods of mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application #836-0268, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Sandy River Mining Corporation, P.O. Box 218, Rt. 23, Ivel, Kentucky 41642 intends to transfer permit number 836-0168 to Carbon Tech Fuels, Inc., P.O. Box 218, Ivel, Kentucky 41642. The new permit number will be 836-0268. The operation disturbs 10.74 surface acres and will underlie an additional 143.59 acres for a total proposed permit acreage of 154.33 acres. No new acreage will be affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 1.50 miles southwest from KY 2030's junction with KY 1426 and located 3.50 miles west of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. The operation is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 31' 20" and longitude 82° 40' 37".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-6007, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc., P.O. Box 3428, Pikeville, Kentucky 41502, has applied for a renewal of a permit for a coal processing facility affecting 4.43 acres located 0.25 miles south of Eastern in Floyd County.

The proposed facility is approximately 0.07 miles south from KY Route 80's junction with KY Route 550 and located along the Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 30' 49". The longitude is 82° 48' 30".

The proposed facility is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Coal-Mac, Inc. and CSX Transportation, Inc. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of a public road which accesses residents on the south side of Flight Fork of Beaver Creek near

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

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Eat Your Vegetables

(NAPS)—More and more studies show your mother was right: you should eat your vegetables. In fact, according to Vegetarian Times magazine, research studies from as far back as the 1970s show a low-fat vegetarian diet can help prevent heart disease, diabetes and some kinds of cancer and may lower high blood pressure.

What's more, as athletes have found, a vegetarian diet is the way to go for muscles, strength and endurance. High carbohydrate, meatless pasta is the meal of choice of runners, delivering slow, sustained, energy without excess fat and calories.

Helping Women Live Longer, Better Lives

(NAPS)—While some women hardly notice any menopause-related changes as they approach this natural life event, many other women in midlife experience psychological problems ranging from bothersome to very distressing. One factor unites all women as they approach menopause and beyond—the need for accurate, unbiased information so they can make informed decisions with their healthcare providers.

To help, a national grassroots effort has been undertaken by five organizations, The North American Menopause Society, the Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research, American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Alliance for Aging Research, and the Association of Academic Health Centers, devoted to health and aging. They hope to help remove many of the myths associated with menopause and provide women with a clear message regarding what to expect at this time of their lives. To that end, June has been designated "National Menopause Awareness Month." The groups would like to increase public awareness of heart disease, osteoporosis and other conditions that increase after menopause, while encouraging healthcare providers to expand preventive care.

For more information, write the North American Menopause Society, P.O. Box 94527, Cleveland, OH 44101.

Helping Children Beat The Heat

(NAPS)—Most active children don't slow down when it gets warm outside. As a result, they will sweat a lot to cool their bodies. Unfortunately, if the lost fluids are not replaced, children will become dehydrated and could suffer heat illness.

According to Dr. Oded Bar-Or, Professor of Pediatrics, McMaster University, researcher and

expert on exercise and nutrition in children, "Dehydration can seriously impair children more quickly and more dramatically than it can adults."

Symptoms of dehydration in children include:

- dry lips and tongue
- sunken eyes
- dark-colored urine
- infrequent urination
- dizziness and loss of energy

In addition to physical appearance, one way for parents to judge whether fluid intake is adequate is to check the color of their child's urine. Clear or light-colored urine indicates they are well-hydrated, while a dark-colored urine may mean they are dehydrated. Older children can be taught to determine this themselves.

Active children should be offered beverages that taste good, stimulate their thirst and quickly replace fluid and electrolytes (sodium, potassium) lost during sports and activity. Although water is good to drink, most children find it less appealing than other beverages and won't drink enough water to replace all lost fluids.

A properly formulated sports drink, like Gatorade, not only supplies energy, but encourages youngsters to drink by "turning on" their thirst. Beverages that are higher in sugar, such as fruit juices and regular soft drinks, can slow absorption and increase the chance of stomach cramps or nausea.

It is also important to encourage children to drink fluids before, during and after physical activity. Offer children a drink before they leave the house. Have them take a squeeze bottle, such as the Gatorade sports bottle, to their activities. The following are some recommended guidelines for fluid replacement for children:

- Drink every 15 to 20 minutes during physical activity.
- For children under age 10 years, drink until thirst is satisfied, then drink two to four ounces more.
- For kids over age 10, drink until thirst is satisfied and then drink four to eight ounces more.
- Children involved in organized sports programs should be weighed before and after they exercise. For every pound of weight lost, make sure they drink 16 oz. of fluid.

Free Information
A free brochure titled "Keeping Active Kids Cooled and Fueled" is available by calling 1-800-88GATOR (1-800-884-2867).

Ask Ed

Take Care of Your Computer Disks
(NAPS)—Dear Ed, We bought our first computer over a year ago. At first we only had a few software programs and disks. Now we seem to have hundreds and they've created a mess. What's the best way to keep them organized and safe from accidents?
Signed,
Margaret of
San Antonio, TX

Dear Margaret,
Buy storage containers to protect your disks which are susceptible to magnetic fields and can be accidentally erased or damaged if not stored properly. Disk storage cases are available for all types of disks and can be bought at most consumer electronics retailers.

To make disks last longer, heed these precautions:

1. Write on the disk

label before you attach it to the disk.

2. Once the label is attached, write on it with a felt-tip pen, not a ball-point.

3. Don't cover any jacket holes when you attach the label.

4. Don't touch the magnetic surface.

5. Don't bend the disk or attach notes to it with paper clips.

6. Don't force the disk into the disk drive.

7. Don't put magnets on the disk and keep disks at least three inches away from magnetic fields such as stereo or TV speakers or transformers, even if the disks are in a storage case.

8. Don't leave a disk in direct sunlight.

9. Don't smoke around your disks.

10. Don't place anything on top of disks (tools, books, etc.).

11. Don't expose disks to extreme hot or cold temperatures. If you do, leave them at room temperature at least two hours before using.

If chocolate, correction fluid or other non-water-soluble liquids spill on your disk, contact the manufacturer for advice on removing them. Inserting contaminated disks into your computer may damage the disk drive.

To protect disks from the static electricity and other adverse conditions during mailing, use special disk-mailing envelopes lined with foam.

Beyond taking care of your disks, regularly clean your disk drive. Check your computer's instruction manual. The manufacturer may recommend a head cleaning kit which is usually available from retailers who sell and service your brand.

Helpful

Household Ideas

(NAPS)—Here are three tips from Home & Garden Television, available on cable or via satellite TV, to help make common household chores a little easier.

1. The writing on the wall: You can remove crayon marks from walls and tables using solvents such as Endust and WD-40. Spray directly on the marks, then scrub with a stiff, nonabrasive brush. Wipe with an all-purpose cleaner and a clean cloth.

2. Blender blasting: No perfect tool has ever been made to clean the sharp blades and awkward spaces inside your blender. The best solution? Fill the blender about halfway with hot water, add dish soap and turn it on. The churning action usually removes the mess, no matter how encrusted.

3. Spackle in a pinch: Ever needed spackling compound in a hurry? Here's a recipe for homemade spackle that's good enough to fill small nail holes (not recommended for large cracks). Mix one-half teaspoon each of cornstarch and salt; add enough water to form a paste. Fill the hole, let it dry, sand lightly, and paint.

For more ideas, watch Home & Garden Television (HGTV) on cable or satellite. HGTV presents some of America's best home builders, decorators, gardeners and craft experts as they provide helpful hints and how-to information. For more information point your web browser to <http://www.hgtv.com>.

Did You Know

(NAPS)—The newest imaging agent for people

getting diagnostic x-rays is Visipaque, designed to minimize patient discomfort.

For a copy of the Bertolli Celebrates the Mediterranean Menu cookbook, send a check or money order for \$2 to cover postage and handling to: Bertolli Nutrition Center, P.O. Box 555MR, Gibbstown, N.J. 08027.

A new series of cookbooks offers meal plans for every day of the week. They include Saturday is Cookouts and Sunday is Family Dinners (Time-Life Books, \$14.95) available at local stores or from 1-800-277-8844.

Consumers across the country can go for the gold by twisting bottle caps and unwrapping can packages to win spectacular prizes in the "Coca-Cola Red Hot Olympic Summer" sweepstakes.

Be Prepared—Pack A Bandage

(NAPS)—Along with a toothbrush and camera, smart vacationers should remember to pack a roll of athletic wrap in their luggage before taking off for those precious, carefree days. With so many people planning active vacations, sports and exercise as much a part of the itinerary as lying in the sun or relaxing with a good book. Whether you're hiking a trail, volleyballing a tennis shot or playing the back nine, it's easy to get injured. A word to the wise: Be prepared.

If you've got injury-prone muscles and/or joints, do yourself a favor and address the problem beforehand. Innovative athletic bandages, like SelfGrip self-adhering athletic wrap, help prevent damage by supporting the weakened area firmly, yet comfortably. The added

stability can help keep muscle pulls and sprains from sidelining you while the rest of the gang are enjoying themselves.

If you get injured, remember to rest, ice and elevate the injured area, and compress the soft tissue with an athletic wrap to reduce swelling. Many doctors and trainers recommend the flexible support and comfort of SelfGrip as a superior alternative to white tape and traditional elastic bandages. Bandages tend to loosen with the back-and-forth movement of joints, and white tape is uncomfortable and difficult to apply. But, innovative SelfGrip is made of a highly breathable material (98 percent cotton/two percent latex weave) that provides maximum support and will not stretch out of shape, even while swimming. Completely self-adhering, SelfGrip does not stick to hair or skin. It tears easily and evenly to provide the ideal wrapping length. SelfGrip is washable and reusable.

You won't get caught with a loose grip on the courts or course with SelfGrip along. Its self-adhering versatility makes it a good addition to your tennis or golf bag as a handy replacement grip for a racket or club.

SelfGrip is available in drug and discount stores, or wherever athletic bandages and tapes are sold. It's available in four different widths and colors. For more information, call Dome Industries at 1-800-279-7471.

There are 27 bones in the human hand.



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