

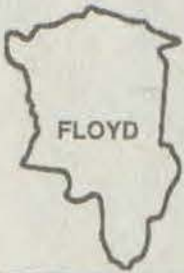
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## Bank bandits at large

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Two suspects who robbed the branch bank of Bank Josephine Tuesday morning are still at large and investigating officers are asking for help from the public.

The two suspects reportedly entered the branch bank about 11 a.m. Tuesday armed with handguns and demanded money.

The two left the scene on all-terrain vehicles with an undisclosed amount of money. They were seen traveling up Stone Coal Road, headed toward McDowell shortly after the robbery.

Donald Wise, chief executive officer with Bank Josephine, said this is the first time the bank has experienced a robbery in "some time."

"This is the first one we've had since I've been here and I've been here two years," Wise said Tuesday.

While Wise said he could not disclose the amount of money taken in the robbery, he said no one was injured in the incident.

"We really hate for our employees to go through something like this," Wise said.

The Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are asking for information

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"Little A" Allen Stone

## Former legislator 'Little A' Slone dies

by Janice Shepherd  
Managing Editor

A former state legislator who was instrumental in establishing the community college system in Kentucky died Thursday at Highlands Regional Medical Center after a short illness.

"Little A" Allen Slone, 75, of Blue River represented the 96th Floyd County District in the state House of Representatives from 1962 to 1964. Known as "Little A" because of his small stature, he packed a powerful punch in the political arena. In 1962, Slone introduced legislation that changed the future of education in the mountains.

Slone presented House Bill 234, co-sponsored by 97th District representative Ben Martin, on the floor of the House. The bill established the community college system and allowed the building of four community colleges: Prestonsburg Community College and Hopkinsville, Somerset and Hazard community colleges. The House passed the bill 84-11.

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An Allen Central junior was killed and a 16-year-old Garrett teenager was seriously injured in a two-car accident Tuesday night around 9:30 p.m. Wesley Todd Samons, 16, was pronounced dead on the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson. Michael T. Pack was flown to the U. K. Medical Center, where he is listed in critical condition. (photo by Chris McDavid)

## Mock disaster scheduled for Saturday morning

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Being prepared may be a Boy Scouts motto, but it's something in which Lon May, Floyd County Disaster and Emergency Services Director, strongly believes.

In an effort to get area emergency responders prepared for a possible future emergency, May is planning to hold a mock disaster early Saturday morning to test plans and to coordinate efforts.

"We're going to be drilling our communications and response time," May said. "The responders will have to identify what they are dealing with. We expect the first responders to rush in and get contaminated."

The drill will be held on Porter Lane in Prestonsburg, which is the access road connecting Route 321 and Route 1428, between Prestonsburg Community College and the Highland Plaza Shopping Center.

The location will allow crews to work in a safe, yet realistic environment. The road will be closed to public travel during the exercise.

May says that, unlike previous drills, emergency service providers are being notified in advance to allow a review of preparedness plans in hopes of updating them, and to encourage cooperative efforts by agencies to better serve the citizens of Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky.

"We're going to practice our response time and practice transporting patients to the hospital," May said. "We'll involve the rescue

squad as well."

He said residents in the area won't be evacuated, but the rescue squad members will be able to learn what their role in the emergency is.

"We're going to be working with the police department to close off roads and will be using members of the Prestonsburg Fire Department to handle the 'radiation' disaster," May said.

"They are trained at the technician level and they will be functioning as the HazMat team in this emergency," he added.

Both May and Tom Blackburn, Prestonsburg Fire Chief, said the

planning to this point is as important as the actual disaster will be.

"If we stopped at this point, we've accomplished a lot," May said.

"That's what I was hoping to gain from all this," Blackburn added.

May said he's expecting mistakes to be made, but that's what a training exercise is all about.

"Sure mistakes will be made, but now is the time to make them," he said. "This is a chance to learn without losing a life."

Blackburn said the pre-planning

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## Floyd men among 12 new troopers named to Post 9

The 74th Kentucky State Police Cadet Class graduated on July 5 and two of the new troopers are Floyd Countians.

James Hunter, 28, is from Betsy Layne and attended Prestonsburg Community College. He is the son of James and Trudy Hunter of Betsy Layne and is married to Vanessa Hall Hunter.

Kevin Newsome, 21, of Harold, has studied at Prestonsburg Community College and Eastern Kentucky University. His parents are Joel and Debbie Newsome of Harold.

Hunter, Newsome and ten other graduates have been assigned to the Pikeville Post. The others are: Jimmy Baker, 26, from Harrogate,

Tennessee. He received his bachelor of science degree in history from Lincoln Memorial College and his bachelor of arts degree in history and Spanish from the University of Kentucky. Baker is the son of Jim and Gwenn Baker of Harrogate.

Kenneth Bradley, 26, of Winchester, studied at the Metropolitan State College of Denver. He is the son of Wayne and Barbara Bradley of Catonsville, Maryland, and husband of Bonita Berryman Bradley.

Andrew Cain, 23, is from Lexington. He served in the United States Army for two years and has studied at the Lexington Community College. His parents are Karalee

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## Park officials clean up Stratton Branch dump

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

The Jenny Wiley State Resort Park responded to Stratton Branch residents' complaints that the park created a dump site and "eyesore" at what was once known as a picnic area.

Earlier this month, Park Superintendent Jim Kennedy said the park did not create the dump site, but placed a barrier at the area to prevent people from using the site to dump garbage.

Kennedy admitted that the barrier was an eyesore. "But we had a tremendous amount of trash, so we created a barrier to prevent dumping," he said. "Fifty to 55 bags of household garbage were removed from the site."

Kennedy said Monday the

clean-up effort is complete. He said concrete, which was taken from the miniature-golf course, has been removed from the site.

"We have an ongoing effort to move the rest of the material from the area," Kennedy said. He said some logs, limbs and wood chips are still in the area and those will be removed over time.

Kennedy said the park is utilizing some of the logs for campers to use as firewood and the limbs for kindling.

He said people are welcome to take the remaining logs for firewood and the wood chips for mulch, but said they should call park maintenance foreman Bob Deerfield to set up an appointment to pick up the material.

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## Allen Central junior killed

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

A dangerous stretch of road on Route 1428 two miles south of Prestonsburg near Sugarloaf Branch claimed the life of an Allen Central junior around 9:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

Wesley Todd Samons, 16, of Martin, a passenger in a 1996 Camaro that was traveling south on Route 1428, was killed instantly when the driver, Michael T. Pack, 16, of Garrett, lost control of the car in a curve, crossed into the northbound lane and struck a 1994 Grand Prix.

Samons was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Pack was transported to Our Lady of the Way Hospital, and then flown to the University of Kentucky Medical Center, Lexington, where he was listed in critical condition Thursday afternoon.

The driver of the Grand Prix, Tressa L. Neeley, 27, of Prestons-

burg, and her daughter, Whitney Chante Lewis, 3, were taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center, where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

"This is a dangerous road being not properly elevated," Nelson said Tuesday night. "It's a dangerous road especially for young, inexperienced drivers."

The accident is still under investigation by Kentucky State Police Trooper Craig McGlone, who is being assisted by troopers Scott Hazelette, Mike Thorpe, John Hunt, and Jimmy Baker.

Wesley Todd was the son of Evangelist Ronnie Samons and Debra Ratcliff Samons of Martin. He is also survived by one brother, Ronnie Lee Samons.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday at noon at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with Church of Christ ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Green Samons Cemetery, Martin. (See full obituary inside.)



Todd Samons



Mike Pack

## Appalred funding increased; still not at current level

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Funding for the Appalachian Regional Defense Fund isn't going to be as low as originally anticipated, but it is still less than the Prestonsburg-headquartered agency received this year.

An amendment to a House appropriations bill restored \$109 million to the program, which was only expected to get \$141 million to operate next year.

"This year's budget was \$278 million," John Rosenberg, director of Appalred said. "That amendment gets us to \$250 million, but that's still a ten-percent decrease."

He said he'll take the extra money. "This is a substantial increase over the previous amount," he added. "This will be a great big help. We'll be able to squeeze by."

Rosenberg will be squeezing because this year's funding already reflects a 25-percent decrease in monies to the agency.

This year's amount was a decrease from the \$400 million bud-

get approved for last year's operations.

"Our offices are already very, very thin," he explained. "This makes it difficult to continue offering the same level of services. But it could have been worse, much worse."

He said he hopes to keep staffing up and continue to serve as many low-income clients as possible.

"The Senate could come in with a funding level that is, conceivably, higher than the \$278 million we're getting this year," he said. "But the Senate receded to the House last year, so we're not holding our breath. The \$104 million makes a lot of difference."

Congressman Hal Rogers voted against the amendment to increase funding for legal services to the poor. Rogers said he had already committed to voting to keep the funding at the \$141 million level in order to keep the program in place.

Rogers, who heads the Appro-

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Before and after

Jenny Wiley State Park officials responded to Stratton Branch residents' concerns about a dump site located beside the road. Park officials removed concrete materials, which were placed at the site and have made arrangements for the remaining logs, branches, and wood chips to be used by campers and anyone who would like to use them for firewood, kindling, and mulch. (photo by Chris McDavid)

# Slone

Slone, who received a teaching degree from Eastern State Teacher's College and then taught in Floyd County schools, firmly believed in education. To show that he meant what he said, he put his money where his heart was and contributed the first \$1,000 to build

PCC. He also helped raise \$87,000 toward the project.

Slone's efforts went unrecognized over the years, but, eventually, a plaque honoring Slone was hung on a wall at Prestonsburg Community College.

Slone returned to the legislature

in 1986, serving as an aide and working with the Legislative Research Commission until 1992. He couldn't stay away. He was back in Frankfort earlier this year, again working as an aide.

He was active in politics and involved in promoting the Democratic Party.

Slone was also a merchant. He owned and operated Slone's Grocery at Blue River for several years. He and his wife, Barbara, also operated the Parkway Flea Market for 17 years before Barbara became ill and the couple quit the business in 1990.

Slone was a veteran of World War II. He served with the 661st Engineer Topographic Company and saw combat in several campaigns — Naples, Rome, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe.

He was awarded five Bronze Stars, one Bronze Arrowhead and a Victory Medal.

He was also a retired coal miner. Slone was the son of Osie Slone of Blue River and the late Charlie Slone. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, Larry A. Slone of Morehead, Donald E.

Slone of Wabash, Indiana, Roger D. Parsons of Floyd County; his daughters, Sandra K. Slone of Lexington, Debra F. Coleman of Georgetown, Teresa M. Pigman of Auxier, Loray Hutchins of West Prestonsburg, Lisa Logan of Lexington; his brothers, Irvin Slone, Joe Ed Slone, Vernon Slone, and Columbus Slone, all of Floyd County, and Bill Henry Slone of Indianapolis, Indiana; and his sis-

ters, Louise Nelson, Ann Delong, Clara Slone, all of Floyd County, and Charlene Jones of Atlanta, Georgia.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 28, at the Hall Funeral Home with the Rev. Vernon Slone and the Rev. Don Crisp officiating. Burial will be in the Richmond Cemetery.

Visitation begins at the funeral home Friday, from 6 to 10 p.m.

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# Current

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ropriation Committee, had indicated that the amount was as high as he could go before another representative invoked the parliamentary procedure to cut off all funding to the agency.

Rosenberg said Legal Services has never been reauthorized by Congress and its appropriation could have been completely cut off.

Appalred was started 25 years ago by Rosenberg to provide legal services to the poor of Eastern Kentucky.

The originally proposed cuts meant that Rosenberg would have to begin trimming employees and cutting back on services again.

The agency has already cut back. Only 24 attorneys are now employed by Appalred, down from 48 since 1981. Appalred serves between 5,000 and 6,000 clients a year in 37 counties. If the cuts had been implemented, Rosenberg said the agency would do well to serve 2,000 to 3,000.

That means that families already strapped for cash would no longer have had legal services at their fingertips.

Almost 40 percent of Appalred's cases involve domestic violence, divorces and other family matters. An additional 25 percent involve families trying to secure public benefits.

# Disaster

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will help his men see what their mistakes would have been if this had been a real emergency.

The fire chief said a big part of the event will be dealing with onlookers.

"That was a problem at that wreck the other night," Blackburn said of the fatality on Route 1428 Tuesday night. "The spectators had to be removed several times. They were right on top of the guys who were trying to work. This shows the workers what the public is like."

The Civil Air Patrol is also get-

ting in on the exercise. They will be dusting off some old radiation detection equipment that hasn't been used for several years. Geiger counters used by agencies around the county have also been calibrated and the batteries changed.

Highlands Regional Medical Center will also be participating. May said the hospital is planning to petition off an area of the emergency room with plastic and designate one physician to handle the "patients."

"The idea is to keep people who

are 'contaminated' to a minimum," May said. "There's an old saying that the hazardous materials teams could tell how bad a situation was by how many dead police officers were on the scene. They don't do that anymore, but it's still important to keep contamination to a minimum."

Blackburn said planning meetings for the mock disaster have made responders aware of questions they didn't know existed. "No one had ever asked them before. Now we can do something about them."

# Troopers

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Cain of Lexington and William Cain of Somerset.

Henry Tucker Carmichael IV, 27, of Lexington, Virginia, received his bachelor of arts in communications at the University of Virginia.

Carmichael is married to Alicia Deaton Carmichael and his parents are Col. and Mrs. Henry Saint George Tucker Carmichael III of Lexington, Virginia.

Greg Crockett, 21, is from

Richmond, and attended Eastern Kentucky University. He is the son of Jack and Jeanne Crockett.

Jason Cross, 25, of Glasgow, attended Western Kentucky University. He is the son of Carolyn Hale of Smiths Grove and Kenneth Cross of Glasgow.

Eugene Maxwell, 25, of Glasgow, is a member of the Kentucky Army National Guard and received his bachelor of arts degree in history and government from Western Kentucky University. He is the husband of Sherry Dennison Maxwell and the son of Clarence and Mary Maxwell of Glasgow.

Craig McGlone, 24, is from Huntington, West Virginia. He attended Alice Lloyd College where he earned a degree in history. He is the son of Dan and Carol McGlone of Huntington.

James O'Bannon, 23, is from London, and has attended Eastern Kentucky University and the University of Kentucky. O'Bannon previously worked for the Laurel County Sheriff's Department and was a member of the London/Laurel E-911 Communications Center. He is the

son of James and Linda O'Bannon of London.

William Varney, 26, of Forest Hills, served in the United States Air Force from 1989 to 1992. He received his bachelor of business administration degree from Morehead State University. Varney is married to Betsy Herald Varney and his parents are Roger and Sue Varney of Forest Hills.



James Hunter



Kevin Newsome

# Bandits

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about a red older model S10 or Toyota pickup truck with a teal green four-wheeler in the back.

They are also looking for information on a black 1980s model Toyota with a blue and gray four-wheeler in the back.

The two vehicles were last seen crossing Route 80 near Turkey Creek into Maytown.

The blue and gray four-wheeler is possibly a Yamaha Timberwolf, while the teal green or dark green four-wheeler is thought to be a Kawasaki and is said to be very loud.

The first suspect is described as a white male, five foot ten inches tall, 220 pounds. He was wearing light blue jeans and a black jacket. The second suspect was also a white male, five foot nine inches tall, 165 to 185 pounds. He was wearing light colored blue jeans

# Stratton

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Sue Martin, a Stratton Branch resident who complained about the site, said she is pleased with the effort put in to clean up the site, but said she would like to see the trees cut back around the road and the road repaired.

"I am pleased that they (the park) cleaned up what they have," another resident, Lisa Rowe, said Wednesday. "But, I would like to see them cut down the overgrowth on the road."

Kennedy said Thursday he does not think the park is responsible for the portion of the road Rowe and Martin are talking about.

"It is my understanding that it is a county road," Kennedy said. "The road is an access portal to the residential area, and I believe the county is responsible for the road's maintenance."

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# Community Calendar

## Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School will be held at Eastern July 29-August 2, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the home of Lois Holmquist and Barbara Wynsma, across from Allen Central High School, for ages through 16. For more information, call 358-4380.

## Wallen reunion

The Wallen reunion will be held July 28 at Art Van-Ata Park in Dayton, just left off North Dixie Drive. Please bring a covered dish.

For more information, call Sarah Jane Wallen Mowen at (513) 278-0980. All Wallens are invited.

## Elliott-Hamilton reunion

The Elliott-Hamilton reunion will be held at the Carriage House Motor Hotel in Paintsville, Friday, July 26, at 7 p.m. for a get-together. The primary meeting will be held July 27, from 1-4 p.m.

## Revival

Maranatha Ministries of Orlando, Florida, presents Rev. Mark Burton, sharing the gospel of Christ through praise, worship, special singing and preaching.

The revival will be held July 24-28 at the United Christian Church of God at Buckingham, located at the bottom of Meade Hill on Rt. 122, at 7 p.m.; July 29-August 3 at the Dwale Community Shelter at 7 p.m.; and August 4-10, at the Stillwater Holiness Church (take Mt. Parkway to exit 48, turn right on Hwy. 191, go approximately one mile, the brick church will be on the left at the Stillwater Bridge).

For more information, call Debra Goble at (606) 874-8111.

## MCA admission test

Mountain Christian Academy admission tests will be given Monday, July 29. Registration is now in progress for the coming year. On the CTBS, MCA students scored in the top 20 percent nationwide. Transportation is available from McDowell, Pikeville and Prestonsburg areas. For more information, call Dr. Parker Tiller at (606) 285-5141.

## Gospel sing

Gospel singing will be held at Trimble Chapter Freewill Baptist Church on Lancer-Watergap Rd., Prestonsburg, on Saturday, July 27. The Castles of Van Lear, Jackson Harmony of Kingsport, Tennessee, and Bro. Joe Coleman, pastor, and singers will be featured.

## P'burg council to meet

The Prestonsburg High School site-based decision making council will hold their regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, August 1, at 7 p.m.

## ACHS council to meet

The Allen Central High School site-based decision making council will hold a special-called meeting Tuesday, July 30, at 3:30 p.m. The agenda will include a discussion of department coordinators, policy on food sales, review teacher budget reports, and determine budget allocations.

## Science, math career camp

The Adams Middle School, PRISM, and the Youth Services Center invites students entering grades seven and eight to attend the 1996 Science and Math Career Day Camp. The camp will be held at Adams Middle School in the new science and math facilities August 5-9.

The day camp will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, with some exceptions for field trips. Many careers in the science and math field will be presented and explored by students through

hands-on activities, discussion, and field experiences.

Students will need to bring a lunch from home and must be registered to attend. Field experiences to the University of Kentucky and Jenny Wiley State Park facilities are planned.

Parents or students may pick up an application from the Youth Services Center or school office. Deadline for applications is Monday, July 29. Registration is limited. Call 886-9813 for more information.

## Country Celebration and Crafts Fair

There will be a Country Celebration and Crafts Fair at Saint James Episcopal Church, located on University Drive (beside Prestonsburg Community College), Saturday, July 27, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

In addition to local crafters, Red Bird Mission Crafts will set up shop on the grounds, along with local artists Tom Whitaker and Duna Combs.

The church will be serving an all-day soup bean dinner and pony rides will be available for the children. At noon, there will be a free puppet show featuring Appalachian Folk Tales and a live local band will be performing on the grounds after 2 p.m.

Free popcorn will be available for the children and a community worship service will begin at 8:30 p.m.

The worship service will feature dulcimer music. Everyone is welcome.

## Transportation meeting

Area citizens can learn more about future highway projects in Floyd County at a meeting Thursday, August 1, at the Big Sandy Area Development District Office in Prestonsburg.

An information session will be held by the Big Sandy Regional Transportation Committee to give the public an opportunity to become more involved with the region's Long Range Transportation Planning process. Residents will have an opportunity to learn what is on the Six-Year Highway Plan and be given the change to comment on the future transportation needs of Floyd County.

Transportation and local officials will be on hand to answer questions relating to the region's major road systems and transportation goals and objectives.

## Hopkins family reunion

The Hopkins family reunion will be held August 4, at the Stumbo Convention Center at Allen Park. Coffee and donuts and registration will be at 10:30 a.m. Dinner from 12-12:30. Everyone is asked to bring a covered dish. Musicians are welcome. For more information, call Doris or Denver Osborne at 377-6772.

## McDowell summer band

Summer band for McDowell band students will be held from July 29-August 2, from 4-7 p.m. Registration fee is \$10 for the week.

Students will learn marching fundamentals, basic sound production, practice routines, uniform and instrument care and cleaning, and the new parade song and drum cadence. The new drum major will also be selected. For more information, call Mr. Walter Ord, at 377-0815.

## Community Poster Workshop

The McDowell A.R.H. will be sponsoring a Community Poster Workshop at the McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center July 29-August 2, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Parents must provide transportation to and from the center each day. The workshop is free for all McDowell Elementary students.

## Band camp

South Floyd High School band camp will be held July 31, at noon, in the band room. Bring instruments and be prepared to play.

## Registration for soccer

Registration of players for the third season for the Floyd County Youth Soccer Association will be held at Prestonsburg Community College's library, room 109, on Saturday, August 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again on Saturday, August 10, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Registration fee is \$20. The season will begin with practices during mid-August with the season set as September 7-October 26. The league will be composed of two age divisions: 6-10 and 11-16. Games are played during the season at PCC on Saturdays.

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## Guest Editorial

### Fixing laggard schools

Far be it from us to argue with any plan that puts an idea as old as the hills to work in the hills of Kentucky. The idea that may be headed in that direction is "It's better to rule with a kid glove than an iron fist."

Fee, fie, foh and fum on any who dare suggest that people in some Eastern Kentucky school districts may not have what it takes to educate their children, and do the job well. That's patently untrue.

Forget about giving up on chronically troubled school districts in Eastern Kentucky, because accepting defeat has never been an acceptable option, and it isn't now.

Forget, too, about making no changes at all. After two tumultuous years of state management in Letcher County, some changes clearly are in order. Improved facilities and new technology are evidence that state overseers have done some things right. Of course, everyone hoped that by now there would be more to show for their hard work.

With all that said, however, a proposal that received some attention during a recent brainstorming session among state educators doesn't seem like a winner. It may merit a tryout, but perhaps only for a limited time.

The idea is that, after the state conducts an audit and identifies a district's problems, it would present the local school board

with a list of goals and a timetable for achieving them. If the goals weren't accomplished in short order, state officials still would have the authority to go in and take over management of the district.

The approach might work if the core problem happened to be a lack of planning. Having a good plan is an essential pre-requisite, regardless of whether a district's problem is in the area of curriculum, teacher evaluation or assessment.

In education, however, there's seldom a shortage of plans. Indeed, any Kentucky school district can find someone with the know-how to develop one at the state school board association.

Typically, however, troubled districts have problems with implementing plans, not with churning them out. To succeed, someone must be responsible for ensuring that schools are staffed with well-trained people who carry out the agreed-upon plan successfully.

Districts that fail to meet expectations—and thus fail children—generally have weak teachers, weak oversight, or both.

To those that can solve their problems with a minimum of outside oversight, state officials should say, "More power to you!" To the others, they should say, "More over!"

—The Courier-Journal

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## The Political Party

by Dave Porter

### Kentucky Education Reform

Major 'changes' (not necessarily improvements, but changes, nonetheless) in Kentucky's Educational system were made during the 1990 General Assembly. These changes are known as the Kentucky Education Reform Act, or KERA. Education is one of a number of issues which go through policymaking cycles. Issues such as the budget and taxation, health care, environment and ethics will be discussed by our lawmakers 1000 years from now, as long as we have a Kentucky General Assembly here to discuss them. Knowing this, we might conclude that no group of legislators will ever be skilled enough to discover solutions to problems which require participation by all of society. A very wise man once said, "Government is too big and important to be left to the politicians."

In any case, debates on education begin with the same basic, recurring questions: Who is entitled to education? What form should it take? And who should provide it and control it? Other issues may arise, but they all stem from these fundamental questions. All through the 1980's, education reform had been a hot topic, but major decisions didn't really begin until 1989, when Kentucky's Supreme Court said "Section 183 (of the Ky. Constitution) places an absolute duty on the General Assembly to re-create, re-establish a new system of common schools in the Commonwealth." That summer, the Education Reform Task Force was created to construct the reforms. It was composed of 16 legislators and 6 members appointed by the Governor.

Normally, members of the Education Committees would have been placed on the task force, but since these reforms were so important only veteran members of the legislature were chosen. Besides, experience in educational matters was not necessary because the task

force chose to bring in educational advisors from other states. The task force also chose to make most of their major decisions without any public debate. Essentially, citizens of Kentucky and related educational groups (KEA, teacher's associations, etc.) had no input. This, of course, is no surprise to those who follow Kentucky politics.

The 1990 Legislative Session began. Initially, there was talk of putting off the reforms until a special session, in the summer. There would have to be a major tax increase, and lawmakers were hesitant to raise taxes right before the primary election. However, they chose to go ahead with the reforms. Wallace Wilkinson was Governor at the time, and the General Assembly had spent the last three years fighting with him, over who had greater authority. They were afraid a special session might give him too much control over the reform package.

Raising taxes to finance the reforms was the biggest problem. Fortunately, Governor Wilkinson (who could not run for re-election) proposed a \$1 billion tax increase, to pay for the reforms. Without this proposal, KERA would not have been possible. This let legislators off the hook. They could now blame the Governor.

Getting KERA passed was the next hurdle. Each legislators was between a rock and a hard place. If they voted for KERA, they would be blamed for raising taxes. If they voted against, they would be seen as an enemy of education. This is where the decision to put seasoned legislators on the task force paid off. These veteran leaders wanted their reforms passed, and knew what to do make it happen. They took the Governor's proposed tax increase, and added on another \$300 million. Legislators who voted "yes" to their reform package were given state-funded projects for their districts, paid for out of that



Dave Porter

\$300 million. KERA passed in the House 58-42, and in the Senate 30-8. I don't know if this tactic is right or wrong, but it is interesting to note that a top issue in the reform package was the removal of deal-making politics within local school districts.

That is how KERA was passed. Here are some of the changes which were made: A "model curriculum" was developed by the state, which each school is expected to follow. Students are now tested and each school is measured by the test results—schools which do increasingly well are monetarily rewarded and those which do increasingly poorly risk losing control to the state.

The state-elected Superintendent of Public Instruction was replaced by an appointed Commissioner of Education (the current Commissioner and much of his staff are from out of state). Appointed 'school-based councils' have taken most of the power from the elected school board members. There are many more changes, but too many for me to mention in a single article. However, the overall pattern of the changes leads me to question the role which state government has given to itself and taken from those who pay taxes to fund the schools. For more information, contact your legislator.

## Other Voices

by Senator Mitch McConnell

### Protecting the nation's volunteers

Americans are known for taking time out of their busy schedules to help those in need.

However, this basic human reaction is threatened by an increasing number of frivolous lawsuits filed against those who volunteer their time.

The result of these lawsuits has been a decrease in the number of individuals who feel safe enough to volunteer.

When people are afraid to coach a Little League baseball team for fear that they may be sued, then there is a serious problem in the system.

This incident actually happened: a New Jersey umpire was sued by a catcher who

was hit in the eye by a softball while playing without a mask; he complained that the umpire should have lent him his. The catcher walked away with a \$24,000 settlement.

This is just one reason why I introduced the Volunteer Protection Act which would protect volunteers from liability lawsuits.

My bill limits a volunteer's liability for harm that the volunteer causes inadvertently if: he or she is acting within the scope of the volunteer activity; is properly licensed or certified where necessary; and is not willfully or wantonly engaged in misconduct.

The bill also allows states to limit volunteer protection in certain circumstances, such as operation of a motor vehicle by a volunteer.

If not for volunteers, who would provide role models for America's children to emulate as adults?

Some single-parent families benefit from volunteer organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America to help fulfill the need for a family unit.

Children all over the world rely heavily upon volunteers for educational and emotional guidance. It is a disgrace to punish volunteers—for their willing acts of kindness—with trivial lawsuits.

When this country went to war for its independence, volunteers swelled the ranks of George Washington's freedom fighters.

When there is a natural disaster, it is volunteers who save the day. When Americans are facing difficult circumstances, volunteers come to their aid.

My bill will make sure the spirit of volunteerism is not quenched by lawsuit fever. The litigation craze is hurting the spirit of volunteerism that is an integral part of American society.

From school chaperones to Girl Scout and Boy Scout troop leaders to good Samaritan doctors and nursing home

aides, volunteers perform valuable services.

Yet, these volunteers are being dragged into court and needlessly and unfairly sued.

The end result? Too many people pointing fingers and too few offering a helping hand. It's time to change the system and make America safe again for the volunteer spirit.

If you would like more information on the Volunteer Protection Act, please feel free to contact me at my office, 361A Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510, or call (202) 224-2541.



**Mini-reunion**

Sailors from the U.S.S. David W. Taylor D.D. #551 and their wives held a mini-reunion last week at the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park campgrounds. Pictured above are Bessie Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Cassidy, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Pollack, Mr. and Mrs. T.L. Conner, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strehle. (photo by Chris McDavid)

**Sailors hold mini-reunion at Jenny Wiley campgrounds**

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

Six sailors on a Navy ship that spent time in the South Pacific during World War II held a mini-reunion at the Jenny Wiley State Park campgrounds last week.

Members of the U.S.S. David W. Taylor D.D. #551 have mini-reunions because some members may not be able to attend the regular reunions.

Some of the members who attended the mini-reunion in Prestonsburg had not seen each other since the ship was taken out of commission 50 years ago.

The members and their wives who attended the mini-reunion along with Bessie Hughes, of Prestonsburg, the wife of Alex Hughes, a deceased member of the David W. Taylor, were Lawrence Cassidy, West Virginia; Dale Pollack, Ohio; T. L. Conner and Robert Strehle, both of Alabama; George Thornsby, of Martin; and Ermal Scutchfield, of Prestonsburg.

Conner said he and Strehle lived within about 40 miles of each other most of their lives, but just recently found each other.

"We find new people every year that were with us on the David W. Taylor," Conner said Saturday. "And we have some die also every year."

Scutchfield said about 165 members of the 325 who served on the ship have been located. He said about 57 members were reported deceased.

Members who attended the mini-reunion are searching for others who served on the David W. Taylor during W.W. II.

If anyone served on the ship during W.W. II or has information of someone who did, is urged to contact T.L. Conner, 4787 Albertsville, Alabama, Highway 205 North, 59550; or call (205) 878-3009.

The yearly reunion will be held

**Correction**

In Wednesday's edition of the times, the home of Donna Hopkins was identified as the residence where Doug Wendall Vance allegedly beat Hopkins and assaulted his wife, Ella Vance, but the police report does not specify where the assault and burglary occurred.

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Mirth is like a flash of lightning that breaks through a gloom of clouds and glitters for a moment; cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind and fills it with steady and perpetual serenity.  
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Call 432-2172 for an appointment.



# Academics

## Allen Elementary Honors Banquet

Allen Elementary held its Honors Banquet on June 11th. Many students were honored for participation and dedication in activities throughout the school year. The following students were honored:

Perfect attendance—Primary (K-3)

Brandon Combs, Verlin Crider, Brett Combs, Andrea Derossett, Megan Goble, Nathan Jarrell, Tyler Hall, Alex Noble, Kimberly Ratliff and Chanel Music.

Perfect attendance for 4 years (Kindergarten—3rd grade) Chanel Music and Brandon Combs.

Perfect attendance for 6 years (Kindergarten-5th grade)

Jason Lafferty

Perfect attendance for 7 years (Kindergarten-6th grade)

Ramanda Music and Jason Hall.

Perfect attendance (K-4th grade) Heather Gray.

Perfect attendance grades 4-8

Shawna Branham, Sabrina Jarvis, Zachary Hilton, Bethany Joseph, Jason Hall, Josh Justice, Arlen Jarvis, Tina Dooley, Amber Lewis, Brandon Branham, Margaritta Boyd, Bo Sturgill, Jennifer Harrison, Chad Stump, Kevin Jarvis, Jason Lafferty, Carol Jo Greene, Ramanda Music, Kasey Sparks, Jacob Shepherd, Jared Kennedy, Heather Gray, Nathan Hall, Jennifer Eperson, Preston Combs;

"A" Honor Roll: Jeffrey Goble, Teela Gayheart, Hope Sanders, Jason Hurd, Josh Justice, Misty Ratliff, Travis Risner, Iris Stumbo, Amy Burchett, Craig Cole, Courtney Collins, Kara Goble, Heather Goodman, Kara Hall, Tabitha Hughes, Bethany Joseph, Rachel Mitchell, Courtney Reitz, Zachary Hilton, Sarah Allen, Brooke Coleman, Sabrina Jarvis, Tiffany Ratcliff, Christopher Martin, Travis Starnes, Nathan Hall, Ashley Boyd, Breanne Harmon, Kasey Sparks, Stephanie Dye, Jacob Shepherd, Telah Watkins, Mark Burchett, Seth Crisp, Kristy Reynolds, Amber Hall and Heather Gray.

Also, Heidi Caudill, Jason Goble, Stephen Skeens, Amber Dingsus, Chris Jarvis, Rachel Hall, Jason McCoy, Jon Mark Tackett, Carly Bingham, Janessa Vargo, Kevin Jarvis, Beth Garrett, Courtney Childers, Brandon Stapleton, Taryn Harris, Shane Boyd, Nathan Goble, Jordan Caldwell, Mark Scoville, Nicholas Jamerson, Thomas Layne, Samantha Goble, Morgan Slone, Alicia Nelson, Jerri Mitchell, Tiffany Goble, Jennifer Lafferty, Kathy Stephens, Courtney Harris, Chris Horn, Jonathan Shepherd, Tonya Spears, Laura Meade, Margaritta Boyd, Brandon Branham, Preston Combs, Michael Campbell, William May, David Joseph, Breann Horne and Mandy May.

Academic team:  
6th grade—Heidi Caudill, Stephanie Dye, Jason Goble and Brandon Gibson.

7th grade—Margaritta Boyd, Sarah Allen, Brooke Coleman, Tiffany Ratliff, Jayne Hale, Sabrina Jarvis, Iris Stumbo, Nathan Hall, Preston Combs and Jason Hurd.

8th grade—Kathy Jo Stephens, Racheal Justice, Racheal Isaac and Tabitha Shepherd.

Regional KAA competition:  
Nathan Hall, Iris Stumbo, Preston Combs and Brandon Gibson.

Floyd County Academic Conference Special Award:  
Nathan Hall and Heidi Caudill.

Academic team:  
4th grade—Teela Gayheart, Megan Collins, David Joseph, Kacee Crider, Stetson Hall, Mark Scoville and William May.

5th grade—Carly Bingham, Kevin Jarvis, Daniel Darby, Jon Shepherd, Josh Kinzer, Valerie Ratliff, Laura Meade and Cara Collins.

Forensics team:  
Micheal Campbell, Crystal Richardson, Rachel Justice, Leann Lewis, Casey Sparks, Stephanie Dye, Breanne Harmon, Ashley Boyd, Cara Collins, Travis Risner, Iris Stumbo, Telah Watkins, Tiffany Ratcliff, Margaritta Boyd, Heather Goodman, Courtney Harris, Miranda Stratton and Heidi Caudill.

Judges-at-State (parents):  
Larry Hyden, Bob Harmon, Susan Boyd and Gale Collins.

Finalists-at-State:

Ashley Boyd, storytelling 15th, in the state

Breanne Harmon, Improvisational Duo, 6th

Stephanie Dye, Improvisational Duo, 6th

Beta Club:

Nathan Hall, Sabrina Jarvis, Jayne Anne Hale, Sarah Allen, Margaritta Boyd, Brooke Coleman, Travis Risner, Josh Justice, Michael Campbell, Iris D. Stumbo, Matt Tackett, Chad D. Stump, Courtney M. Harris, Brandon Hall, Jennifer Lafferty, Kathy Stephens, Amber Hall, Kristy Reynolds, Rachel Justice and Seth Crisp.

CEDAR Coal Fair winners, grades 5-8th:

English/Literature—Carly Bingham, 1st place; Nick George, 2nd place; Zach Harmon, 3rd place.

Math—Jason Lafferty, 1st place.

Science—1. Courtney Childers, 1st place; Rachel Johnson, 1st place; Jonathan Endicott, 2nd place.

Social Studies—Beth Garrett, 1st place; Taryn Harris, 2nd place and Jessica Setser, 3rd place.

Music—Shane Boyd, 1st place.

Art—Telah Watkins, 1st place; Nick Clay, 2nd place; Misty Craft, 3rd place; C.J. Knott, 3rd place; Maria Woods, 4th place; Brandon Stapleton, 5th place.

CEDAR Coal Fair Winners, grades K-4:

Art—Josh McKinney, 1st place; Amanda Keathley, 2nd place; Cristy Crum, 3rd place.

Science—Sara Isaac, 1st place; Hope Sanders, 1st place.

English—Chris Crider, first place.

Math Counts Participants:  
Iris Stumbo, Brandon Branham, Margaritta Boyd and Sarah Allen.

Math bowl—3rd place: Iris Stumbo, Brandon Branham, Stephanie Dye, Margaritta Boyd and Sarah Allen.

Young Author County Winners:  
Steven Chafin and Jennifer Eperson.

Spelling Bee School Winner  
Racheal Justice  
Regional Science Olympiad Winners

Water quality—Larry Lewis, 1st, went to state competition; Margaritta Boyd, 1st, went to state competition; Nathan Gibson, 2nd; Zachary Hilton, 2nd.

Bottle rocket  
Jeremy Boyd, 1st, went to state competition; Jacob Shepherd, 1st, went to state competition.

Write It/Do It  
Nick George, 2nd place; Jennifer Lafferty, 2nd place; Anthony Burchett, 2nd place; Matt Tackett, 2nd place.

Bio-Process Lab:  
Racheal Isaac, 2nd place and Jessica Jarrell, 2nd place.

Egg drop  
Jesse Derossett, 4th place.

What Are You Trying To Tell Me?  
Jayne Ann Hale, 4th place; Amber Lewis, 4th place.

Floyd County Conservation District Essay winners:  
Margaritta Boyd, 1st place; Sabrina Jarvis, 2nd place and Ryan Turner, 3rd place.

Computer Awards:  
Kristy Reynolds and Heather Deel.



### Prestonsburg performers

Prestonsburg Elementary fourth grade students recently participated in the KIRIS Performance Events. Shown working together in a Problem-Solving situation as a group, then individually, are from-left, Kyle Colley, Josh Lemaster, Staci Clark and Sandy Prater. School testing coordinator is Betty Schuster, guidance counselor.



### Spanish speakers

Elementary Talented and Gifted students completed Spanish I classes at Allen Central High School. Pictured are Tyler Green, sixth grade at Duff; Derek McGary, eighth grade at Maytown; Robert Isaac, seventh grade at Maytown; and Nick Amburgey, eighth grade at Martin. Instructor Elizabeth Auton said she was truly amazed by the abilities and talents the TAG students exhibited.



### Water project

The ESS Innovative Grant Water Projects was part of a \$25,000 grant received by McDowell Elementary School during the 1995-96 school year. The projects had four main objectives: make students aware of the importance of water and the need to conserve water resources; recognize the importance of lakes as flood control centers, water resource areas, wildlife centers and recreation areas; recognize water as a destructive force through flooding and erosion; and comparing and contrasting groundwater and public water. The grant project included visits to many areas including Dewey and Paintsville Dams, National Weather Service Office, Turner Water Technologies, and Prestonsburg City Water and Sewage Plant. The project was coordinated by Dale Hamilton.



### Kings Island Trip

Maytown Beta Club went on a field trip to Kings Island. Pictured are, first row, Jeremy W. Hayes, Crystal Williams, Crystal Halbert, Jarrod Hagans, Tara Howard, Megan Robinson, Nikki Steffey, Jessica Martin, Brandy Everage, Erica Sexton, David Watkins; and second row, bus driver Karen Goble, James Hoover, Angie Goble, Amanda Tackett, Kelli Campbell, Sonya Shepherd, Andrea Jones, April Vanderpool, Nathan Goble, Timothy Davis, Tabitha Chaffins, Ambrosia Cox, Kathy Conley, Kendra Bailey, teacher, Less Howard.



### Math team

McDowell's math team participated in several competitions and won several honors, including highest recognition in problem solving.



### Math wizards

Teaching Algebra I to advanced elementary students was a delight, says instructor Pam Frasure, about the TAG students who took her class at Allen Central High School. Students who completed the course were John Stone, seventh grade, Duff; Kyra Osborne, seventh grade, Duff; Nick Amburgey, eighth grade, Martin Elementary. Charlotte Moore was also an Algebra I instructor for the students.



### Pecos Bill

Music TAG students at Prestonsburg Elementary, under the direction of Rebecca Haywood, recently presented the musical "Callin' the Dog." Performing the song, "Pecos Bill," are, from left, Jesse Chaffin, Casey Price, Kory Caudill, Tiffany Pack, Jenna Gearheart, Megan Goble, Anita Allison and Samantha Tussey. Other performers not pictured were Michael Stephens, Brandon Campbell, Amber McKinney, Candra Blackburn and Jessica Bryant. Balin Loftus is shown in the foreground assisting with sound.



### Preparing for school

McDowell Elementary Middle School instructors have been very busy preparing for the 1996-97 school year. The staff is utilizing collaborative teaching, special projects, exploratory classes, and block scheduling in developing a schedule for the 1996-97 school year. The planning team will continue to work during the summer to prepare for the 1996-97 school year.







## Furniture donations sought by local food and shelter board

Now that you've remodeled the kitchen, are you unsure about what to do with the usable stove and refrigerator you've replaced? What about the couch and chair that are still "good," but are no longer part of your newly redecorated living or family room? Do you have mattresses or beds that no one is using that you'd like to give to someone in need?

The Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Board can find a new home for your old furniture and free up the porch or basement where you are presently storing it.

At their June meeting, EFSP board members decided to coordinate efforts to meet furniture needs of the people they serve. The group has already drawn praise from God's Pantry for their voluntary coordination of food pantry services.

The board designated its secretary, Doreen Martin of Christian Service Ministry of Drift as the contact person for those wishing to make furniture donations. Donors should call her at 377-2342 or 377-6266 to make arrangements.

Donors will have to deliver the furniture to the warehouse where it

will be held for Floyd County families in need due to fires, relocations and other emergencies; pickup service is not available.

Storing the furniture in the same warehouse eliminates the need for each agency to have a large storage area. Food and shelter board members hope area residents who have furniture they are not using will make it available to Floyd Countians who need it.

At the same meeting, the board decided to update the food pantry list. Members of the board and non-member food pantries have cooperatively divided Floyd County into service areas to minimize the distance clients must travel for food and to reduce duplication of services.

The list gives the name, location, phone number and service area of 13 food pantries and information about the Floyd County Ministerial Association's services to transients.

Persons and agencies wishing a copy of the list should call Floyd County EFSP Board Chairperson Gwen Hall at 874-9170. If the answering machine answers, give your name and address and ask that the food pantry list be mailed to you.

## Anniversary



### 44th anniversary

Dennis and Ada Martin of Drift, celebrated their 44th anniversary on July 12th, at the home of their daughter, Freda G. Martin, at Cow Creek with their other children, and friends.

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### Happy campers

Children from Floyd County attending camp were Tamra Compton, Courtney Adams, Barbara Compton, Tia Poston and Victoria Caudill.

## Camping season is a great success

The Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch is continuing with great success for the summer of 1996 with many children from throughout Kentucky enjoying the summer camp program, free of charge to them.

For many of us, as youngsters, we did not have the opportunity to attend summer camp, free of charge. But Kentucky's qualifying children do, thanks to many generous supporters and the Sheriff's across the state.

Ray Stoess, the ranch executive director for the past 18 years, said, "our camp program has provided an educational and recreational program to more than 18,000 children

since 1979 and continues today to be one of the most successful camping programs in the nation, that is free of charge to needy children. Our program stresses the importance of self esteem, respect for others and good citizenship. Counselors from universities and colleges in Kentucky are employed to care for the children and guide them through the week's activities.

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Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson coordinated the trip for the children in Floyd County."

## Registration date set for fall classes at MSU

Morehead State University will conduct registration on Thursday and Friday, August 15-16, for its fall 1996 classes to be offered at the Big Sandy Extended Campus Center and South Floyd High School.

New this year are seven distance learning classes to be taught at South Floyd High School in Hi Hat.

Students may register from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on August 15 and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. the following day at the Big Sandy Center for classes offered at both Floyd County sites. Classes begin on Monday, August 19.

Nearly 80 undergraduate and graduate courses will be available this fall at the center, according to Dr. Margaret Lewis, center director. Among the areas represented are art, business, education, English, communications, criminology, government, health, history, nursing, physical education, paralegal studies, real estate and science.

Many of the center's classes will be taught via distance learning. In addition to classes offered by compressed video, a seminar in bank

management (FIN 670) and an introduction to the apparel industry (HS 290) will be taught on the Internet.

Textbooks for all courses will be on sale at the extended campus center.

Specific information on classes or registration may be obtained by calling Dr. Lewis locally at (606) 886-2405 or toll-free elsewhere in Kentucky, West Virginia or Southern Ohio at 1-800-648-5372.

## Justice cabinet to receive grant

U.S. Senator Wendell Ford (D-KY) announced recently that the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) will award a \$278,000 grant to the Kentucky Justice Cabinet.

Ford said the funds will be released under the Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Program and will be used for a statewide, comprehensive program to deal with juvenile delinquency.

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## A Look At Sports

**If only the Reds could face Phillies all season; Mullins is a year older**

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH TO...

Former South Floyd athlete Terrence Mullins.

Terrence turned 18 yesterday (Thursday).

He played basketball, football and baseball for the Raiders. Happy birthday, Terrence!

### REDS VS PHILLIES...REST OF LEAGUE

How many times this week have we heard, "If only Cincinnati could play the Philadelphia Phillies all season." The Reds just completed a sweep of the last place Phillies (National League East) after taking two of four from last place Pittsburgh (National League Central).

But the reality is — the Reds have to face all the other teams ahead of them and that is where they will fall short.

I see where Schourek is wanting to return to the Reds next season. Said Schourek, after having a bad season, "I don't deserve much."

### GREENE TO HEAD INEZ INDIANS

Former Prestonsburg football standout Pete Greene will take the helm of the Inez Middle School Indians this fall. Greene will replace Aaron Stepp who moved up as a full-time assistant to coach Jim Matney.

Pete will do a good job at the Inez school. He was a tight end and All-American at Union College.

### BLUEGRASS STATE GAMES...

It is off to the Bluegrass State Games today as I make my eighth journey to Lexington for coverage of the Games that has certainly grown by leaps and bounds over the past six years.

I always enjoy the opening ceremonies, which will be held Friday night at Commonwealth Stadium. The pageantry and excitement of the marching athletes makes it all worth while. If you haven't attended the ceremony, maybe you should be there tonight. The show begins at 8 p.m.

The Games have gotten so big over the past years that it had to be spread out over other surrounding counties. If the Games continues to grow, and it probably will, look for regional sites to come in, with winners advancing to Lexington.

Darlene Easterwood and Lynn Crawford have been most helpful in directing the media during the games. I appreciate all the help they have given me over the past years.

Several Floyd Countians will be in Lexington over the weekend with the games beginning Saturday. John Paul Rawlings has been selected by the Bluegrass State Games committee for a profile in tumbling (see story this section). The Biliter boys, Justin, Brad and John, will be back on the racquetball court. Eight softball teams from the county will be in competition. Allen Central's Chris Bailey will be going for a repeat of the gold in discus.

Larry Greer called me and said he will be trying to improve on his silver medal he won last year. Larry will be taking part in table tennis. Chris Fleming, a veteran runner, won a silver in the 800-meter run last year and will be at the Shively Sports Center for another try for the gold.

I have my credentials and I'm ready to go. I just hope the rain holds off.

### YOUTH BASEBALL

Hope you enjoy the Youth Baseball pullout we have in today's paper. It was hard matching all those players' names with the nine teams we have profiled.

(See A Look at Sports, page A 11)

# Rawlings captures National USTA Tumbling titles

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Prestonsburg's John Paul Rawlings, a 15-year-old sophomore, can consider himself a national champion after winning the advanced and elite men's division in the U.S. Tumbling Association's (USTA) 25th national competition.

This marked the second year in power tumbling for Rawlings to compete in the prestigious meet at Springfield, Illinois. Rawlings competed against more than a thousand participants from all over the United States. He won the Kentucky state title in three events, floor, trampoline and double-mini trampoline. The Kentucky meet was held in Mount Sterling earlier this year.

In only his second year of competing in power tumbling, Rawlings earned the national title in the advanced age group in

Trampoline, Tumbling and was runner-up in the Double-Mini.

He was nominated for the prestigious Nisson-Griswold Athlete of the Year Award. He was national champion in Sub Advanced Tumbling in 1995.

In Vincennes, Indiana this spring, the USA Team Trials were held, where Rawlings competed against the best athletes in the nation, earning a spot on the team. The Team Trials squad traveled as good-will ambassadors, performing power tumbling exhibitions in places such as Chicago and Canada.

According to his father, Glenn Rawlings, John Paul became interested in power tumbling when the family lived in South Carolina three years ago.

"When we lived in South Carolina, the boys would be doing flips in the yard," explained Mr. Rawlings. "John thought that was 'cool' and started doing it."

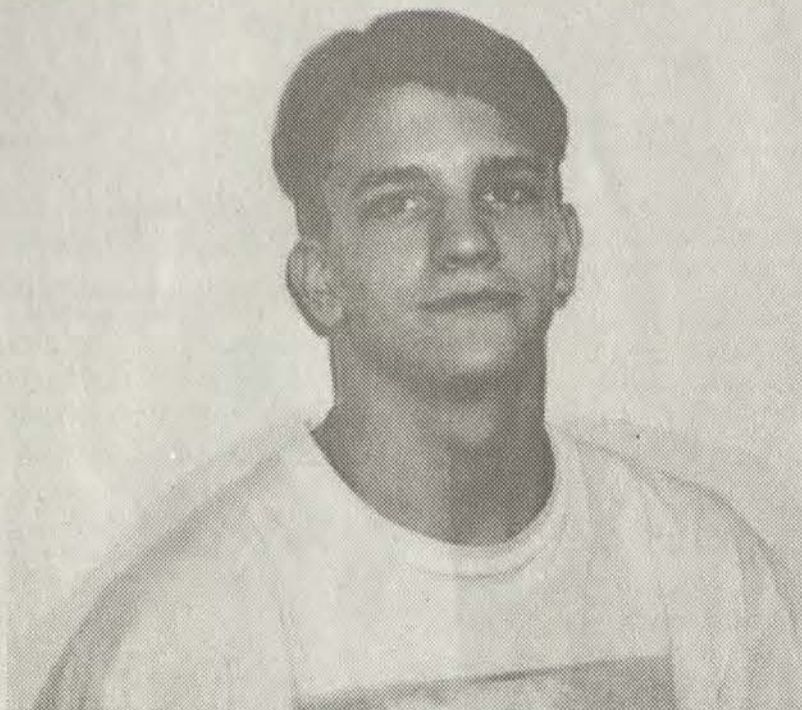
"When we moved to Prestonsburg, I said we needed to get him in a gym to learn it before he killed himself."

It was off to Morehead and the TNT Gym where Rawlings was tutored by coaches David and Robin Pollitte, owners of the gym.

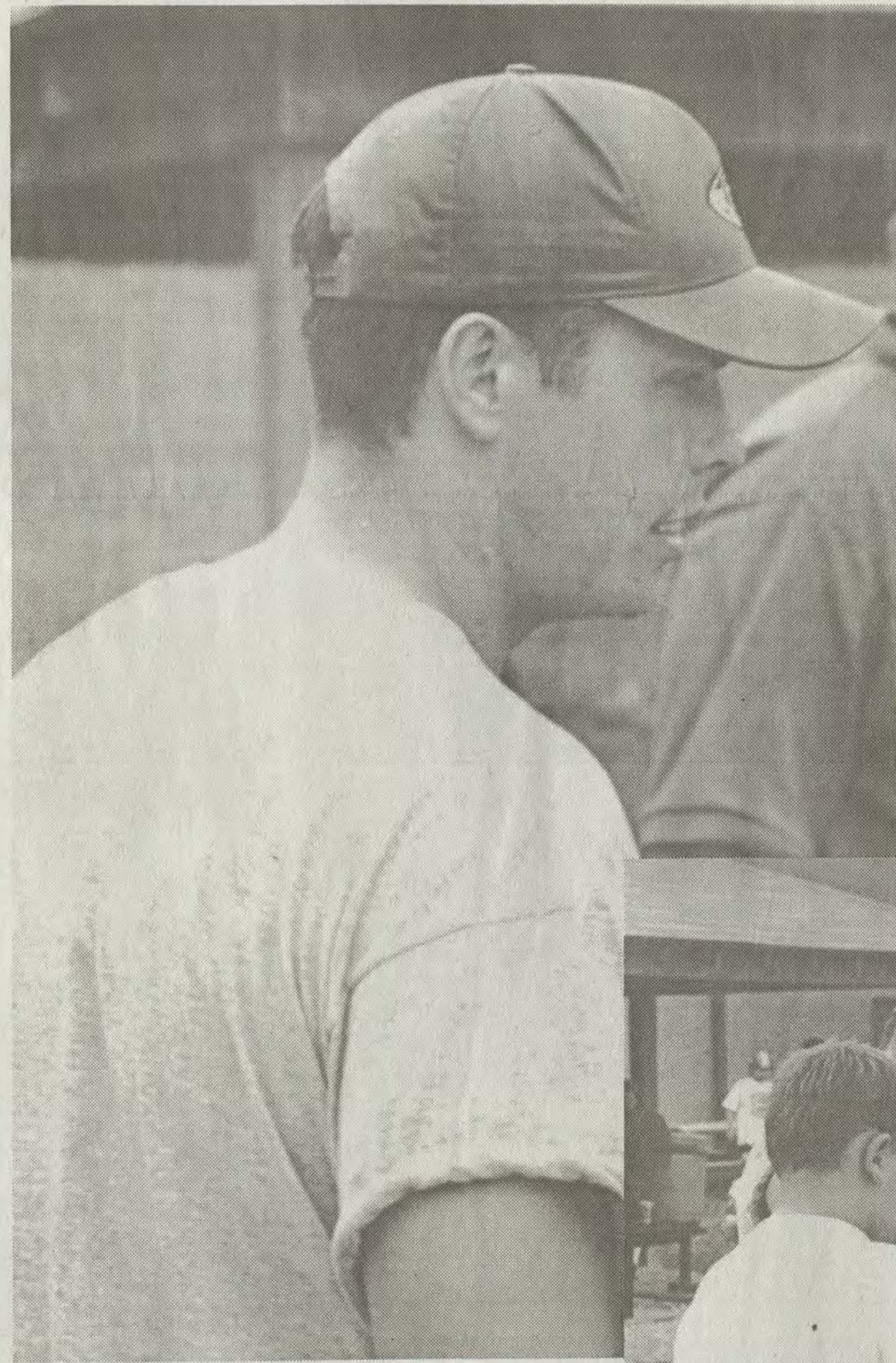
"He loved it," said Mr. Rawlings about his son's interest in the sport of power tumbling. "We drive to Morehead three times a week where he will train for an hour and a half."

Rawlings will compete in 10-12 meets a year and is part of the USTA and ATTA associations. He was National Champion in the Sub Advance last year. This year he had to move up a level and compete in the 15-17-year-old-age group.

Rawlings will be competing in the Bluegrass State Games this weekend where he has previously won the gold medal in power tumbling.



John Paul Rawlings



## Lending a helping hand

Former Prestonsburg Blackcat standout Seth Hyden was in camp this week helping with the Blackcats' Football Camp held at the Allen Elementary field. Hyden, a member of coach Roy Kidd's ECU Colonels, had shoulder surgery this summer and it is doubtful he will play football this season. (photos by Ed Taylor)



# Hyden doubtful for Eastern Kentucky University this season

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Shoulder surgery this summer could keep former Prestonsburg Blackcat standout Seth Hyden out of the Eastern Kentucky Colonels lineup this football season, something Hyden feels will only be a temporary setback.

"I'm not sure right now if I will get to play this year or not," said the former Blackcat. "I'm still doubtful. I'm going to try real hard and get back in there."

Hyden has been helping Prestonsburg coach John Derosssett with his football camp this week and took time to reflect back on his high school career.

One game — and particular play — still looms big in his memory. It was in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter as Prestonsburg faced Maysville in the state 2A championship game in Louisville.

On a play around left end, Hyden scampered 22 yards for what appeared to be a game-winning

touchdown that would have given the Blackcats their first state championship. But a flag back at the line of scrimmage nullified the score.

"When I crossed the line I thought I was on top of the world," said Hyden. "It was the greatest feeling I had ever experienced in my life."

But that was to be short-lived as Hyden looked back up the field and saw the yellow flag.

"When I looked back and saw the flag it sort of took my breath away. It was a heartbreaker," he said. "It's something I will never forget the rest of my life. I feel there is a reason for everything and I feel there was a reason for that."

Still the Blackcats had a last shot at winning the game, trailing 13-12, and Thomas Ratliff preparing to kick a 32-yard field goal. The ball just missed clearing the goal post, missing to the left.

"That was a heartbreaker also," said Hyden. "We missed winning on a holding call and then about three feet on the field goal. That's the way it goes."

Hyden said he enjoyed the four years he played under former Blackcats' coach Bill Letton, who moved on to Paris for this coming season.

"He was a great coach. I learned so much under him," Hyden said. "He is a great role model for kids. He's a great coach and I know he will be successful in Paris," Hyden said.

Hyden hopes to further his education by entering med school, but he doesn't think he will ever be able to get football out of his blood.

"I'm going to try and go to med school, but I hope one day to help by being an assistant coach to someone. I really enjoy it and I want to be part of it no matter what I am doing."

During the '93 season's third game, it appeared that Hyden was finished for the season after a serious injury at Whitesburg.

"I felt something pop in my leg and I felt a lot of pain," said Hyden of running into a game official while carrying the football. "I just prayed about it a lot. I just came back and got a second chance to

(See Hyden, A11)

# 20,000 amateur athletes expected for Bluegrass State Games

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Last year more than 19,000 amateur athletes took part in the Bluegrass State Games, and that number is expected to increase for the 12th Annual Bluegrass State Games that officially gets underway tonight at UK's Commonwealth Stadium.

Twenty-five events will be the order of the day on Saturday as the games get started around Lexington and the surrounding area. Softball has long been one of the most popular sports with Soccer a close second. Track and Field is the largest individual sport.

The opening ceremony is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m., but the events of the day will start at 4 p.m. with a picnic for participants and their families. Also, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m., Champions for a Drug Free Kentucky will hold its block party, which will consist of face painting, bouncy boxing, bungee run, sumo wrestling, putt-putt golf, moon-walk, clowns, helium balloons and hoops USA.

It will be fun, fun, fun for all who attend the day's events. The Valvoline Tent will be a place of giveaways, race cars and Miss Kentucky, Veronica Duka.

There will be plenty of musical

entertainment beginning at 4:30 p.m. and running until the athletes line up for the opening ceremonies.

The opening ceremony will officially start with the colorful Kentucky National Guard flyover. Then comes the parade of athletes as every sport in the Bluegrass Games will be represented by thousands of athletes.

Following the presentation of colors by the Kentucky Army 138th Artillery Brigade National Guard and invocation, Miss Kentucky will sing the National Anthem.

Platform speakers include Carl Frey, chairman, BGSF Board of Directors; James O'Brien, president,

The Valvoline Company; George DeBin, vice president for Fiscal Affairs, University of Kentucky; Teresa Isaac, vice-mayor of Lexington; Governor Paul E. Patton; and 1992 Olympic Gold Medalist Megan Kleine.

After the Wildcat Danzers entertain, Governor Patton will issue the Oath of Athletes and the opening ceremonies will be highlighted by the lighting of the Bluegrass Games' torch. Former Miss Kentucky, and WLEX-TV Anchor Nancy Cox will conclude the opening ceremonies with her rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home."

The games will get an early start as

the 8 a.m. hour rolls around. Three-on-three basketball will feature three teams from Floyd County. Mike Vance, Jimmy Key, Jimmy Parsons and Trena Hensley will enter teams.

James Spear and Ricky Joseph will be in the golf meet with Stevie Hall and Elmer Parsons trying their hand at horseshoe.

Monica Robinette, Betsy Layne, and John Paul Rawlings, Prestonsburg, will be in the power tumbling events.

Justin, Brad and John Biliter try to earn the gold medal in racquetball with Russell Laferty and Larry Greer competing in table tennis. Ryan Owens and Chris Bailey will compete in discus.



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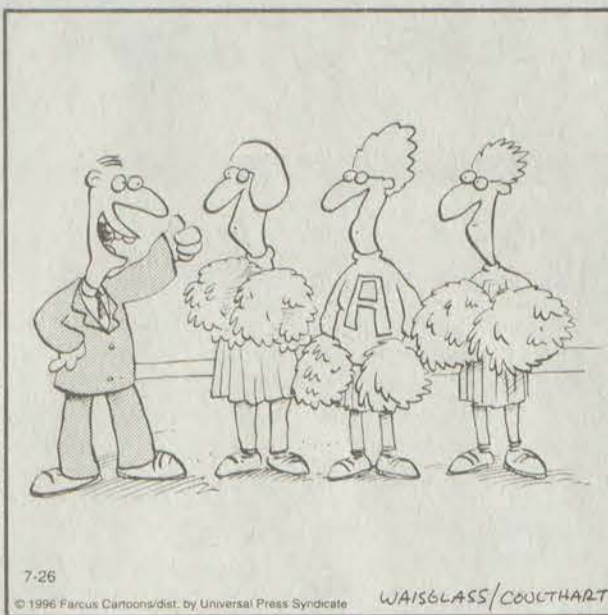
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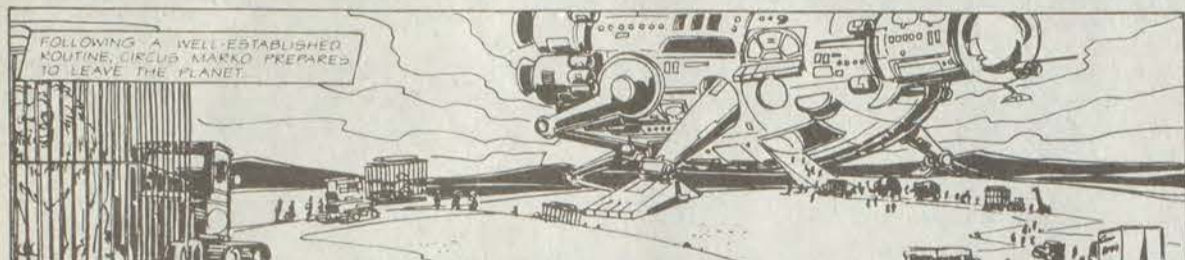
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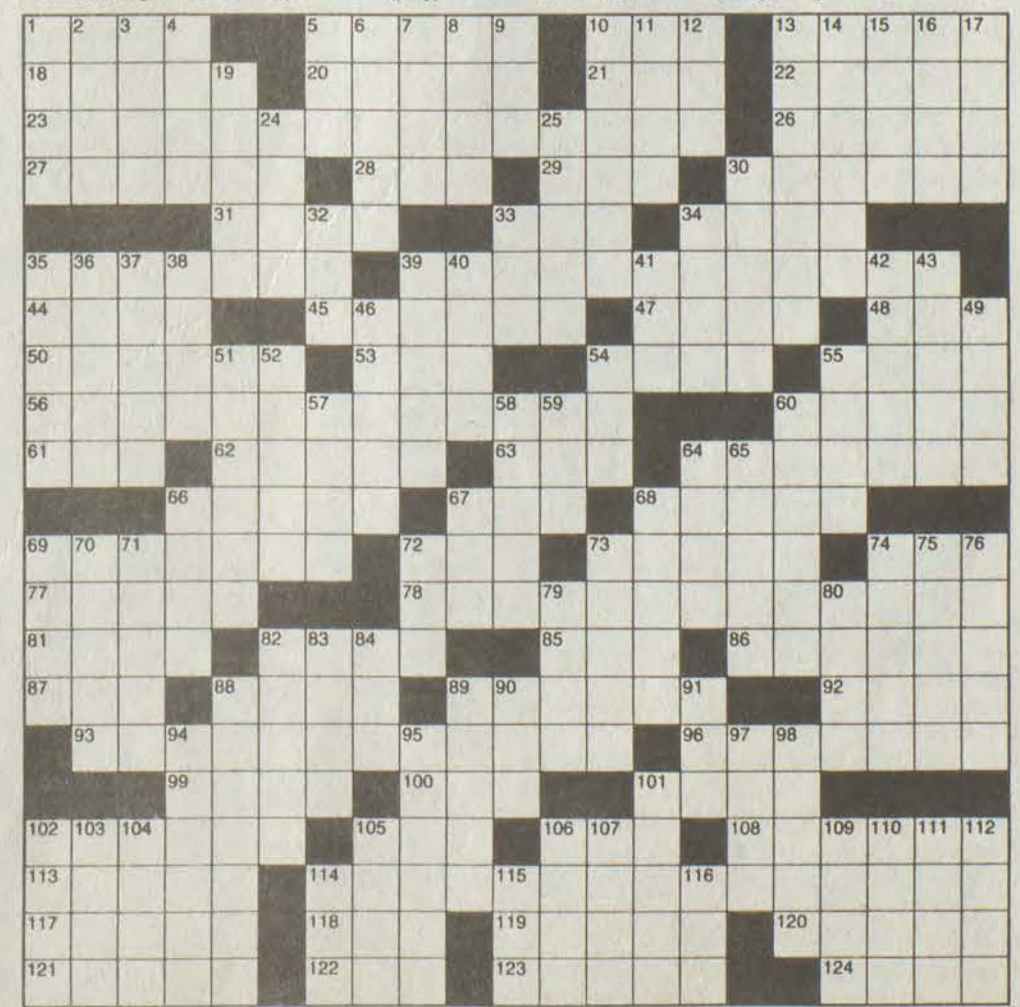
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# Big Sandy Briefs

## The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results  
July 24, 1996

**LOTTO KENTUCKY**  
05-06-08-09-21-27  
Next Estimated Jackpot  
\$1.3 million

**POWERBALL**  
15-25-28-34-44 (26)  
Next Estimated Jackpot  
\$13 million



Johnson County

### Robbers hit China Pearl restaurant

China Pearl was the site of an armed robbery Sunday night, which left the restaurant's owner bound and gagged for over eight hours.

Chien M. Cheng was working alone around 10:30 Sunday night, closing up his restaurant, when two men walked in.

According to a Paintsville police department press release, one of the intruders placed a small caliber weapon against Cheng's head and demanded money. After Cheng told the robbers he had no money, the two men handcuffed him to a pipe in the kitchen, tied him up with two belts and gagged him with duct tape. The robbers then fled, taking Cheng's Rolex watch, gold chain and red 1994 Honda. Cheng was unable to free himself until around 6:45 Monday morning.

Police describe the robbers as two oriental males. Cheng told The Paintsville Herald that he knows the two

men, but refused to disclose their identities. He said the robbers are in their thirties.

No arrests have been made in the case. The matter is still under investigation by the Paintsville police. — *The Paintsville Herald*

### TB hepatitis scare likely unfounded

Rumors of an outbreak of tuberculosis and hepatitis at the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center appear to be just that — rumors.

But the tales do have some foundation in reality, says Arlene Daniels, Tuberculosis Coordinator with the Johnson County Health Department.

Daniels says an inmate at the jail told authorities he had tested positive for tuberculosis, commonly referred to as TB. The inmate's claim prompted a minor scare among health officials at the jail and the health department.

However, the inmate appears to be in good health and Daniels says there is probably no need for alarm. The inmate is a man from Breathitt County. Daniels says a positive TB skin test only proves a person has had contact with another person with an active case of tuberculosis. In the vast majority of positive tests, she says, there are no signs of the disease.

A more definitive test has been taken, Daniels said, but the results will not be available for three or four weeks. In the interim, Daniels said, the inmate is being monitored and treated as if he does have the disease, at least until tests show that he doesn't. — *The Paintsville Herald*



Magoffin County

### Former coal operator denies rigging grand jury

Former coal operator Bill Polan has denied allegations brought by defense attorney Ned Pillersdorf of Prestonsburg, that he attempted to rig a Magoffin grand jury in an election-fraud case.

But Dale Wright, the prosecutor who handled the case, believes that he had a solid case and that the grand jury was not fixed.

During a hearing on a motion held this month to dis-

miss charges of illegal voter assistance against two Magoffin County precinct workers, Polan's name was mentioned. When Pillersdorf asked Salyers Monday, July 22, whether Polan paid him to fix the case, he refused to answer. Because of an ongoing investigation, the judge in the case did not order Salyer to answer the question.

Polan denies that he had any dealings with the grand jury.

### Firemen respond to house, vehicle blazes

The Salyersville Volunteer Fire Department responded to a house fire and a vehicle fire recently.

A dwelling house in the Little Pricey area was lost to fire Friday morning, July 12. The home was completely leveled by the time local fire fighting units arrived.

The second fire involved a late model Ford pickup, owned by Mark Collinsworth. The truck caught fire Saturday, July 13. The fire was reported at 12:30 p.m. Nine firemen responded to the call. — *The Salyersville Independent*

endangerment, second degree, a class A misdemeanor.

Sam Fletcher, the complainant in the case, said, "He (Justice) wantonly placed (me) Fletcher in danger by pointing a gun at him and telling him he would shoot him," as stated in the affidavit presented before District Judge Dan Sparks.

On July 16, Justice was present to answer the charges against him and pleaded not guilty to any charges. The case is set for August 12, with Justice electing to provide his own attorney. — *The Martin County Sun*

### Inez loses state LGEA funding

Inez city officials were notified this week that Local Government Assistance (LGEA) funds from the state have been suspended because the city has failed to implement an ad valorem property tax as ordered three years ago.

The city council voted to have City Attorney Tom Hardin act on their behalf to obtain information proposing a city ordinance implementing ad valorem property taxes for city residents.

In accordance with Kentucky State Law, any municipal government who receives state funds must have a property tax to supplement the cost of running the city government.

In the past, Mayor Betty Cole and the majority of the council have been in opposition to any tax being implemented on the residents of Inez, but some action must be taken by the city council to continue receiving LGEA funds to supplement the costs of running the city government. — *The Martin County Sun*

### County BOE hires night watchman following vandalism

Due to recent acts of vandalism at the Pike County Central Office, the board of education passed action Tuesday morning, July 16, to hire a night watchman.

Earlier this month, several buses and vehicles were damaged at a cost of \$1,098. At its regular meeting last week, the board discussed hiring a night watchman. However, Karen Sue Ratliff asked the board to establish a salary for the position prior to hiring a person for the position. Ratliff was not present at Tuesday's meeting. But the board voted to set the salary at \$15,000. — *Appalachian News-Express*

### Construction begins on post office at McCarr

After much anticipation, McCarr and Ransom residents will soon enjoy the convenience of a new post office. Upcoming construction on the modern facility, to be located in McCarr, will soon be a reality.

Construction will require three to four months with a completion date projected for mid-November. In September 1995, the McCarr office was completely destroyed by fire when the mini-mall at McCarr burned. A temporary mobile unit has been used until the construction of the new office is complete. — *Appalachian News-Express*



Pike County

### City considering lease to build state's first skate park

Members of the Pikeville Area Family YMCA and several local skaters asked the city commission Monday night, July 22, to grant the YMCA a long-term lease to build the state's first skate park.

Commissioners didn't take action on the matter, but Mayor Steve Combs said some type of agreement could be worked out on the property, which is the batting cage area.

"(The skate park) would be under the management of the YMCA," said Dennis Roher, chairman of the YMCA board. "Kentucky is one of only two states in the country that does not have a skate park."

Commissioner Gene Davis asked the commission to hold off for a month before making a decision in order to give the public time to become aware of the plans. — *Appalachian News-Express*

## To Report Child Abuse



1 - 800 - 543 - 7723

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A Public Service Message From This Newspaper and Kentucky State Police, Child Abuse Center



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## FLOYD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



PRESTONSBURG OFFICE

606-886-2788

WHEELWRIGHT

BRANCH OFFICE

606-452-9300

BETSY LAYNE BRANCH

606-478-5454

HOME HEALTH PROGRAM

606-886-8702

Physical examinations are required for students entering school in Floyd County for the first time.

Physicals are also required for students entering the 6th grade. These are required in both public and private school systems.

These physicals are available at the Floyd County Health Department in Prestonsburg, Wheelwright or Betsy Layne, and the Resource Centers at Duff, Clark, Maytown, Allen, and McDowell Elementary Schools.

PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE NEAREST YOUR HOME FOR AN APPOINTMENT

All students are required to have a valid immunization (shot) certificate on file at the school they attend. This includes public and private school systems. Immunizations are available at any of the health department offices or the resource centers listed above.

THE PRESTONSBURG OFFICE OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL BE OPEN

FOR WALK-INS FOR IMMUNIZATIONS UPDATES

AUGUST 4-8

7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

— Technology to Make Golf Less Laborious: Two Fremont, Calif., men obtained a patent recently for a golf club that will fire a ball up to 250 yards by detonation of an explosive charge in the club head. (The club is not expected to be approved for tournament play.) And in April, a Houston man obtained a patent for a cup that goes inside a golf hole and periscopes up after the ball goes in so that the golfer does not have to bend down to retrieve it.

— Anal-Retentive Criminals: Two men who broke out of a jail in Rutland, Vt., in May were captured a week later, done in when police recovered a "things to do" list they had made to guide them in a post-escape robbery. In Dallas in May, Travis Crabtree, 15, was indicted for murder, done in by a list of instructions he had written to himself for a robbery, including a reminder to kill the victim, which he allegedly did. In January in San Antonio, Texas, Jonathan Blaine Downey, 26, was sentenced to 10 years in prison for assembling fertilizer bombs to kill his enemies, done in when police found his list of 17 targets.

— Two girls at the Mount St. Mary Academy in Little Rock, Ark., were not permitted at their graduation ceremony in May because of a school ruling barring pregnant students. Girls who have had abortions are not barred from the ceremony.

THE LITIGIOUS SOCIETY

— In March, Sunrise, Fla., police Sgt. Mark Byers

filed a lawsuit against Jane Liberatore, a woman whom he rescued in the line of duty from an abusive husband. Byers suffered a permanently warped hand by smashing through a door after the husband had killed Liberatore's boyfriend and was about to attack her, and wants compensation because Liberatore's immorality put him in jeopardy. Said Byers' lawyer, "When you cheat on your husband and create the potential for murder [and] a police officer is injured as a result, you make your own bed, and you have to sleep in it."

— In January, Jacquelyne Stafford filed a \$300,000 lawsuit against the White Marsh (Md.) YMCA because a runner crashed into her at second base during a league softball game, breaking her collarbone, when league rules require the runner to slide. In response to Stafford's lawsuit, the YMCA then sued the runner, his manager, the umpire and the company that paid for the team's T-shirts for not assuring that the sliding rule was adhered to.

— Diana J. Nagy filed a lawsuit in Charleston, W. Va., against the manufacturer of the golf cart from which her husband fell to his death after he had been drinking during a tournament at the Berry Hills Country Club. She claimed the cart ought to have had seat belts and doors. Mrs. Nagy's son was driving the cart, so she also sued him.

— In May, the U. S. Supreme Court rejected the claim made in 1992 by Ms. Bobby June Griggs that South Carolina Electric and Gas Co. owes her for a nervous breakdown she suffered. Griggs entered a rice-recipe cook-off but became stressed and had to seek psychiatric help when the company, against her wishes, subsequently published the recipes of all contest entries.

— In March, a woman filed a lawsuit against Israel's Channel 2 and its weatherman Danny Rup for about

\$1,000 because of an erroneous forecast. Rup had predicted sun, and the subsequent rainstorm, said the woman, caused her flu and resulted in four days' missed work and \$38 in medications.

— In January, Kevin McGuinness, who flunked out of the University of New Mexico medical school, filed a lawsuit accusing the school of failing to accommodate him under the Americans With Disabilities Act. McGuinness said his disability is that he is very anxious when he takes exams and consequently doesn't do very well on them.

— David Earl Dempsey, 37, filed a lawsuit against Pima County (Ariz.) and state officials in February for injuries suffered when he hit the concrete after his bed sheet had become unfastened as he jumped out a jail house window trying to hang himself. (He had been arrested for mugging a woman, for which he was later convicted; Dempsey succeeded on a second suicide attempt shortly after filing the lawsuit.)

AWESOME, DUDE!!!

— In June, Bob Ringewold, 43, was driving with a friend in Holland, Mich., when the roof of his car was dented by a 5-pound sucker fish that fell from the sky. (It had fallen from the talons of an eagle that couldn't hold it, and Ringewold took it home.)

— A man stole a 10-ton tractor from a construction lot in York, Neb., in June, and, as a police cruiser blocked his exit, merely drove directly over the car, crushing it. (There were no injuries.) And in June a major apartment house renovation in Baltimore, a construction worker accidentally drove his tractor off of the fifth floor (but received only minor injuries).

— In April, convicted murderer Gene Travis escaped

(See Weird, page five)

Flying The Coop

(THE FINAL EPISODE)

Although we avoided the inevitable for one year, the time has come for us to accept that J.R. is definitely going away to college. As we attempted to impress upon him that he would have to adjust to a different life-style, he taught us a couple of lessons.

"J.R., I want you to be careful and stay out of the girls' dorms," Jimmie said seriously.

"Why would I want to do that?" J.R. asked.

"Because you could get kicked out of college," he replied.

"Dad, I'll be staying with girls," J.R. said.

"Is there something wrong with this picture, Sara?" Jimmie asked me beseechingly. "Have I missed something about J.R.'s genetic makeup?"

"Dorms are coed now, Jimmie," I laughed.

Terror filled Jimmie's eyes as he looked at me and gasped, "I didn't know. Does that mean what I think it means?"

"It means that boys and girls live in the same buildings."

A look of relief passed over Jimmie's face as he replied, "They did that when I was in college, but they called it married housing," Jimmie said sourly. "I don't think I approve of men and women cohabiting."

"It wasn't a constitutional amendment, dad," J.R. said solemnly. "You didn't get to vote on it. It was a decision made by individual universities. It's been real successful."

"You don't say!" Jimmie exclaimed. "If it had been the policy when I was going to college, I would have quit high school and enrolled."

"Think of the positives, Jimmie," I said.

"Which are?"

"Well, for one thing, he won't be cruising for girls."

"That's supposed to make me feel better?" he answered.

"It's a little late for us to worry about it, Jimmie. That has been going on for 20 years."

"Yes, but J.R. hasn't. He isn't even 20 years old yet."

J.R. sat on the couch glaring at us. From his expression I could tell that he thought we must have evolved from idiots. And as I watched him, I kept thinking how he had managed to endure what he must have felt was sheer stupidity on our part.

"J.R., we're only concerned for your well-being," I stated. "We're parents."

"But you're different from some parents," he added.

"Of course we are. All parents are different."

"No, you're REALLY different. Some parents don't think about dorms being coed."

"They do, they just don't talk about it," I said.

"Then why do you?" he asked.

"Because we verbalize everything. It's important to discuss one's feelings."

"Whose feelings are we talking about here? Why don't we talk about my feelings?"

"Because you don't even understand what feelings are, yet," Jimmie replied. "Just wait until you have children of your own. Then you'll know what we're talking about."

By the time J.R. understands his feelings, we'll have forgotten this discussion. And when he's old enough to understand our feelings, he'll be coming to us for sympathy.



The Weekend  
**Extra**

Virginia Opry to perform first show of summer at historic Stonewall Theatre

The Virginia Opry founded by Floyd County native M. Ray Allen, will perform its first country music show of the summer on stage at the historic Stonewall Theatre, Clifton Forge, Virginia, on Saturday, August 3, at 8 p.m.

The Virginia Opry, in its fifth year of performing at the historic theatre that is listed on both the state and national registers of historic places, will feature The Bluegrass Disciples as its guest band. The Bluegrass Disciples, a bluegrass and country gospel group from Craigsville, Virginia, has performed at the Roanoke Fiddle and Banjo Club. The quartet will perform both bluegrass and country gospel selections.

The Virginia Opry will also feature Brent Morgan, an employee of Westvaco who has a local following in the Alleghany Highlands. Morgan recently made his debut at the Virginia Opry, and he was well received as a country music vocalist.

The Virginia Opry will also feature its own cast of performers. Kim Cahoon and Shelly Cole, both original cast members, will perform as female vocalists.

Original cast member Mamie Mae (Elizabeth Bodkin) and Bibbie June (Vivian Pendleton) will team up for their zany comedy routines.

The Virginia Opry will also feature Brett Ergenbright, Billy Berberette, William Nicely and Stephen Peery as male vocalists. Ergenbright plays lead guitar, Berberette plays bass guitar and Peery plays keyboard. The Virginia Opry Band is rounded out by Randy Pritt, drums; Willie Webb, harmonica; and Debbie Dawson, rhythm guitar and fiddle. Dawson, an original cast mem-

ber, also is featured as a vocalist from time to time.

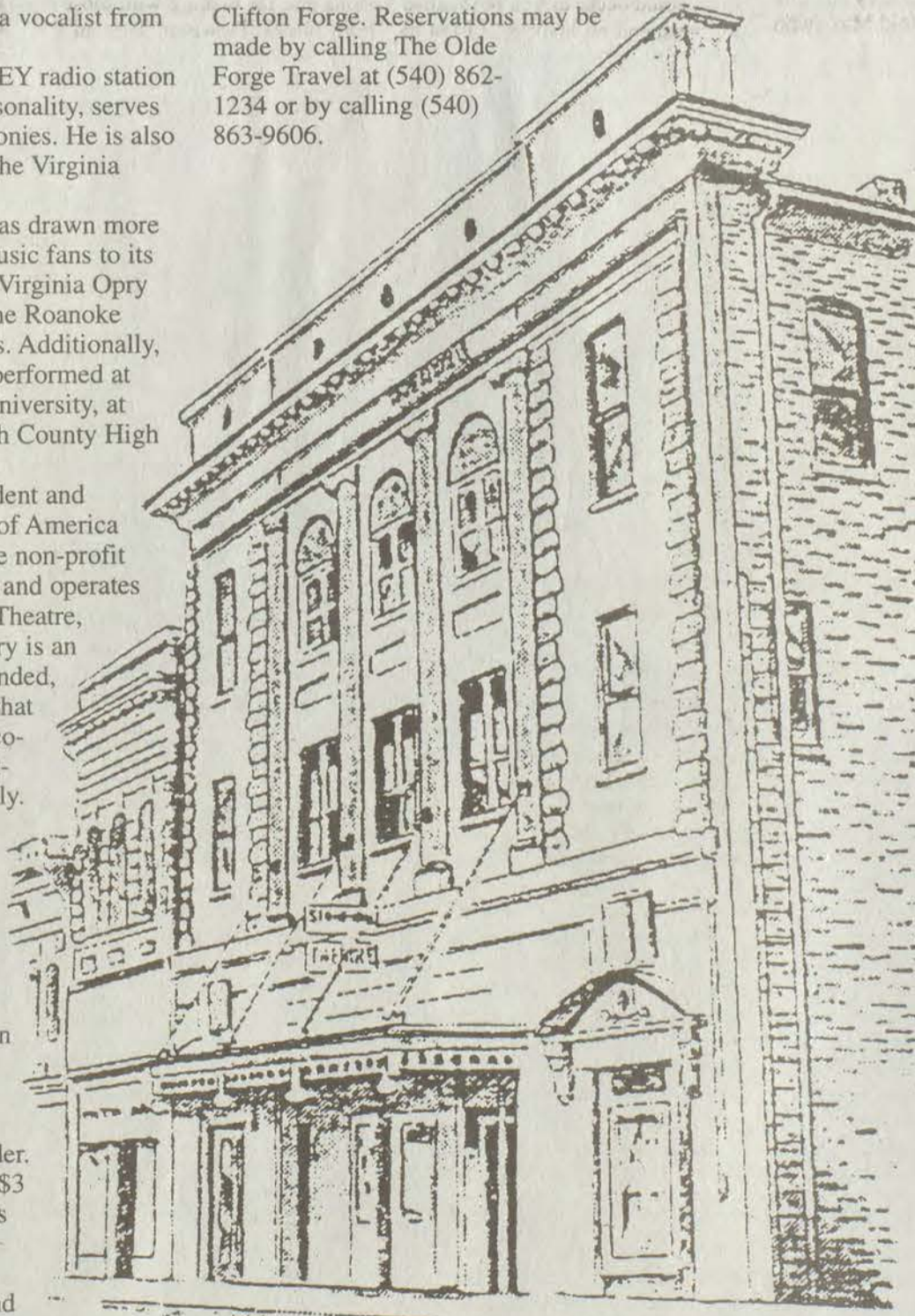
Denny Tincher, WKEY radio station manager and radio personality, serves as the master of ceremonies. He is also the artistic director of the Virginia Opry.

The Virginia Opry has drawn more than 10,000 country music fans to its performances, and the Virginia Opry has been featured in The Roanoke Times and World News. Additionally, the Virginia Opry has performed at Washington and Lee University, at Casey Field and at Bath County High School.

M. Ray Allen, president and founder of Appalfolks of America Association (AAA), the non-profit organization that owns and operates the historic Stonewall Theatre, said, "The Virginia Opry is an outreach that AAA founded, and its G-rated shows that are performed in an alcohol-free setting are suitable for the entire family. AAA has drawn much praise for the quality of entertainment that the Virginia Opry puts on stage, and many have compared it favorably with the shows they have seen in Nashville."

Advance tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 12 and under. Tickets at the door are \$3 and \$6. Advance tickets may be purchased at Virginia Opry ticket outlets in Covington and

Clifton Forge. Reservations may be made by calling The Olde Forge Travel at (540) 862-1234 or by calling (540) 863-9606.



BY SALLY STONE

TUNING IN

MORE FOR FALL: Syndication seems to be the way to go for a great many producers who find off-network programming allows time for shows to develop "legs" (that is, audiences).

As a result, shows airing in syndication often appear to be off the beaten path; sometimes so far off, they stand a good chance of becoming cult classics if they last long enough.

Some of the new syndicated shows scheduled to air this fall include the following:

"FX: The Series," from Rysher Entertainment, starring Kevin Dobson. The show is based on two popular feature films;

"Tarzan the Epic Adventures," from Seagull Entertainment, a live action series with special effects accompanying Tarzan's adventures in space and time;

"Strange Universe," from Rysher, a reality-based, half-hour daily show with a broad range of stories from all over the world;

"Beach Patrol," from ITC, a reality-based weekly show airing weekends, daytime. Stories include re-creations of rescues, etc.

"Bounty Hunters," from Tradewinds Television, a reality-based weekly show airing weekends, prime time, dealing with the activities of bounty hunters.

Returning series include: "Kids These

Days," from New Screen Concepts, has been picked up for the fall season. The show, hosted by Dana Fleming, examines parenting and family topics;

"Highlander," from Rysher, starring Adrian Paul as the immortal Duncan MacLeod;

"The Hitchhiker," from Rysher, an anthology series with guest stars.

"Strangers," from Chesler/Perlmutter, an adult dramatic anthology with stories of Americans abroad looking for excitement and love.

DIAL TONES: Make a note to watch TNN on August 15 to see "The Life and Times of Glen Campbell," with Glen and

friends, the Smothers Brothers, and Andy Williams.

"Tall Tale" with Patrick Swayze as Pecos Bill, Oliver Platt as Paul Bunyan, and Roger Aaron Brown as the legendary railroad spike driver, John Henry, premieres on The Disney Channel August 4 during the Free Fall Preview. Repeat dates are August 5, 14, 15, 24, and 30.

If you like game shows, have I got a network for you: The Game Show Network is prepared to air 24 hours of game shows starting this fall. If you don't like game shows, consider this a warning to be careful when you channel surf.

Critic's Corner  
by Michael Greene

The Nutty Professor

You have to really be gutsy to take on a role the incredible Jerry Lewis created and held title to all these years. Yet, Eddie Murphy proves he's more than equal to the task.

Murphy portrays hapless Professor Sherman Klump, a 400-pound loser who lusts in his heart for pretty graduate student Carla Purty (Jada Pinkett, "A Different World"). Klump is a nice-enough guy. He just has no social life because of his size and insecurities. However, that doesn't stop him from at least trying to succeed with Carla. He asks her out on a date, which turns out to be an unqualified disaster.

The two go to a comedy club and Klump finds himself the butt (pun intended) of the featured comedian's fat jokes. Purty feels sorry for the guy, and yes, even likes him in a way. However, there's no real spark there. This, coupled with the humiliation of being made fun of publicly, constitutes a turning point for Klump.

He decides he's going to lose weight by any means necessary. Experimenting with a weight-loss formula, he decides to go for broke and just down an entire test-tube full. Lo and behold! Klump trims down to real-life Eddie Murphy size. He rechristens himself Buddy Love, outfits himself in some real fancy duds, and sets about romancing Carla.

Carla is attracted to Love, yet she's not thrilled with his egotistical side. She's also put off by the rather cruel streak he exhibits. Buddy Love is no affable Sherman Klump. He's Klump turned inside out, a real Jekyll-Hyde character.

Murphy is brilliant in a multiplicity of roles, including his own mother, father, brother and grandmother, as well as the professor and Buddy. He lives up to his earlier promise when he began his career and is a delight to watch. Pinkett is charming as well, but somewhat wasted in this role. She just provides counterpoint to the manic Murphy.

I give this one three and a half stars. Don't miss it.



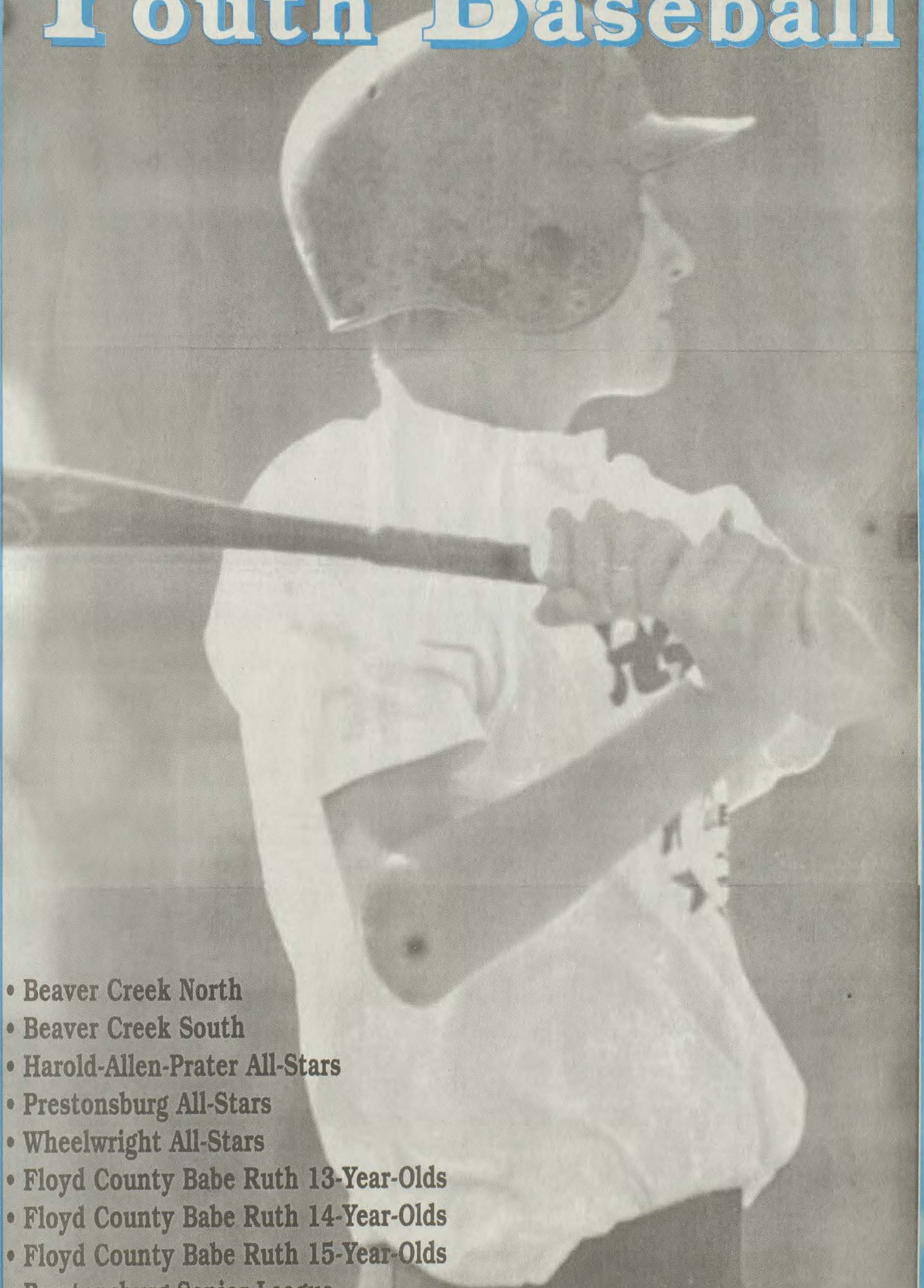








# Floyd County Youth Baseball



- Beaver Creek North
- Beaver Creek South
- Harold-Allen-Prater All-Stars
- Prestonsburg All-Stars
- Wheelwright All-Stars
- Floyd County Babe Ruth 13-Year-Olds
- Floyd County Babe Ruth 14-Year-Olds
- Floyd County Babe Ruth 15-Year-Olds
- Prestonsburg Senior League

(Front photo of Grant Newsome (HAP) by Ed Taylor, Sports Editor)

A Supplement to  
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*Jerry's Restaurant*  
Prestonsburg



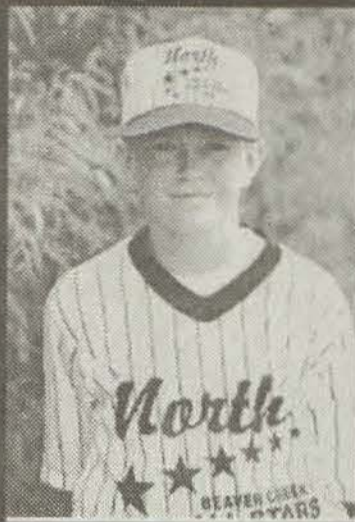
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Prestonsburg

**ALL STARS**

**Beaver  
Creek  
North**

**ALL STARS**



Chad Samons  
Beaver Creek North

**ALL STARS**



Robert Fitzpatrick  
Beaver Creek North

**ALL STARS**



James Elkins  
Beaver Creek North

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Chris Allen  
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Lloyd Stacey  
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Steve Goble  
Beaver Creek North

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Alex Patton  
Beaver Creek North

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Beth Combs  
Beaver Creek North

**ALL STARS**



Dustin Stumbo  
Beaver Creek North

**ALL STARS**



Walter Zimmerman  
Beaver Creek North

**ALL STARS**



Shannon Sizemore  
Beaver Creek North

**ALL STARS**



D. I. Henson, Manager  
Beaver Creek North

**ALL STARS**



Mike Fitzpatrick, Coach  
Beaver Creek North

**ALL STARS**

**Beaver  
Creek  
South**

**ALL STARS**



John Thornsby  
Beaver Creek South

**ALL STARS**



Justin Taylor  
Beaver Creek South

**ALL STARS**



Jason Spriggs  
Beaver Creek South

**ALL STARS**



Adam Ward  
Beaver Creek South

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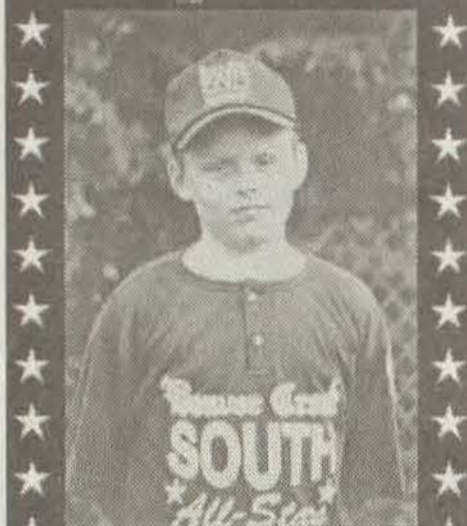
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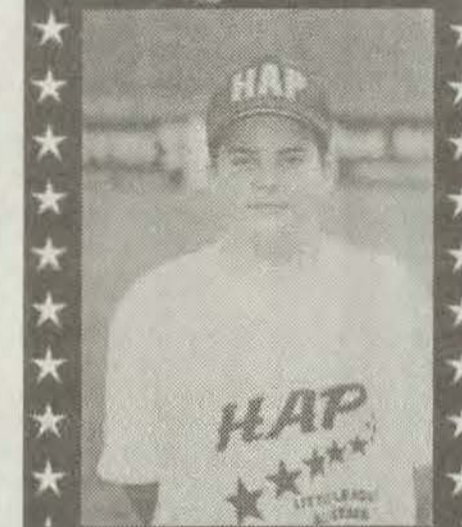


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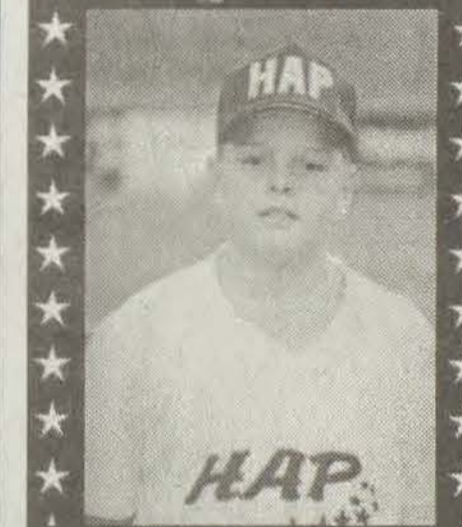
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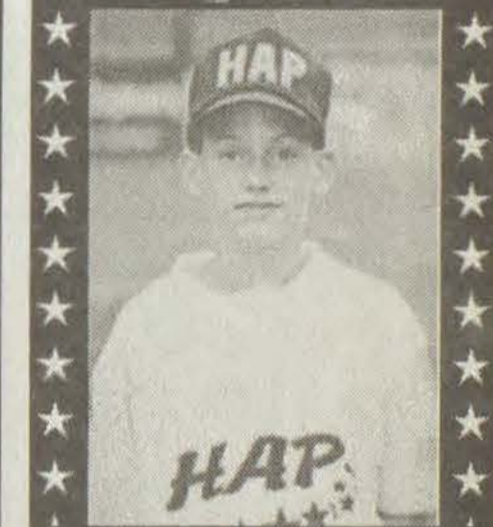
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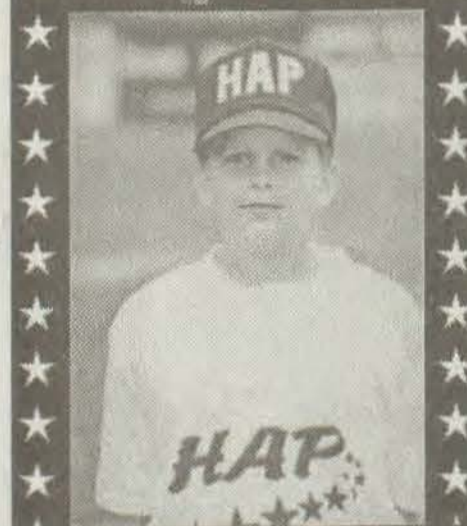
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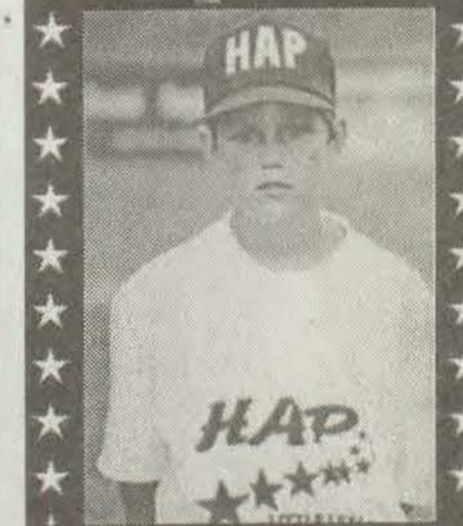
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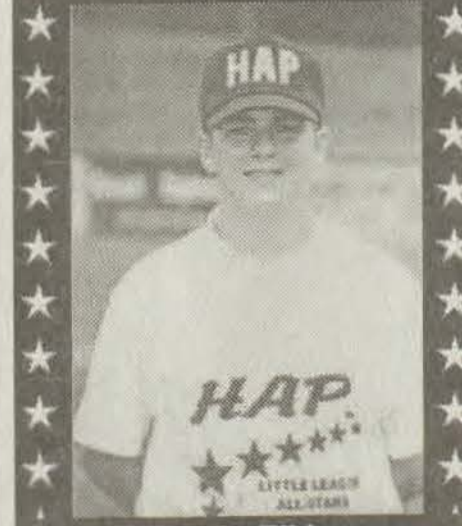
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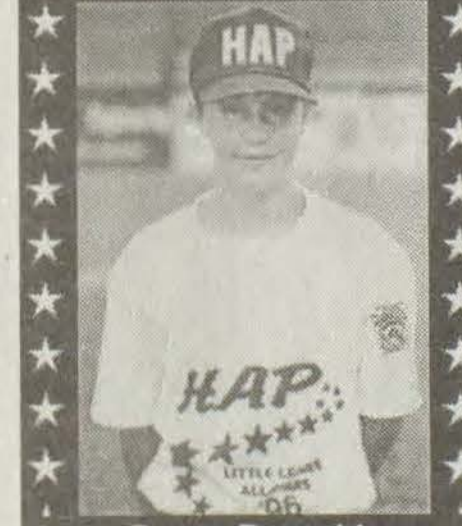
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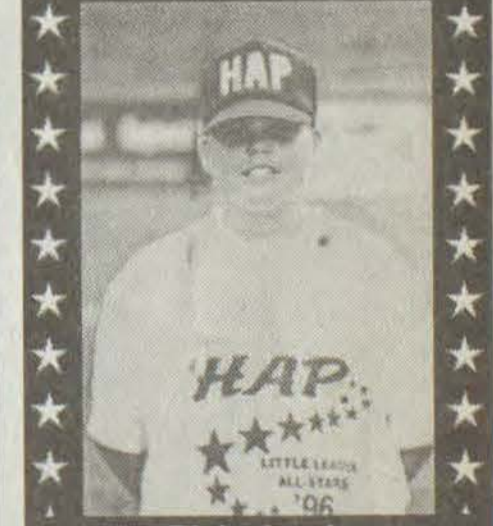
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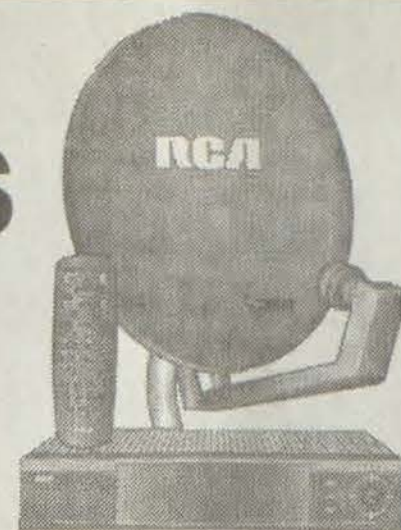
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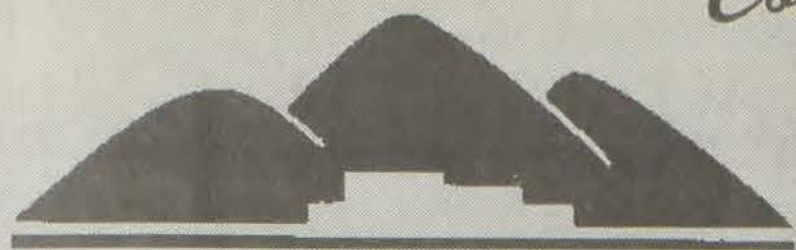
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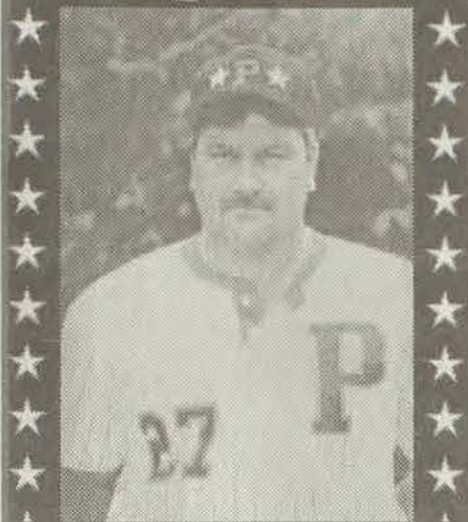


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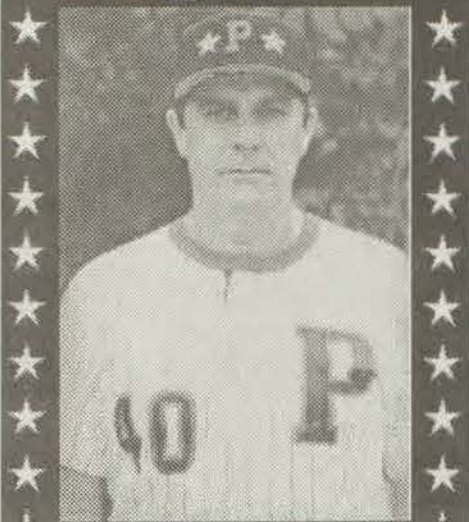
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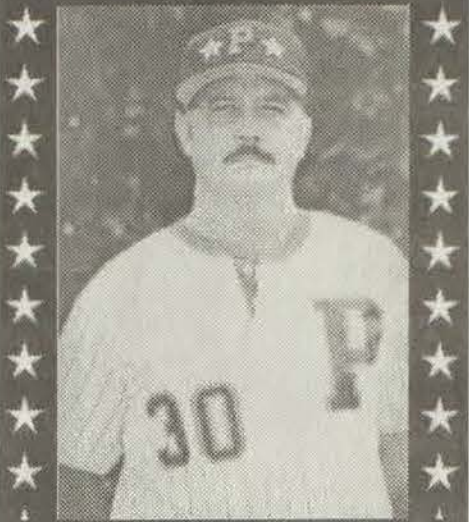
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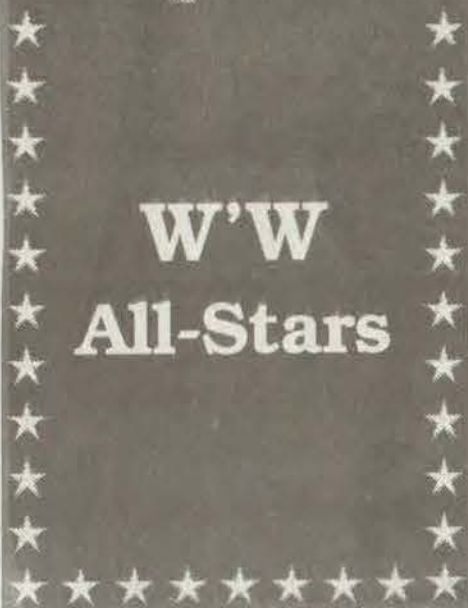
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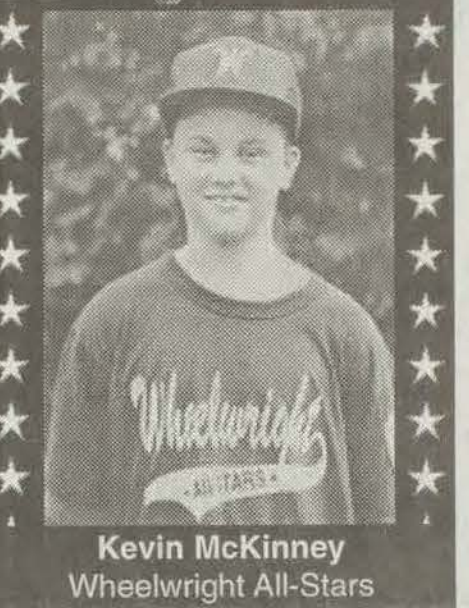


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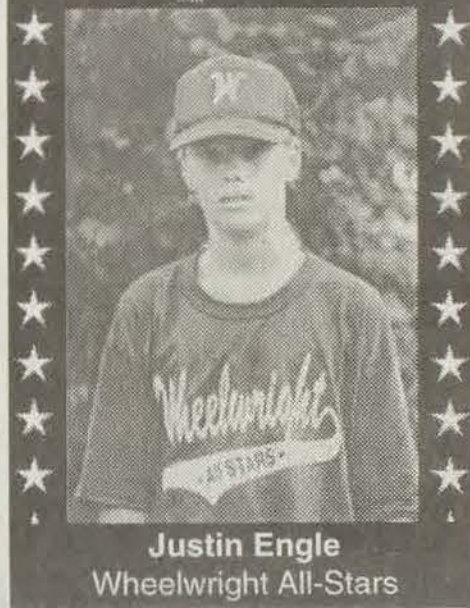
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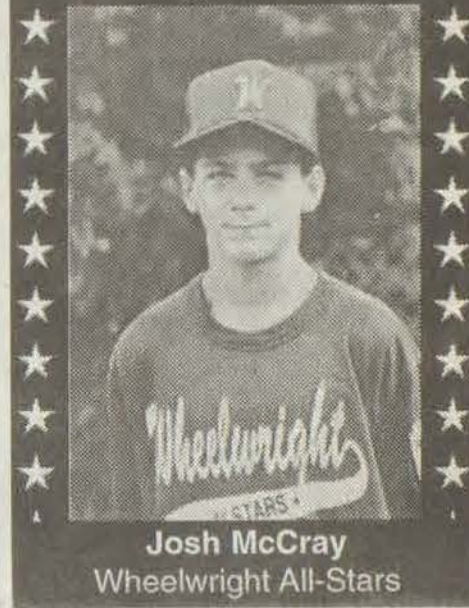
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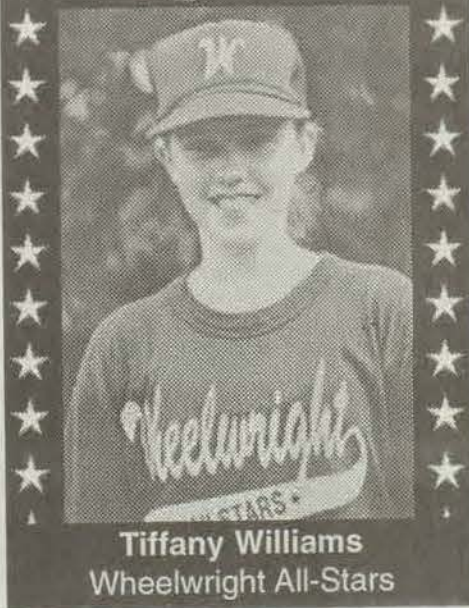
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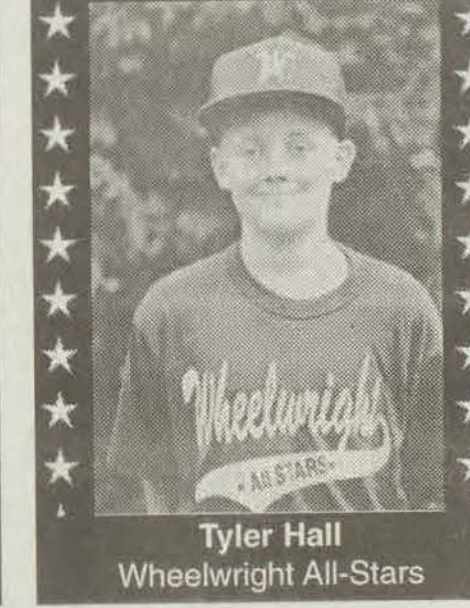
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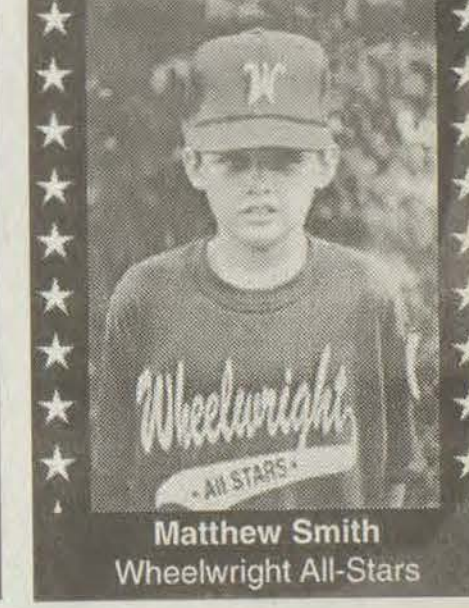
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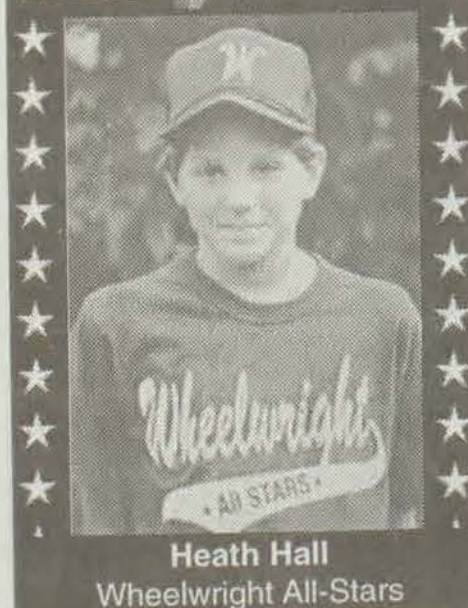
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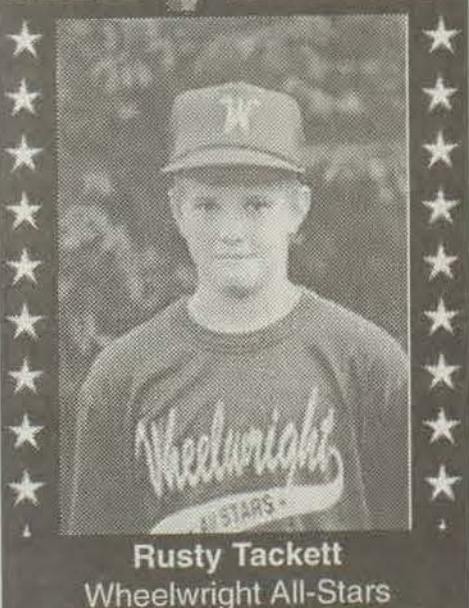
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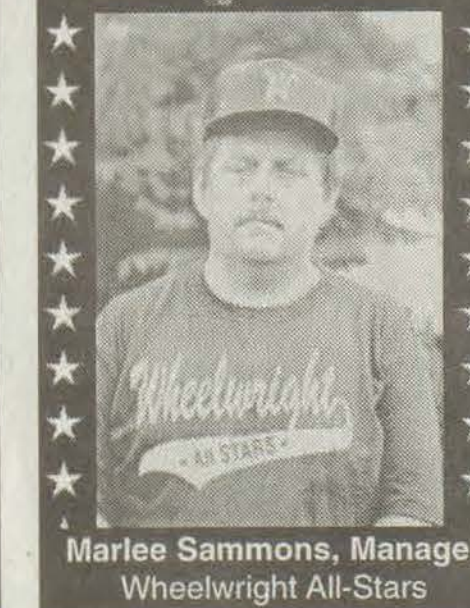
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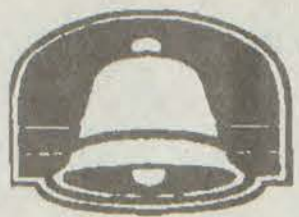
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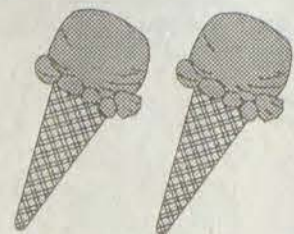
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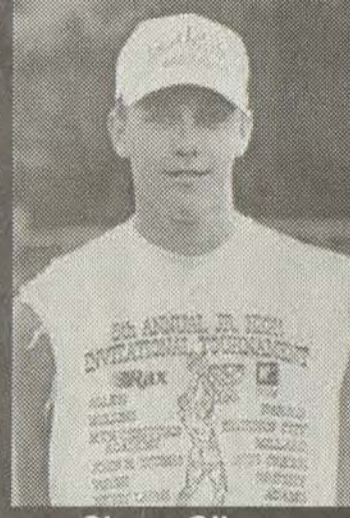
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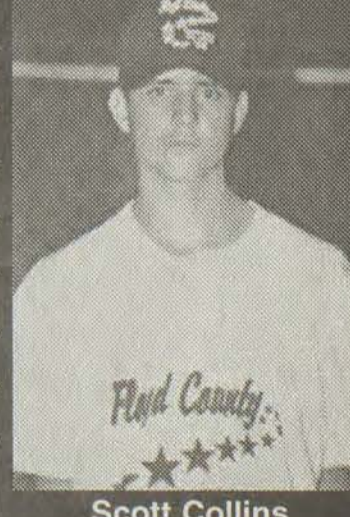
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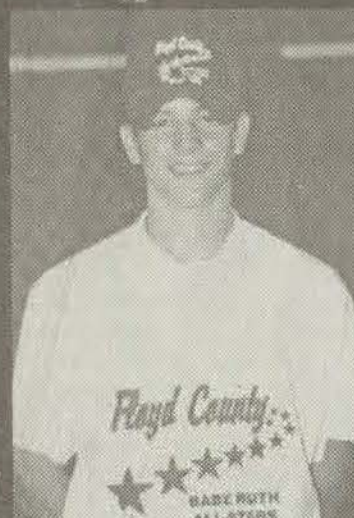
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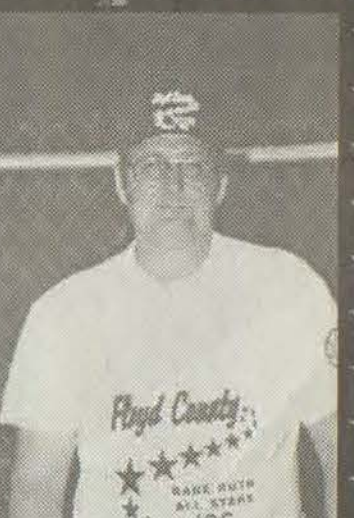
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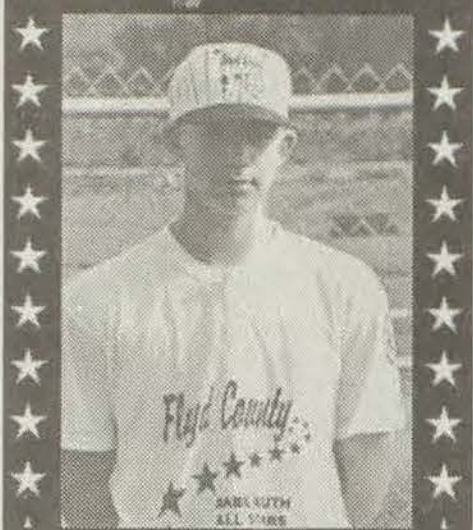
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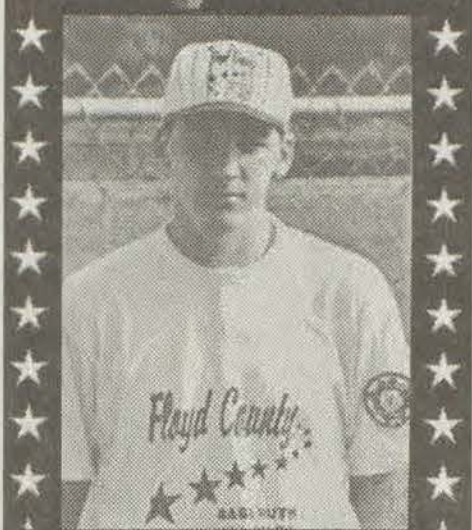
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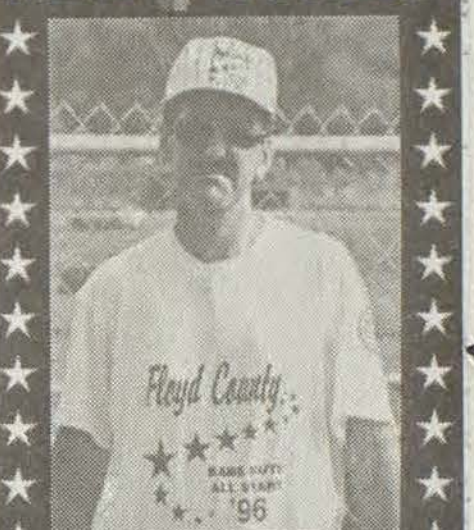
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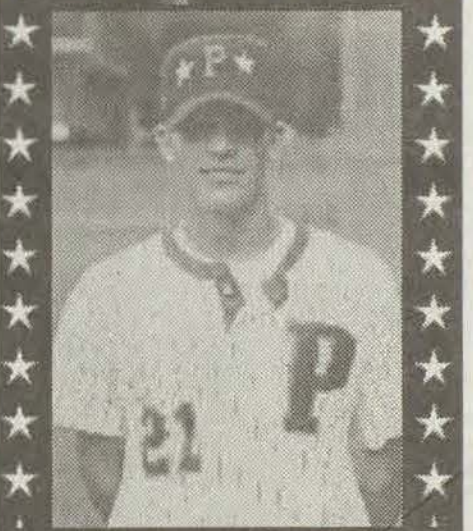
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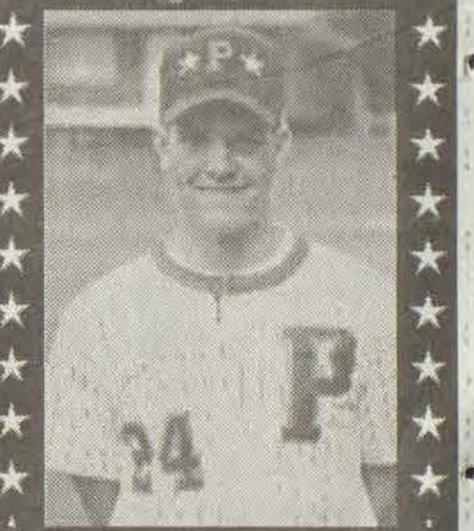
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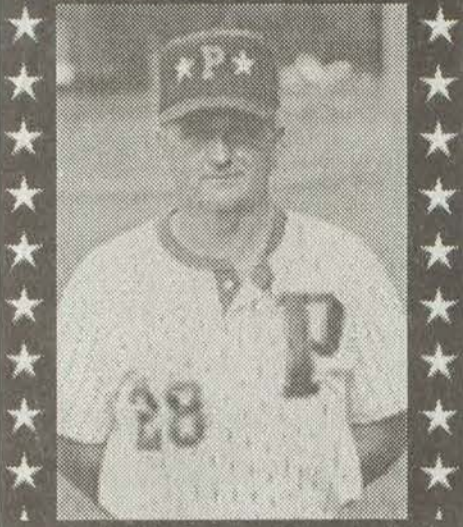
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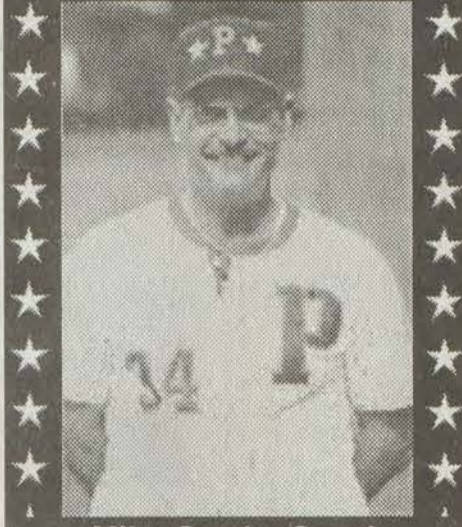
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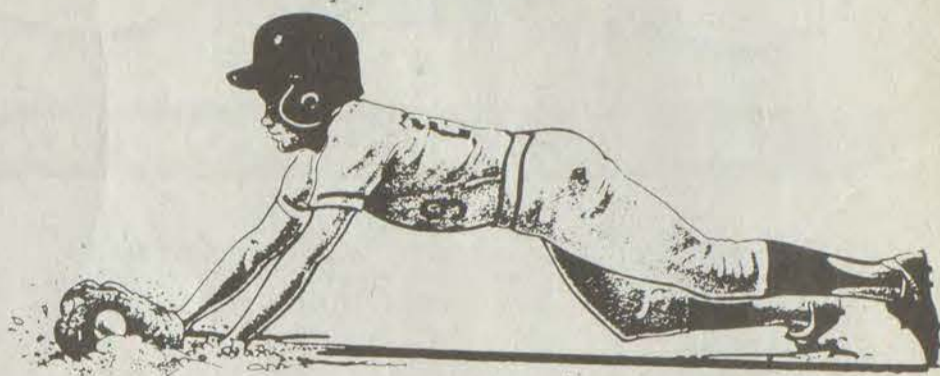


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# Prospects abound in county youth corps

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The 1996 Floyd County youth baseball season is history now, but it was an exciting year as five Little League All-Star teams were fielded, as well as three Babe Ruth and one Senior League team.

Once again, the Little League Area 2 playoffs were held at the Paintsville Little League field — and a fine facility it is. The Harold-Allen-Prater All-Stars came away with the Area 2 championship, but fell to Belfry in the District 7 title game. Coach Randy Kidd's HAP team was a strong offensive team and had good pitching, but their defense was lacking against Morgan County in the final two outings before winning the area championship. HAP pounded out seven homeruns in the tournament.

Prestonsburg's All-Stars were young, but look for them to put together a strong team next season. Beaver Creek North and Beaver Creek South could have combined their two all-star teams and been more competitive but, again, youth dotted the two teams. Wheelwright had only four teams in their league this summer, but I was impressed with the effort they put forward in the tournament at Paintsville.

All three Babe Ruth teams claimed regional championships and advanced to the state tournament. The 13-year-olds fell in two games in Ashland, while the 14-year-olds won once and the 15-year-olds dropped both of their games.

The Prestonsburg Senior League All-Stars displayed some real talent as they battled Paintsville in the finals of the Senior League All-Star tournament. The final game was an exciting one going down to Paintsville's last bat.

Prospects. I have watched, with a great deal of interest, the players who one day will enter the halls of our high schools and take their places on the high school teams. I like what I see. There are some very, very good baseball players on the way.

Of course, much can happen — loss of interest, injuries etc. — by the time some of them reach high school.

Plans are being made for next season, and changes could come about — in some places they should. The Beaver Creek Little League at one time took a back seat to no one. They were a very strong and competitive league that produced some very good baseball players.

They were a league that at one time fielded 11 teams.

Now, they have dwindled down to six. Something needs to be done to rekindle interest in the league. I know we have harped on this before, but kids are just losing interest.

Prestonsburg, Harold-Allen-Prater have the correct format — play your games at one place so control over all games can be had. Beaver Creek, this past season, scattered their games. The league president had no control over games that were spread out.

New lights will be going in at the Minnie Park. Doubleheaders could be played each night — example Prestonsburg and HAP — and all games played at the park. I know the folks in Martin, Garrett and Wayland will take exception to the suggestion, but sacrifice may be required for the sake of the league.

Another thing I would love to see is the appointment of a public relations person for each league. Each league should have an official scorer or a representative at each game, each night who will keep a scorebook. After the games, the results would be reported to the sports department here at the Times. I would love to write up every game played in the county, and I would write it.

Kids love to see their name in the paper and it is impossi-

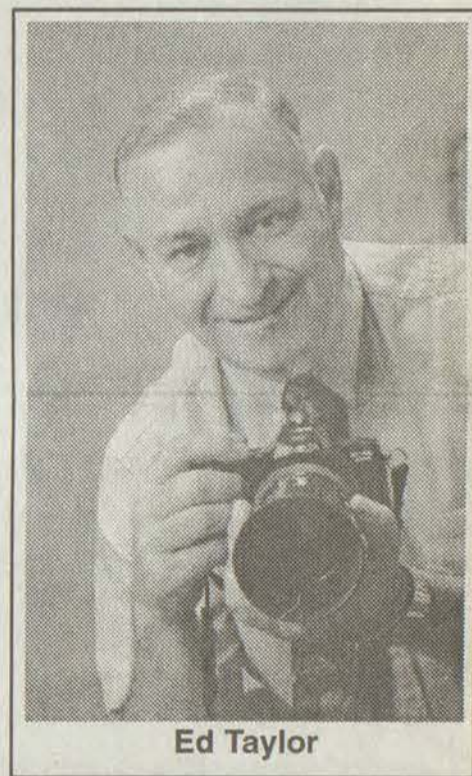
ble for me to cover all the games. Whereas, if each league had its own scorer and report the games, the kids would receive recognition. It makes a very good motivating tool for a team.

Depend on the coaches to do it? Forget that. If a coach loses, he is not about to report it. Records (pitching, homeruns, etc) should be kept during the course of a season.

Floyd County must have 100 Pee Wee teams (well, maybe not quite). I realize that when a ground ball goes through the legs of the shortstop and rolls to the fence as the batter rounds the bases, it is counted a home run. But how about just reporting that team A won over team B and J.J. had two hits? Just something to create interest.

Inside these pages we have to try to picture those who make up the all-star teams in Floyd County. We did not include the 9-10 year old all-stars because not all leagues had them. Neither did we include the 16-18 year olds because they were made up of players from other counties (maybe next year).

There is a lot of interest in a section such as this. I have had players from six years back tell me they still had their copy. Some players' parents have even framed the pages.



**Ed Taylor**

I appreciate the good comments I have heard about this section as we put a lot of effort and time into it. The biggest problem we have is matching names with faces. We have tried to do our best.

This effort has been a labor of love for me. I love kids. I love to be around them and watch them play baseball. I'm so impressed with the way some of them play. But I am proud of all who give forth a solid effort whether they are star players or not. Nothing beats a good effort.

The Lord willing, we will look forward to another season in '97. But now, it is football time and the basketball season will be on us before we can get our Christmas list made out.

Good sports everyone.

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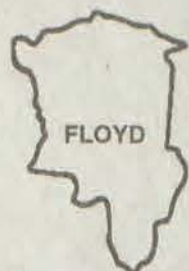
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## Clerk probe enters eighth month; end is near

by Patti M. Clark and Chris McDavid  
Staff Writers

After seven months, an investigation into the Floyd County Clerk's office is still ongoing.

According to Mike Carhart, sergeant with the special investigations unit of the Kentucky State Police, the investigation into Carla Boyd's office "is still an active, ongoing investigation."

Carhart said some interviews are scheduled for this week. "I'd guess

we'll wrap it up in the next couple of months," Carhart said. "I'm sure the findings will be presented to a grand jury at some point in time."

A spokesperson from the attorney general's office confirmed that the case is still active, but would not comment on the investigation.

Boyd said Tuesday afternoon she had not heard anything new about the investigation and did not want to make a comment.

"I haven't heard anything to make a comment on," she said.

Last December, auditors discov-

ered that Boyd's office was almost \$200,000 in the red, according to former state auditor Ben Chandler and that her records were "the worst he'd ever seen." Chandler is now attorney general.

At the time, Boyd disagreed with the audit and indicated she had a certified public accountant working on the records.

In the report released in Frankfort, the clerk's office allegedly had an \$195,000 deficit and state officials said they could not determine if the shortfall was greater because

of the condition of the records.

The report also indicated that Boyd had used personal funds to conceal a "lapping scheme" in an attempt to hide the shortages.

The scheme was described as taking money from new accounts to cover shortages in old accounts, with the report indicating that about \$44,000 was transferred to cover shortages for 1991 and 1992.

The audit also contended that Boyd used \$11,704 of her own money to cover shortages.

A breakdown of the shortages al-

leged by the auditor show:

- \$103,900 in unreported delinquent tax collections;
- \$2,600 in disallowed expenses;
- \$13,099 in prior expenses paid from 1992 fees;
- \$9,211 owed for fish and game licenses;
- \$23,904 in 1994 receipts deposited into the 1993 fee account;
- \$1,753 used to cover a 1991 overdraft;
- \$3,943 from April 1992 receipts deposited into the 1991 fee account;

- \$15,078 in March 1992 receipts deposited to 1991 fee account;
- \$9,504 in 1992 excess fees owed to the fiscal court;
- \$1,978 overpayment of 1993 excess fees; and
- \$15,093 in net posting errors in the disbursement ledger.

The total of the alleged shortfall is \$196,197 less a \$1,071 bank balance in the 1992-93 fee accounts, which leaves a \$195,126 deficit.

The KSP and AG's office are cooperating in the investigation.

## Forget rumors, all schools will start August 13

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

Rumors that school in Floyd County is starting late or that students at Prestonsburg High School won't go back to classes at the same time other schools open their doors are just that — rumors.

Students at Prestonsburg High School will begin classes the same day as the rest of the students. Students will not be bused to other schools and will not start classes six weeks later than the rest of the system.

"That's not the facts," Superintendent Dr. John Balentine said Monday of those rumors.

### Shooting victim will likely face charges himself

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

A Floyd County man, who was transported to the UK Medical Center after he was shot in the back early Friday morning by an intruder, is facing drug charges, according to a Kentucky State Police Pikeville Post 9 media release.

Perry Conn, 48, of Martin, was shot once in the back with a small .25 caliber handgun after he approached two juvenile subjects who had allegedly broken into his home, the release says.

According to KSP Detective Joel Newsome, one of the juveniles admitted they had stolen two bikes in Martin and they knew Conn was raising marijuana inside the house, which they thought was unoccupied.

When the juveniles arrived at the residence, they observed some lights on, so they stayed outside

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"The (PHS renovation) contractor, Sam Martin, has assured me that they will be out this week and we can go in there and clean up and get the equipment moved back into the classrooms," Balentine said.

Work on the outside of the facility will begin in earnest after classes start and most work inside will be done when students are not in the building.

The project is expected to take two years to complete and the second phase of the renovation, which includes a completely revamped cafeteria and a new music suite, was recently approved by the board of education.

The first day for teachers is August 12 with students reporting August 13.

All schools in the system will be on the same calendar this year. The board voted down a request by schools in Betsy Layne to utilize an alternative calendar for a second year.

"School will start as per scheduled at all schools," Balentine added.

He said he knows students, teachers and administrators at Prestonsburg High School will be inconvenienced by the work going on at the site, but "they must accept the fact that renovation is here and it's here to stay until that project is done. We need to make sure we're giving those students proper instruction at that school."

"The school has been inspected by the fire marshal and by the environmental people and it passed both inspections," Balentine added. "It will be clean and it will be safe for students and those are the most important issues to consider."

He said any parent who has questions should call the board office for information. "I want to encourage people not to listen to rumors and insinuations," Balentine said.



A first

Kentucky Governor Paul E. Patton became the first governor to participate in the Bluegrass State Games. Carl Frey, behind Governor Patton, made the challenge to a game of horseshoes to the governor who promptly accepted. "I wasn't going to let the Eastern Kentucky tradition down," said Governor Patton (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Balentine offers new idea to encourage early retirement

by Patti M. Clark  
Staff Writer

It appears teachers in the Floyd County school system are interested in a retirement plan that will give them a \$25,000 to \$30,000 annuity and monthly payments of more than \$200.

They now must wait to see if the school board approves the plan.

"We've had a lot of interest," Superintendent Dr. John Balentine said Monday. "A significant number of people called to let us know they are interested in the plan."

The superintendent presented the retirement plan at a July 22 special meeting of the board. The plan

would give teachers with more than 27 years of teaching experience an incentive to retire. He suggested the system buy a \$25,000 annuity that would pay teachers \$236 a month in addition to the retirement funds they will receive from the state.

The plan was discussed but not voted on because it was not on the agenda of the special meeting. The board is scheduled to consider the plan at another special meeting scheduled for Thursday night.

A retirement plan that offered teachers a 50-percent payment of accumulated sick leave, instead of the traditional 30 percent approved by the school board 11 years ago, failed twice at earlier meetings.

Balentine said the current plan is an effort to get the additional 24 teachers who were pink-slipped last spring back on the system's roster before classes begin in less than two weeks.

In addition, the plan will save the system about \$9,000 per teacher who retires. Higher-paid retiring teachers will be replaced with newer, lower-paid instructors.

Balentine said the maximum salary for a teacher with 27 years of experience is about \$38,000, while a first- or second-year teacher averages about \$24,000. With a difference in salaries of \$14,000 and an annuity payment of \$5,000, the net savings to the system is about \$9,000.

The superintendent said it is im-

(See Idea, page two)

## Support appears high for federal prison plan

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

A public hearing was held Thursday evening at the Big Sandy Regional Airport for area residents to voice their concerns about the construction of a new prison in Martin County.

But, after David J. Dorworth, Chief of the Site Selection and Environmental Review Branch of the U.S. Department of Justice, briefed area residents on the type of the prison, the prisoners which would be housed, the security of the facility, and the economic advantages for the Big Sandy Area, the residents were more concerned with a guarantee that the prison would be

constructed in Martin County. The facility will be high-security level, between medium and maximum levels, Dorworth said. The majority of the inmates will be serving time for large-scale drug offenses and robberies of federally insured saving and loans. "They are real life criminals serving substantial sentences," Dorworth said.

"These are the people who probably have a history of recent violent acts, but because of that we'll take extra steps to keep them confined," Dorworth said in an earlier interview.

Dorworth said the new penitentiary will be a New Generation

(See Federal, page two)

## Deadline nears for city, board candidates

by Scott Perry  
Times Editor

Last May's primary may have lacked local flavor, but there could be plenty to spice things up in November.

The fall ballot will include races for all eight seats on the Prestonsburg City Council; battles for three seats on the Floyd County Board of Education; a possible match-up for Floyd County Attorney; city commission contests in Martin, Wayland, Wheelwright and Allen; and a mayoral tilt at Martin.

All that and a presidential race, too.

The local races haven't drawn much interest, so far, but should before the filing deadline arrives at 4 p.m. on August 13 for non-partisan races.

Richard G. Price was the only official candidate by Tuesday evening for Prestonsburg City Council.

Glenda Hall, of Bypro, has filed for the District 4 seat on the Floyd County Board of Education. Other board seats to be contested this fall include District 3 and District 5.

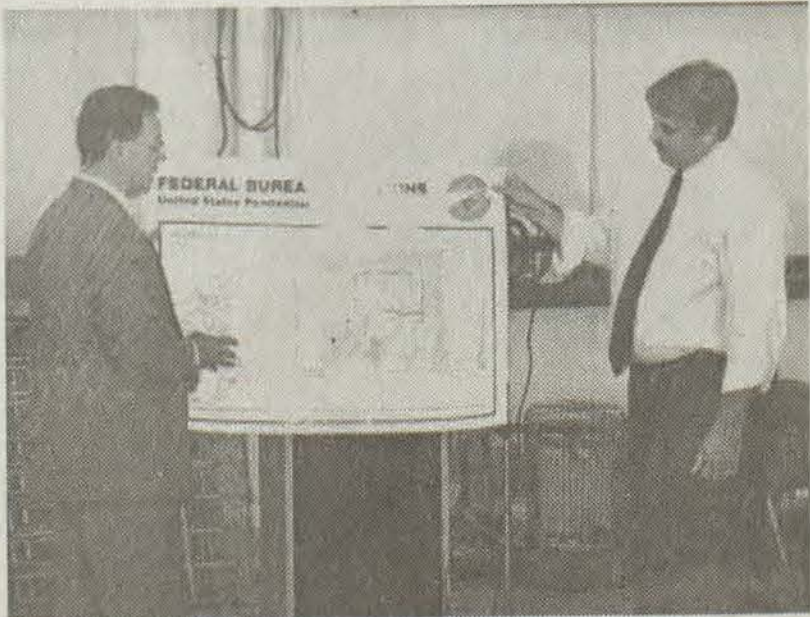
Just one candidate is on the ballot so far for County Attorney, where the unexpired term of convicted former County Attorney Jim Hammond is up for grabs.

Hammond forfeited his office and license to practice law after pleading guilty to federal fraud charges.

Keith Bartley, who is currently serving as interim County Attorney, won the Democrat Party's nomination for the race. No candidate has been chosen by the county's Republican Executive Committee, which has until the August 13 deadline to pick Bartley's opponent.

Floyd County voters will also decide in November if they wish to change the county's form of government from the current magisterial form to the commission form.

If the change is approved, the new form will not take effect until the county-wide primary election slated for the spring of 1998.



During a public hearing Thursday night at the Big Sandy Regional Airport, David J. Dorworth, chief of the Site Selection and Environmental Review Branch of the U.S. Department of Justice, displayed a design for the prison which may be built on a Martin County site off Route 3. (photo by Chris McDavid)

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