



Big Sandy Health Care employees celebrated Wednesday at the Pines Area in Jenny Wiley State Park because workers voted for union representation. The vote was 33-1, in favor of Service Employees International Union representing the organization. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Big Sandy Health Care votes to be represented by union

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Big Sandy Health Care (BSHC) employees sent a message to the board of directors Wednesday when more than 97 percent of them voted to be represented by a union.

The vote was 33-1, in favor of union representation by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

The clinic's founder Eula Hall said the union movement was a symptom of personality conflicts between the executive director, Rodney Goff, and the clinic's staff.

She alleges Goff cares only about making a profit and not about the patients the clinic serves.

Goff said Thursday that the problems did not happen over night. "It has been going on for several years and is just now coming to a boil," he said.

He added that he has had to make decisions in the past to ensure that the clinics will be made avail-

able to patients in the future.

But, Hall said the issue was not an attempt to get better wages, but fairness. "Sometimes he says he is freezing raises and then gives raises to some workers," she said.

Hall said Goff's main concern was making a profit with a non-profit organization and that his main concern should be helping the patients.

Goff said that his concern is with the patients, but it is essential to realize some income over the expenses. "I care enough to know that in order for the clinic to be around in the future, we need to be responsible today," he said.

"The bottom line is important," Goff said. "If you don't care about it, the clinic will no longer be in existence."

Hall said that the staff has been very dissatisfied with the management of the clinic "and poor treatment of staff and disrespect of the clinic and patients." She said the staff has remained under Goff's

administration only because they care about the welfare and treatment of the patients.

Hall said that Goff refers to himself as the "terminator" and has no respect for the staff or patients. "He has told us he is the boss and for us to go to work," she said.

Goff said that he does not call himself the terminator. He said he acquired that nickname from employees at his previous job because of layoffs.

"The staff here has chosen to call me that because of layoffs last fall," he said. "But, they were necessary to ensure that the organization continues to exist."

"I do not want to get into name calling," he said. "It's not that type of situation and doesn't need to be."

Goff said there is a lot of tension at the clinic because sometimes they are not sure if they will get a pay check or not.

"We have lost money the last three years," he said. "And, I'm not aware of where a union improves

the financial situation of a company."

The financial status of the company is stable, but Goff says otherwise, Hall said. "The clinic is not closing," she said. "As long as I live, it will never close."

The staff is presenting a letter to Goff and the board of directors Monday during a board meeting. "It is not the staff that has brought BSHC to the brink of destruction, but the administration," the letter states. "We will no longer stand idly by while an executive director destroys what we have worked so diligently to build for us, and our patients' futures."

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primary level were the best.

"Those are nice gains in the fourth grade," Paige said. "This could be some evidence that the primary program is indeed working."

Mathematics scores also doubled at the eighth grade level with ten-to-12 point increases in reading, social studies, and writing portfolios.

Similar increases were recorded at the 11th/12th grade level with reading scores increasing nearly 19 points over the three-year period.

While the numbers are moving upward, they still are not as high as Paige would like them to be. He said he is looking at data that shows students in the fourth and eighth grade levels watch between two and three hours of television

each day.

In comparison, those same students indicated they did less than three hours of homework each week.

"This appears to be a very disturbing trend," Paige said. "I don't see how it can't affect their scores."

He also said the "huge amount of money the state poured into the primary program" is reflected in the higher test scores at the lower levels.

"We are seeing the benefits where they put their money," he said. "Now we need the same kind of effort at the high school level. We can't expect the same kind of progress without front loading the effort."

He also plans to continue to raise the scores by giving teachers

the information needed to implement "research-based instructional strategies" into the classroom.

The main emphasis will come in reading.

"The 12th grade reading level is a big area of concern," he said. "Thirty-five percent of the students tested at the high school level are reading at the novice level. It doesn't take much to read out of the novice level to the apprentice level. I would call them poor readers at best."

He said he has been working with a reading consultant and hopes to institute teaching skills "that everyone can embrace."

Paige said he'd also like to see the school system set aside a pool of money, about \$25,000, to help schools work on problem areas.

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Halbert

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ways as well:

• He was representative to the KHSAA delegate assembly for 20 years.

• He served as Floyd County Coaches Association president for 20 years. He was named coach of the East All-Stars in 1965 and was a lifetime member of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association.

He was voted Coach of the Quarter Century by District 58 Coaches Association.

He used to say, "When I coached, I coached the eighth grade teams, freshmen teams and junior varsity teams. I enjoyed being around the kids and they were a big part of my life."

Halbert took baseball just as seriously as basketball, and he coached the Martin High School baseball team for the same 25 sea-

sons, winning 250 games, two district titles, ten district runner-up trophies and one regional runner-up award.

After Martin, Maytown and Wayland consolidated, Halbert was named the athletic director at Allen Central High School, where he served for three years before moving to the board of education's central office, where he became Floyd County's first athletic director in ten years.

Under his direction, Halbert organized a grade school program (football and basketball) that was second to none.

"You have to have a good system where kids in grade school can develop and help the high school teams later," he would say.

Halbert put his heart into the athletic programs. He was grieved

on September 7, 1968, when his son Steve notified him that the Martin gym had burned down while he was on a fishing trip.

"That was a very sad day for me," he said in an earlier interview. "I still remember that."

Halbert had an uncanny memory and would fascinate listeners, recalling games he won, lost, who had beaten him, the score and many other details of past seasons. He was a quiet man, but vocal in stating what he believed. He was for the students and wanted to see them succeed first of all in the classroom.

He was an avid St. Louis

Cardinal fan and the only time he went to see the Cincinnati Reds was when his beloved Cardinals were in town.

"There was no other reason to go to Cincinnati," he said.

The crowning moment in his illustrious career was when he was voted into the Kentucky High

School Athletic Association Hall of Fame in 1995.

"This is the finest hour for me," he said. "This is something I have always wanted. Now I have it."

Halbert's funeral will be held at the Martin gym, by his request, Saturday at 2 p.m.

He is survived by his wife,

Loraine Slade Halbert; his sons, Stephen Dennis Halbert of Martin and Allan Duane Halbert of Lexington; his daughters, Susan Halbert Stewart of Martin and Jayne Halbert Howard of Martin; his sisters, Esther Reitz and Loretta Powell, both of Martin; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Driver who fails to stop for school bus pleads guilty in court

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The Floyd County School System has faced a lot of hysteria over the last few weeks, and Floyd schools director of transportation David Layne fears students are facing unnecessary dangers when motorists disregard school bus signs.

A 14-year-old Christian County student was killed Sunday when he got off a school bus and stepped into the path of an oncoming vehicle that did not stop. The teen-ager was knocked about 100 feet.

"It will happen in this county if drivers don't start paying attention to bus signs," Layne said Wednesday.

The same accident nearly happened closer to home earlier this month when a McDowell man missed Floyd students by a matter of inches.

Ricky Blevins, 25, was driving home after receiving news that his grandfather died and "passed a school bus at a high rate of speed," according to a court summons obtained by the children's father, Quinton Short. "He skidded his automobile approximately 120 feet and did not stop — thereby endangering the lives of minor children," the complaint alleged.

Blevins pleaded guilty Wednesday in Floyd District Court to the charges of second-degree wanton endangerment and reckless driving, but requested that he be permitted to explain the situation to the court.

He informed the court about his grandfather's death and said he was

preoccupied with trying to get home and tell the rest of his family. He said he was sorry for endangering the lives of the children.

Assistant county attorney Lance Daniels amended the wanton endangerment charge to menacing. Blevins was fined \$175 plus court costs, and given 30 days probation, on the condition that he not violate any other laws and apologize to the family and children.

Judge Allen read the news article about the teen-ager's death in the courtroom Wednesday at Layne's request.

"I just want the public to be aware of the dangers and what could happen when bus signs are disregarded," Layne said.

"We have put defendants in jail for this before," Daniels said Wednesday. "The complaining witness said that he did not want to have Blevins sent to jail. He just wanted people to be more aware of the dangers of passing buses loading and unloading."

Layne said a major problem with getting drivers charged for disregarding bus signs is that someone has to swear out a summons for the driver's arrest.

"Sometimes it's hard to find witnesses who can positively identify the driver or get a license plate number," Layne said.

"Anytime a driver sees a bus, he needs to slow down," Layne said. "If it is one or 66 kids, it is still important."

"This is a high priority, especially with school kids involved," Daniels said Wednesday. "If we can get violators in court, we will prosecute them."

Interim

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search committee that will look for his replacement.

Patton said it was just as important to get a qualified interim superintendent to take the reins as it is to get a permanent superintendent with experience on board. He said if the interim can't control the finances, the debt reduction plan would be unmanageable when a permanent superintendent is hired.

"We feel we got the right man for the job," he said.

Martin said Wednesday he will continue down the road on which Balentine was steering the school system.

"I believe Dr. Balentine was right on track," he said. "He definitely got the school system moving in the right direction. I plan to carry on his goals with his original financial plan."

He said he will follow the plan "to the letter" and will "monitor it daily" to make sure the system is on track.

"We will not have a deficit on June 30, 1997," he said. "This is our major goal. He had all the things in place to make this happen. We will start in the morning."

Martin said his past experience as a troubleshooter means he knows what it takes to overcome financial problems. "I've been there before. It takes a person who has the ability to say 'no.' In my opinion, we're going to make it."

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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

One man, one vote

by Scott Perry

If you've been waiting for us to tell you how to vote in the November election, well, forget it.

You're old enough to make up your own minds.

We will, however, offer you some insight on how we've made up our own minds, with the complete understanding that ours is just one vote.

First, we're all for removing language from our state's constitution that is racially biased and authorizes poll taxes.

In fact, we'd just about vote to toss out the whole constitution and start all over again, but we fear such an occasion would fall prey to too much politics, just like our 1850s' constitutional convention did.

Anyway, we're going to vote "yes" on amending the constitution.

Next, we just cannot bring ourselves to trust Bill Clinton.

Voted for him last time, won't this time.

We've decided to vote our pocketbook this go around and swallow Bob Dole's promise of

a 15 percent tax cut hook, line and sinker.

Odds are we'll reel in an old boot but, what the hey. It's better than those fish stories we've been hearing for the last four years.

In the U.S. Senate race, neither candidate inspires much interest but we'll stick with Mitch just because we're tired of the scare tactics his opponent, Steve Beshear, is employing.

We consider ourselves to be fiscal conservatives and social moderates, philosophically speaking, and we think that's what most Americans are.

Whatever our voter registration is, we're not going to permit our government to starve kids or toss the old folks out into the streets and we don't cater to this good-versus-evil approach to political campaigns.

More likely, the choices will be made according to the lesser of two evils.

On the local front, well, we'll just repeat our previous sermons.

Government is what you make it. Go vote and make a difference.

Letters to the editor

Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times. In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author.

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Letters may be sent to Editor, The Floyd County Times, P.O. Box 391, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

Letters may be edited for clarity and length.

Thanks for support of drug proposal

Editor:

I would like to thank all those involved in the proposal of the Housing Authority of Martin Drug Elimination Grant.

A special thanks goes to the Floyd County community, the City of Martin, the residents of Pageant Hill and Grigsby Heights and most importantly to the youth of the developments, our youth advisor Kevin Sword for the proposal of youth ideas.

Mr. Sword, you are to be highly commended for bringing the youth together and making things happen for them. The youth will lose a great leader. We thank you for your time and patience with us. Once again, thank you for your time and efforts. Keep up the good work and never expect anything but the very best. You deserve it.

Thank you, housing authority staff and board of commissions for everything. We still see a change in our community.

Rita C. Ousley, RIC
Martin

Time to stand up for our children

Editor:

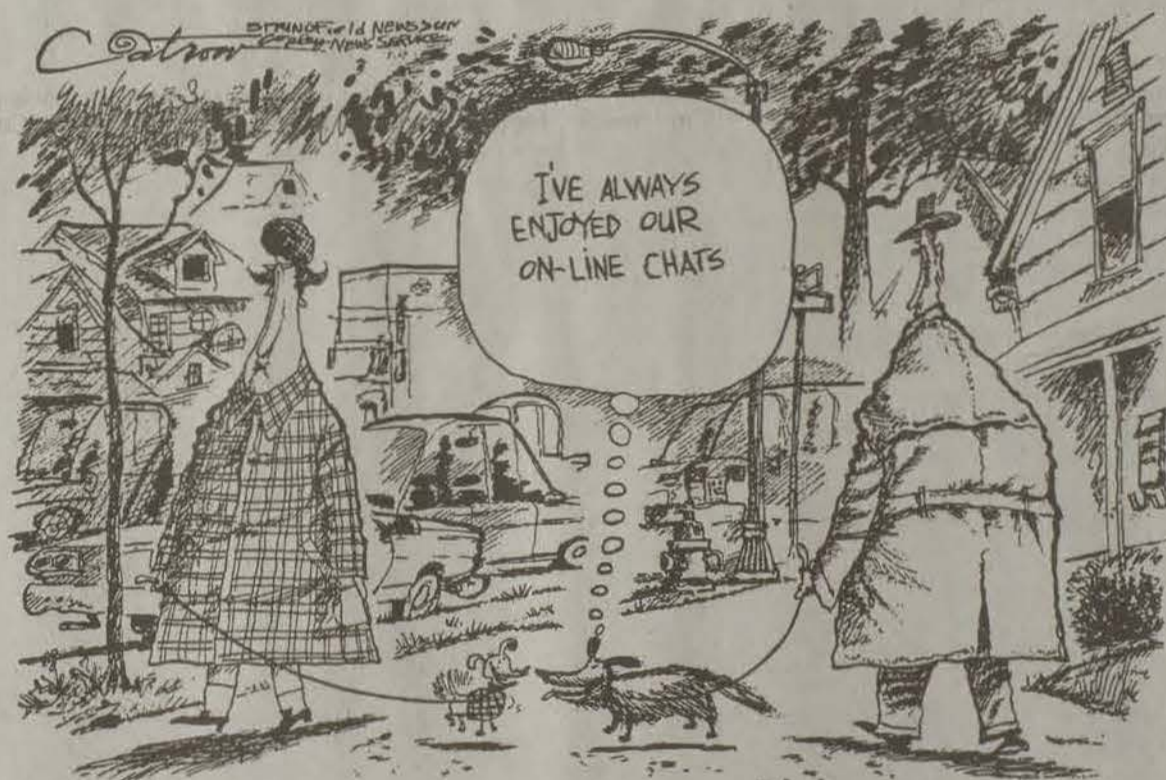
On September 26, my two daughters were coming home from school on their bus. They were getting off of the bus in front of our house when a man came up the road speeding. When he tried to stop, he skidded, leaving 120 feet of marks on the road. He could not stop and went around the bus, barely missing our daughters by mere inches! Still, he did not stop. On up the road he went.

I called the state police twice. They said there was nothing they could do. The dispatcher said I was being smart. I wonder how she would have felt if it had been her children? I also called the sheriff's department and no one came. I was hoping that someone would come and at least check the skid marks.

If we do not stand up for our kids, who will? It's not right to let people get by doing this to our children. They should be protected to school and from school.

I have seen people speeding by our school in the morning and afternoon in McDowell. If we will not protect our kids, who will? Are we going to stand by and let them do what they want to? It is time to do something for our children!

Quintin Short
McDowell



The Political Party

A very important legislative campaign issue

While serving on a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf, I took the time to see the sights and traveled whenever my ship (the aircraft carrier USS Nimitz) would pull into port. The Middle East is a very unusual land. But, it is also a very rich land.

Nimitz had pulled into Dubai, U.A.E. and a small group of us had decided to hire a taxi to drive us down to the nation's capitol, Abu Dhabi. We had been told it was a very European type of city and, after months of living in the very uncorrupted and unexciting Arab culture, a little European-



by Dave Porter

American revival was felt to be in order. It was a two-hour drive through the middle of the desert with nothing but camels for scenery. In fact, the drive was so unevenful it would hardly be worth mentioning, were it not for something strange which arose from behind a sand dune half way through our journey.

In the middle of absolutely nowhere and surrounded by a sea of sand, it looked so out of place I would have thought it a mirage had it not also been seen by my fellow travelers. It was one of the most extravagant palaces I had ever laid my eyes upon. We asked the driver, "What in the world is that?!" With great effort, he managed to piece together the limited number of English words he had memorized and give us our answer. I'll not repeat him word for word, because I am still not exactly sure of what he said.

What we did manage to pluck from the driver's sentences was that the palace belonged to the Prince. His majesty would stop there to freshen up when traveling to and from Abu Dhabi. It was his own seventy-five room private rest stop!

Well, to shorten my story I will say Abu Dhabi was amazing. In the middle of the desert: grass was growing,

the hotel pools were glistening, the champagne was chilled (and so was the beer), and the police were patrolling in brand new Mercedes automobiles. It was all bought and paid for with oil—coal's cleaner cousin.

The trip back is a much better story, involving Arab soldiers, guns and some very nervous American sailors; however, it has nothing to do with the very important issue I would like to discuss in this article. That issue is coal severance taxes.

Each region of this great state has something extremely unique to, and equally representative of, its culture. Western Kentucky was favored with William Natcher (among other things), Central Kentucky is blessed with beautiful and fast horses, and in Eastern Kentucky we've got coal, and lots of it. I have never heard, nor will live to hear, an Eastern Kentuckian place a legitimate claim upon Representative Natcher of the Thoroughbred Horse industry. Why does the state lay claim to our coal? The coal, and the taxes would which come with it, is ours. And we need them both very badly.

In the early 70s, Pike County Judge Wayne Rutherford recognized a major injustice being done to the

Eastern Kentucky region and he came up with an idea to set things right. He, along with many others, knew the majority of our land had been unscrupulously purchased by European, and national companies. These companies hire Eastern Kentuckians to pull the coal out of the ground and transport it to different markets so they can sell it and get rich. Judge Rutherford asked Frankfort if Pike, and the other coal counties, could be allowed to tax this coal. This only seemed fair, yet, his request was denied.

Senator Wendell Ford was governor at the time and he spent a couple of years thinking about the idea and the tremendous amount of revenue which would be raised. So, in 1974, he moved the legislature to impose a tax on the severed coal. However, instead of the individual coal counties, the state would tax the coal and the money would belong to the state. If any of the coal severance revenue was left over from the state's budget, they would very graciously return that money to the counties that produced the coal.

In '74, oil and gas prices were skyrocketing and everyone was making money off coal. And when the economy is good, economic injustice can be

overlooked. In eastern Kentucky, like the Arabs, our grass was green, our pools were glistening and Mercedes automobiles were everywhere. But what goes up, must come down. In the late-80s, as we all know, coal went way down. In the aftermath of the decline, the coal severance tax finally became a very controversial issue.

In 1990, only about 10 percent of the severance tax money was coming back to coal producing and coal impacted counties. In '91 a special session saw Central Kentucky, Northern Kentucky, and Jefferson County state legislators meeting behind closed doors discussing their plan to oppose a badly needed and entirely justified increase in coal severance revenue returned to our devastated region. Our legislators fought hard in opposition, even threatening to boycott Central Kentucky businesses; however they were outnumbered, and they fought a losing battle.

While campaigning for Governor in 1991, Brereton Jones promised Eastern Kentucky to increase the amount of returning coal severance tax revenue up to 50 percent. The 1992 General Assembly refused to go that high, but there was a substantial increase. Last year, Governor Patton and Larry Forgy promised to return 50

percent if elected. Paul Patton said he would do it in his first year as governor while Forgy said he would do it over a period of years. Patton, of course, won the election and in January decided to postpone his campaign promise, realizing that, once again, the General Assembly would oppose such a substantial increase. We, as Eastern Kentuckians, have to start asking why! Call your legislators and your legislative candidates. That money is yours, that money is ours. Since our coal counties absorb 100 percent of the damage from coal, we should receive 100 percent of the severance tax revenue coming out of those counties.

Should we share equally the severance money with the other regions of the state? Look on a map. Has the state shared the state road fund money equally? Look at our schools. Do we have equal educational systems? Look at our economy. Are we equal to the rest of the state? That money is ours. If we had it, we might not have palaces for rest stops, but our high school students might not have to desert their homeland to find a job or continue their education, and we could abandon all dependence upon welfare and start building a healthy economy.

Board expected to appeal special education ruling

by Patti M. Clark
Staff Writer

The Floyd County Board of Education is expected to appeal a ruling that it reopen a special education unit at Betsy Layne High School.

Board officials confirmed Thursday that it would appeal the rulings on four students who attended classes at the Betsy Layne school.

"We are appealing," board attorney Phil Damron said.

Until that appeal is decided, Damron said students could attend classes at other high schools in the county. They have been kept at home this entire school year.

"We believe it is illegal for them to be kept home," Damron said. "We believe the movement of that unit was legal and that will stand until the appeal is decided."

Parents of the special education students have been fighting against the closure of the unit since they first received notice last summer that the unit would be closed.

They have argued that abruptly

changing schools could cause emotional harm to their children and that routine is important to them.

"We have doctors' statements saying this movement would be harmful to my child," Barbara Sword, the mother of one student said. "It tears my child to pieces when we come to Prestonsburg."

Her 16-year-old son was to have been moved to the special education unit at Prestonsburg High School. Another parent, Charlotte King, said her daughter was to have been moved to South Floyd High School.

The two students have taken classes together for ten years and Sword said that separating them would be detrimental to their development.

The parents have filed suit against the Floyd County Board of Education, asking for an injunction against the closing of the unit. Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill did not rule on the request after a hearing earlier this year.

Earlier this month, hearing officer Qaisar Sultana ruled that students be put back into their class-

room through the invocation of the "Stay Put provision" of the federal Individuals With Disabilities Education Act. "The Stay Put provision is invoked," the order for Sword's son states. "Within 30 days of the receipt of this decision, (the local school board) is to make all the necessary arrangements to enable the student to return to educational placement identified in his 1996-97 (individual education plan) developed on May 17 and June 14, 1996 and receive a free appropriate education according to his IEP."

Similar orders were issued by Sultana for each of the other students.

Sultana also recommended that a thorough review of the school system's special-needs programs, including provisions for transportation for handicapped children. That review was also to determine if about 30 students moved to different schools in the last year are "receiving a free appropriate public education in accordance with both federal and state regulations."

Sultana's assessment of the situation indicates that former superin-

tendent Dr. John Balentine's decision to close the unit was based solely on financial reasons and didn't take into consideration the needs of the children.

Several due-process hearings were held earlier to give the parents as well as the school system a chance to defend their stances on the closing of the unit.

According to documents included with Sultana's ruling, the child should be in a unit that is as close as possible to the child's home and should be educated in the school which he or she would attend if the child was not handicapped.

Placement of that child is to be based on the student's IEP. Charlotte Kings' daughter's IEP indicates she was to be in the FMD Special Class at Betsy Layne High School. "Any assignment contrary to the student's IEP violates this regulation," the ruling states.

"Regardless of what the assignment mentioned in the superintendent's letter of July 1 was, it was not based on the student's IEP," Sultana's recommendation states. "Instead it was based on the deficit

reduction plan approved by the board on January 29, 1996 and by the state board at its February 1996 meeting."

Parents said they were never advised of the closing and that if it had been done correctly and their children had been "transitioned" to another school, they would not have had a problem with the move.

"We heard about the closing through rumors," Sword said.

She said the case isn't nearly over.

"We're not through, not half through," she said. "But right now, the important thing is getting these kids back in school. All I want to do is get my son back in school."

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Women learn skills to change their lives

Four years ago, Venus Mitchell, a divorced mother of two, was going from one unsatisfying, low-wage job to another. She worked as a farmer, babysitter, waitress and secretary before being trained as a truck driver and welder through Kentucky Tech.

Her life changed when she attended a survival skills workshop, a segment of the Single Parent/Homemaker program at Prestonsburg Community College, which exposes women to nontraditional careers. Kentucky Tech instructors in areas such as electronics, plumbing and carpentry explain and demonstrate various skills and occupations.

"We are the step that prepares (program participants) to choose the proper career path," said Jean Rosenberg, director of the Single Parent/Homemaker programs in Prestonsburg. "We help them realize that there are choices and we help match them with the right one."

At the survival skills workshop, Mitchell tried her hand at welding and enjoyed it so much that she entered the welding program at Kentucky Tech-Mayo Campus. She completed the welding program as well as a class to get her commercial driver's license.

"My family thought it would be too hard on me," recalled Mitchell,

who lives in Pikeville. "I didn't think it would be any harder than waiting tables and carrying all those plates and trays."

The Single Parent/Homemaker program, funded by the Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet in 11 regions, helps single parents, homemakers, and single pregnant women develop skills to help them get a good job. Students participate in employment preparation activities to reach goals such as obtaining a particular job, enrolling in a college or Kentucky Tech technical school, entering into an apprenticeship program or improving existing work skills.

The Single Parent/Homemaker program in Prestonsburg serves residents of Johnson, Martin, Pike, Floyd, Magoffin, Wolfe, Breathitt, Lee, Knott and Letcher counties.

The program provided Mitchell with a network of support and resources, she said, and gave her the self-esteem to succeed in a field dominated by men.

"I'm much happier now," Mitchell said. "I don't feel like I'm doing something because that's what women do."

Mitchell drives a rock truck and is a member of the Steel Workers Union. Her daughter thinks it's "cool" that her mom drives a truck and welds.

"She understands that you can be feminine and still do things," Mitchell said.

The Single Parent/Homemaker program gave her the skills and

encouragement that she could not find anywhere else, Mitchell said, and gave her a chance to speak to other women who were in her situation.

"When a woman comes into my program she discovers that she is not the only person who has uncertainties about starting new things," Rosenberg said.

Edna Blackburn of Prestonsburg was a single parent with two children and on welfare when she found out about the Single Parent/Homemaker program.

"I was down on myself and felt really bad," Blackburn said. "When you don't have an education you feel like everyone is better than you."

After completing the program, Blackburn got her GED and a job working with mentally challenged individuals.

"I wanted to better myself," she said. "I wanted security and a better education so I could support myself and my children."

Blackburn is now the director of the Martin Area Senior Citizen Center. She is working on a degree in social work at Prestonsburg Community College and hopes to transfer to Morehead State University.

She says that without the help of the Single Parent/Homemaker program she would never have had the motivation and encouragement that she needed to get a job and an education.

Mitchell and Blackburn agree that the Single Parent/Homemaker

Poets Corner Halloween

by Tami S. Wireman

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We put fangs on our teeth,
and fake nails on our hands.
Our world then transforms,
into a much more evil land.

We buy ourselves pumpkins,
and yell "Trick or Treat!"
As our kids go from door to door,
up and down the streets.

Witches, goblins, and monsters,
could some of them be real?
As they come out to join us,
and to do us as they will.

We call this event Halloween,
a time to portray the unknown.
But this is one night,
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The Martin Volunteer Firefighters were honored Wednesday, October 9, by Mayor Alan R. Whicker and the Martin City Council during City Government Week. The firemen were awarded a Mayor Certificate of Appreciate and a reception followed the banquet.

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Jenny Wiley academic conference begins new season October 29

The Floyd County High Schools 1996-1997 Academic Competition Season promises to be a good one, with three new head coaches and five enthusiastic teams.

Allen Central High School will be coached by Mark Blackburn. Blackburn assisted by Amy Halbert in the 1995-96 season.

Betsy Layne will continue to be coached by Paul Prater who has had a successful coaching career so far. Blackburn and Prater were teammates on an excellent Prestonsburg team.

James Staggs is coaching the South Floyd team. Leigh Ann Smith is returning as coach at The Piarist School. Smith is a former Betsy Layne team member.

Prestonsburg's new head coach is Jerry Lafferty. Lafferty served the school before as a Future Problem Solving coach. He replaces John Patton, who gave PHS many successful years.

The Jenny Wiley Academic Conference is sponsored by the Floyd County School System and provides academic competition in

elementary, middle, and high schools levels. Floyd County Schools are members of the Kentucky Academic Association and qualify for the Governor's Cup Competitions which are held each spring.

The Kentucky Academic Association (KAA) is providing two regional official certification training sessions for parents, teachers, and community members. These sessions are free of charge and will be held at Duff Elementary School. The Quick Recall and Future Problem Solving Training will take place on October 29, from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. Anyone who would like more information may call Joyce O. Watson, 886-2354, ext. 124.

After one quick recall match and one Saturday match the standings are as follows:

Quick Recall—First place, Allen Central High; second place, Betsy Layne High; 3rd place, South Floyd High; 4th place, The Piarist School. Prestonsburg has not played yet, due to a bye.

Written assessment—Mathematics—First, Betsy Layne High; second, The Piarist School; third, Allen Central High; fourth, Prestonsburg/South Floyd.

Social Studies—First/Second, Allen Central, Betsy Layne, tie; third, Prestonsburg High, fourth/fifth, The Piarist School, South Floyd, tie.

Language arts—First, Betsy Layne; second, South Floyd; third, The Piarist School; fourth/fifth, Allen Central, Prestonsburg, tie.

Science—First/second, Betsy Layne, South Floyd, tie; third, Allen Central; fourth, Prestonsburg; fifth, The Piarist School.

General Knowledge—First, Betsy Layne; second, The Piarist School; third, Allen Central; fourth/fifth, Prestonsburg, South Floyd, tie.

Overall Written Assessment—First Place, Betsy Layne, (40.5 points); Second, Allen Central, (24 points); third place, South Floyd, (23 points); fourth, The Piarist School, (21.5 points); fifth, Prestonsburg, (16 points).



Wee Miss Queen

Kelsey Nicole Jarrell, two-year-old daughter of Jessica Jarrell and Shannon Jarrell of Prestonsburg, was crowned Wee Miss Queen in the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Pageant recently. She also won Most Beautiful, Best Personality, and Best Dressed. Kelsey is the granddaughter of Arnold and Joyce Jarrell of Prestonsburg and Carria Jarrell and James Clyde Jarrell of Prestonsburg.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Will you be out of town on Election Day? Are you physically unable to go to the polls on Election Day?

If you answered "YES" to either of the above questions, you need to apply for an Absentee Ballot.

*If you will be out of town on Election Day, you must come into the County Clerk's office and vote your Absentee Ballot. However, if you are a college student living away from home you can apply for an Absentee Ballot application and the application will be mailed to you at your school!

*If you are physically unable to go to the polls on Election Day you must apply for an absentee ballot application. This application must be returned to the County Clerk's office by Tuesday, October 29th or you will not receive your Absentee Ballot. For more information on an Absentee Ballot please call your County Clerk's Office at 886-3816 or 1-800-481-2009.

Office Hours are:
Monday-Thursday.....8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
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Carla "Robinson" Boyd
Clerk of Floyd County

'Partners in Family Medicine for Rural Kentucky' grant program for medical students established

In response to the shortage of family physicians in rural areas of the Commonwealth, the Kentucky Academy of Family Physicians (KAFFP) Foundation, Inc. and the Anthem Foundation, Inc. have created a new grant program designed to benefit medical students who agree to practice Family Medicine in a rural Kentucky community. The announcement was made during a reception for Kentucky medical students at the Governor's mansion celebrating "National Primary Care Day" on October 21.

"There is a serious shortfall of family physicians in the rural areas of our state," said James P. Murphy, Anthem Foundation, Inc. board chairman and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield chief executive officer and president. "We believe the creation of this program is a step toward ending that shortage. We

also hope this will attract additional attention from other groups, to the lack of medical care in these areas and will bring a more comprehensive solution to this problem. As an advocate of health promotion, the foundation's attention is focused on improving wellness throughout our communities in Kentucky," added Murphy. "Family physicians are a very large part of that equation and we hope this program strengthens their impact in our rural areas."

"The Partners in Family Medicine for Rural Kentucky" grant program is designed to help reimburse the educational debt incurred by medical students and assist them during their required three-year residency program in Family Medicine," explained Nancy Swikert, M.D., chair of the KAFP Foundation. Under the program, two Kentucky medical students will

be selected annually for a \$20,000 a year award for a four-year period. Dr. Swikert continued, "This program is designed to attract our state's outstanding medical students who are seeking to become leaders in family medicine."

Candidates will be chosen from among medical students attending either the University of Kentucky College of Medicine or the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Applications for the program will be available through the KAFP Foundation, Inc. and at both medical schools. The grant program is made possible through a \$160,000 grant from Anthem Foundation, Inc. A panel of judges comprised of representatives from the Anthem Foundation and the KAFP Foundation will review candidates for the program. The first recipients will be awarded their grants in March 1997.



Obleck

Students in Rhoda Paige's science classes at McDowell Elementary School have recently participated in a science unit called "Properties of Solids and Liquids." Pictured are art students making an "Obleck". The "Obleck" consists of various materials and changes from a liquid to a solid during the experiment. Science classes at McDowell Elementary emphasize hands-on and problem solving activities.

Correction:

An article in District Court news appearing in Wednesday's edition of the Floyd County Times said David Sexton, 30, of McDowell was charged with AI (third or more) and the charge was amended to first offense.

The article also stated that Sexton was charged with disorderly conduct and unsworn falsification to authorities.

Actually, Tommy Joe Sexton, 32, of McDowell, was charged with the violations. Tommy Joe Sexton was fined \$112.50 for the charge of alcoholic intoxication; \$100 and two days in jail for the disorderly conduct charge; and \$75 for the falsification to authorities charge.



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Floyd County schools may plug into BellSouth NetDay Project

Floyd County schools may hook into the Internet through donations from BellSouth and Lucent Technologies for a NetDay96 Project.

NetDay is a national volunteer initiative of BellSouth to achieve a wiring plan, allowing schools to take advantage of technology. Through the combined offering from BellSouth and Lucent Technologies, schools selected for the project will receive free wiring kits, assistance from technicians, and funds for services.

Jay Vetter, director of educational affairs at BellSouth, said it's too early to know which schools in BellSouth's nine-state region will receive the assistance to hook up to the Internet, but "Floyd County will probably receive some." BellSouth announced Wednesday that it is committed to wire 4,000 southern schools for the Internet and that Lucent Technologies, a Bell Labs Innovations company, is donating \$2 million in wiring kits for the NetDay96 Project.

Vetter said BellSouth is working closely with the Kentucky Department of Education in identifying schools in the state that are most in need of the equipment.

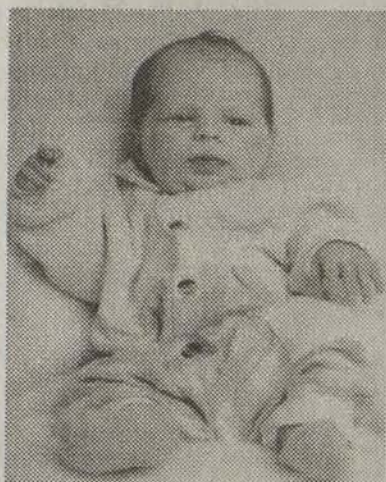
The wiring kits will be used to link the Internet with five classrooms and a media center at each school BellSouth selects. Slated to launch October 26, the NetDay Project will touch two million students and 172,000 educators across the BellSouth region. BellSouth's offering includes \$25 million worth of BellSouth services, \$600,000 in BellSouth Foundation support and 5,400 employee volunteers — along with the Lucent wiring kits.

"Following BellSouth's lead, improving K-12 education is a top priority for our new company," J.M. Mauriello, vice president, Southern Region for Lucent Technologies, said. "Under the auspices of NetDay96, it's exciting to help BellSouth introduce the South's

Stumbo Elementary places first in state wide competition

For the second week in a row, John M. Stumbo Elementary students placed first in state wide competition. Three teams from John M. Stumbo Elementary placed first, second and third in competition against other elementary, middle, high school and college teams across the state in the simulated stock market game sponsored by Economics America.

Gary Spears, middle school math teacher at Stumbo, uses the simulated game to teach mathematics and economics skills to his middle grade math students. The students enjoy watching their stocks grow in value as they use mathematics to calculate gains and losses over periods of time.



Cody is born

Stan and Lisa Reid of Lexington, announce the birth of their son, Cody Ryne Reid. He was born August 28, at Central Baptist Hospital. He weighed 9 lbs. 3 oz. and was 20" long.

Cody was welcomed home by his big sister, Kirstie Nicole Ring. The paternal grandparents are Charles and Annabelle Reid of Prestonsburg. The maternal grandparents are Donald and Susan Hutchison of Paris. The maternal great-grandparents are Calvin and Norla Tipton and Carrie Hutchison of Paris. Reprinted due to error.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, P.O. Box 784, Hazard, Kentucky 41702 has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 836-9016 Increments 1 & 2, which was last issued on February 14, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 19.92 acres located 1.0 mile south of Weeksbury, Floyd County, Kentucky.

The permit area is approximately 3.0 miles south from the junction of Highway 122 with Highway 466 and 1 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 18 minutes, 23 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 42 minutes, 02 seconds.

The bonds now in effect for Permit Number 836-9016 are sureties of \$3,400 for Increment 1 and \$6,300 for Increment 2. One hundred (100) percent of the remainder of the original bond amount of \$65,000 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in September 1985 for Increment 1 and the Spring and Fall of 1990 for Increment 2. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far include growth of vegetation as per the revegetation plan.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by December 16, 1996.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for December 17, 1996, at 1:00 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by December 16, 1996.

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school children to the Internet and to other leading-edge communications technologies."

Lucent is donating the same brand of cable the company manufactures and markets for use in high speed data networks in business — cable which allows the schools to transmit and access data at much faster rates. Instant access to an entire world-wide base of knowledge and information will be at students' fingertips through the Internet — a global network of networks and computers.

The Internet connections will enable students and teachers to access global experts, resources, publications, databases, and other tools, as well as directly communicate with other students and peers around the world, both on-line in

real time and through E-mail.

"If we think of Internet access as a new knowledge platform from which our children can reach out and grow their thinking in truly global terms, and if we consider they will now possess both the widest range and the most immediate knowledge available from literally the four corners of the globe, we can begin to comprehend the power and advantage such technology brings to learning," Mauriello said. "The movement of schools into a high-speed, high-tech learning environment is not an education "evolution"— it is truly a revolution."

For groups wishing to wire additional schools for the Internet, wiring kits can be purchased from Lucent Technologies through Anixter, Inc. at 1-888-NETDAYS.

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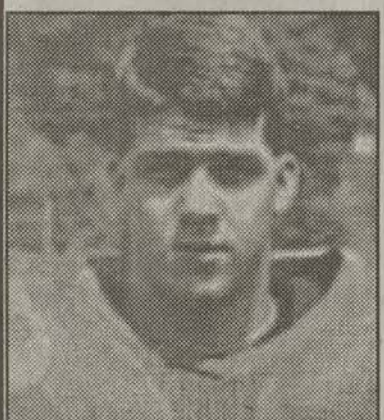
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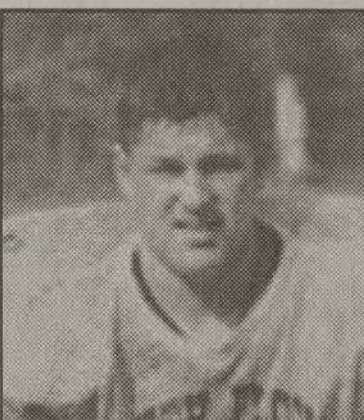
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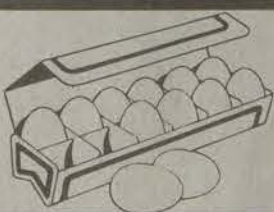
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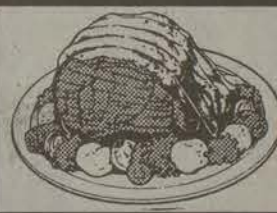
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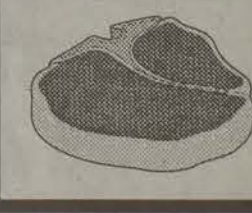
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Colder weather brings danger to underground coal mining

Floyd County's underground coal miners should be aware that the onset of colder weather creates more hazards in the mining workplace, warns the Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

The agency recently began its annual "winter alert" campaign to warn miners and mine operators across the nation of the increased risks of mine explosions during winter months.

Historically, most of the nation's worst mining disasters have occurred during the months October through March.

In December 1907, a coal mine explosion at Monongah, West Virginia, killed 362 miners—it was the worst mining accident in U.S. history.

"We want to communicate the important message that colder weather brings additional hazards to the underground coal mining environment that must be addressed," said J. Davitt McAteer, assistant secretary of labor for mine safety and health. "And we want miners as well as their spouses, their children, and other relatives to know that these hazards can be prevented when proper precautions are taken."

McAteer continued, "Unfortunately, tragic mine explosions claim multiple victims and can wreak havoc on mining communities when fathers, sons, or mothers or daughters are suddenly taken away."

"This year we want our Winter Alert message to reach all miners' family members so that they will all fully understand the hazards colder weather brings and how fatal mining accidents can be prevented during this time of year. It's a message that needs to be reinforced on a daily basis."

"The greatest explosion hazard in coal mines comes from methane gas," said McAteer. "All coal seams contain some methane and when the barometer falls during colder weather, more of that

methane migrates into the mine air than normal." Pockets of methane may accumulate in areas of the mine in which gas checks are infrequent.

When an ignition source is present in an area, there exists the potential for a deadly explosion.

Colder weather also tends to dry out the air inside a coal mine. During summer, warm air coming into the mine brings moisture that condenses on mine surfaces and traps the coal dust.

However, the drying effect of colder air makes coal dust more likely to get suspended in the mine atmosphere, which can also contribute to an explosion.

"Regardless of the weather," related McAteer, "mine operators and miners together can prevent explosions and other mine accidents by strictly adhering to the mine's approved ventilation plan and following all other existing mine safety regulations."

During the winter alert, MSHA encourages mine operators to make frequent checks for methane and to maintain proper ventilation in the underground workings, paying special attention to areas that are not frequently traveled.

MSHA also urges miners and mine operators to do the following:

- constantly follow the mine's approved ventilation plan;
- conduct thorough preshift, on-shift, and weekly checks for methane and other hazards;
- keep potential ignition sources out of working areas;
- complete rockdusting (blanketing mine walls and floors with a layer of nonflammable, powdered rock dust) in all areas of the mine;
- never smoke or carry smoking materials into an underground coal mine and never allow others to do so.

"We need relatives of miners to encourage them to take heed of these hazards and, particularly, to encourage smokers never to smoke in underground coal mines," stressed McAteer.

Mine operators are required to conduct a search program to ensure that miners do not carry smoking materials into the mine.

During the winter alert campaign, MSHA also urges mine operators to have hoists, elevators, haulage and transportation equipment examined for ice build-up.

MSHA advises that miners review training procedures on emergency escape routes and the correct use of self-rescue breathing devices. Operators are also encouraged to focus on the maintenance of proper escapeways.

Surface coal mine operators are

urged to prepare for winter hazards such as the icing of roads and equipment and the freezing and thawing of highwalls which can also lead to tragic accidents.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Altman announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Lisa Michele, to J. Lyle Blackburn, son of Mary Jo Blackburn of Pikeville, and grandson of Roy Vanhose of Paintsville. The bride-elect is employed by Matewan National Bank of Pikeville. Blackburn is employed by Stifel, Nicolaus and Company, Inc. of Pikeville. The wedding will take place at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, November 9, at the First Christian Church, Pikeville. The custom of open church will be observed.

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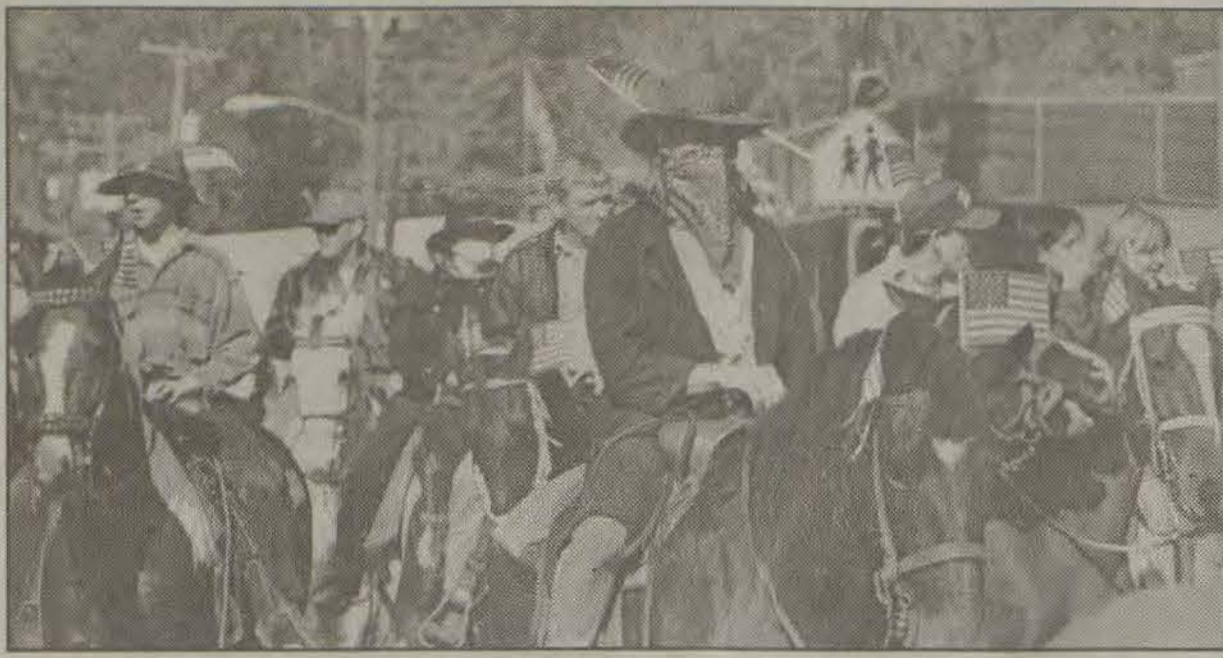


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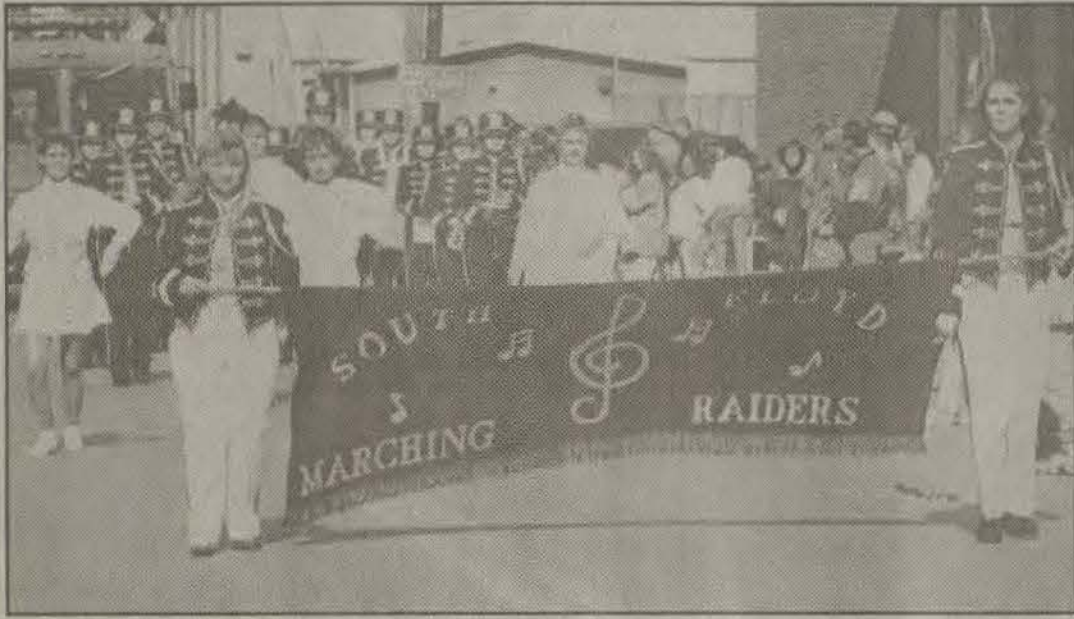


No, it wasn't the Dalton Gang, just some friendly horsemen

Red, White and Blue

at
Martin
October 19

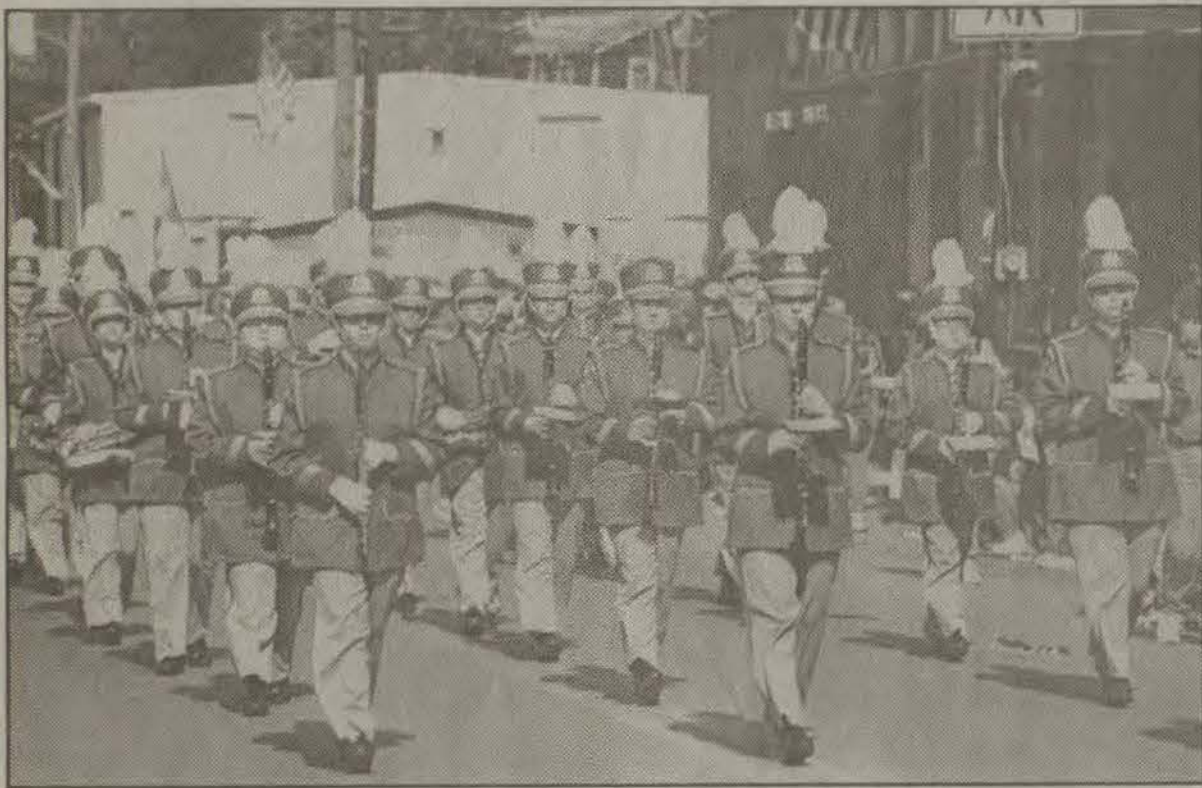
Photos by Ed Taylor



South Floyd's Marching Band entertained the crowd at Saturday's parade.



Allen Central's ROTC led the Red, White, and Blue parade in honor of American veterans.



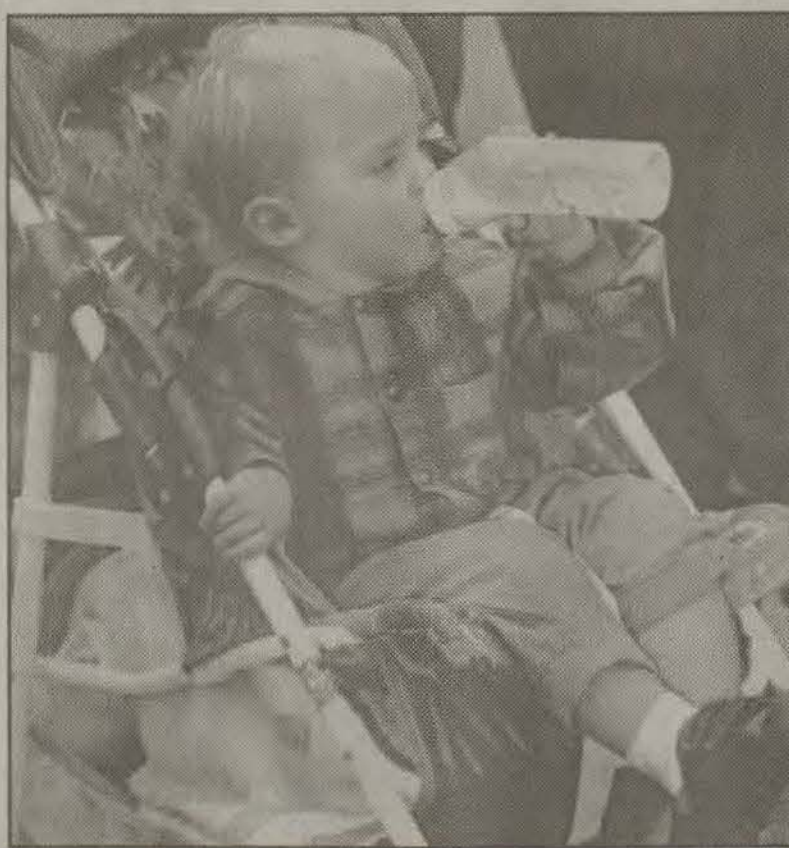
Allen Central's Marching Band members stepped lively as they played their favorite tunes.



The Shriners' midget trucks were a crowd-pleaser in Saturday's parade.



Face painting was popular during the Red, White, and Blue festivities.



Forget Marlowe Tackett, where's the bottle. This baby needed a little refreshment as he watched Marlowe's concert Saturday.



The Garrett Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans was honored during the Red, White, and Blue parade at Martin Saturday.



A little foot-stomping fun during the big day in Martin.



The Prestonsburg Fire Department provided its miniature fire truck for rides during the celebration.



Marlowe Tackett entertained the crowd before the parade

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

Halls of Horror

Halls of Horror III will be held at Auxier Grade School, October 26, at dark. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Young children must be accompanied by an adult. Only for the brave at heart. One night only.

Whitley concert in Wytheville

Dwight Whitley and the Mustangs will appear in concert Saturday, October 26 beginning at 7 p.m. in Wytheville, Virginia. The

Wild Mountain Boys will also appear during the concert. For more information, call (606) 738-5292.

Odd fellows to host dinner

Prestonsburg Lodge 293 Independent Order of Odd Fellows will host a dinner at Prestonsburg Lodge 293, October 28, at 5:30 p.m. only. Brothers and those who have petitioned lodge for may attend.

Fall festival

The June Buchanan School fall festival will be held Friday, October 25, from 7-10 p.m. in the Grady Nutt Athletic Center at Alice Lloyd College. Admission is 50¢ for children and \$1.50 for adults. Activities will include bingo, dance, cake walk, sponge toss, duck race and many other games, as well as a variety of delicious food. All proceeds will go to help with class trips and various class expenditures.

Trick-or-Treat night set

The Floyd County Judge/Executive Ben Hale has declared October 31, from 6-8 p.m., as trick-or-treat night throughout Floyd County. Prestonsburg City Council also announced that trick-

or-treat night in the city will be held at the same time.

Insurance alert for retired teachers

Effective January 1, 1997, health insurance sponsored by the Kentucky Retired Teachers System will be available to retired teachers under age 65 only through the Health Insurance Purchasing Alliance.

The enrollment period for insurance through the alliance is October 28-November 11.

To help retirees under age 65 better understand the options available to them through the Health Insurance Purchasing Alliance, KTRS is conducting meetings throughout the state.

The meeting for Big Sandy District retirees will be held at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park Thursday, October 31, from 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Fall retreat

Christian Women in Kentucky are making plans for fall retreats. The theme is: "Hush...Somebody's Calling My Name." Scriptures that the speakers will build upon for their presentations include: Psalm 139:13-14; 1st Samuel 3:1-10; Luke 10:16, and Jeremiah 1:4-10;

18:1-6. A retreat will be held October 26-27 at Jenny Wiley State Park. The leader will be Petie McLean.

Concealed-deadly weapons class

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department will conduct classes for individuals who want to obtain a permit to carry concealed deadly weapons.

Individuals must first fill out an application at the sheriff's office, and courses will be scheduled as needed. Both weeknight and weekend courses will be scheduled for the convenience of those who apply for the permit.

The fee is \$75 plus a \$3 target fee and must be paid when applicants come to the class. Twenty-five dollars of the fee goes to the state; \$25 goes to help prevent domestic violence; and \$25 is an instructor fee.

Rick Thornberry, who is certified to teach the course, will be the instructor.

Floyd County 4-H Schedule

October 25—McDowell Elementary, grades 4-7; Osborne Elementary, grades 4-8 (make-up).
October 28—Melvin, grades 4-8.
October 29—John M. Stumbo, grades 7-8; tutorial-extension office, 5-8:30 p.m.
October 30 & 31—office.

Spectacular

Everyone is invited to the First Baptist Church located on First Avenue (down the street from Billy Ray's) after Prestonsburg High School's last home football game of the season Friday, October 25, for a spectacular time. There will be special recognition for all seniors who participate in any of the school's sports activities. Free food, fun and music. Bring a friend.

Support group to meet

The Parents Support Group for Handicapped Children & Children with Sensory Integration will meet October 25, at 6 p.m. at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg. For more information, call Barbara Burchett at 886-8426.

Floyd awarded \$22,033 for emergency needs

Floyd County has been awarded \$22,033 in federal funds under the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program in order to supplement emergency food and shelter programs in the area during 1997.

"We are really pleased," said Gwen Hall, chair of Floyd County's Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP) Board for Phase XIV (1996). "This award is a \$5,432 increase over the funding we received for 1996."

As present board chair, it is Hall's responsibility to convene a local EFSP board for Phase IV (1997). The judge-executive and representatives of the Salvation Army, Red Cross, the Council of Jewish Federations, Catholic Charities, the National Council of Churches of Christ and the United Way must be invited to serve on the board. Other service organizations may also be represented and interested persons, especially those who have experienced homelessness are encouraged to join. Those who wish to serve should contact Hall at 874-9170 by November 11 and plan to attend their first meeting on November 14 at 10 a.m. at St. Martha Church on Route 3 near Jenny Wiley state Park.

Floyd County service agencies that already serve the hungry and homeless and meet the following criteria may apply for funds to extend or expand their services. To

qualify, local governmental or private voluntary organizations must be non-profit; have an accounting system and conduct an annual audit; practice non-discrimination; have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs; and, if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board.

Qualifying organizations may pick up an application packet on Thursday, October 31, at St. Martha Catholic Church hall at 11 a.m. Gwen Hall will be available to help with paperwork and questions after the conclusion of the meeting. Applications must be returned to Hall's office in the church by November 11.

Once the board convenes, elects officers and establishes an appeal process at its November 14 meeting, it will review and discuss the applications in light of priorities set by the Phase XIV Board. Board members will then vote on allocations for 1997.

Floyd County has received funds through this program of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for several years. In 1996, eleven agencies received EFSP funds in Floyd County totaling \$16,601.

The Floyd County Ministerial Association received \$1,000 for emergency shelter. These food pantries received funds to buy food: St. Vincent Mission

(\$1,000); Mud Creek Community Health Corporation (\$2,577.26); Christian Service Ministry (\$2,000); Wayland United Methodist Church (\$2,000); Middle Creek Community Development Club (\$2,000); Betsy Layne Church of God Bread of Life Pantry (\$2,000); Town Branch Church Feed My Sheep Food Pantry (\$1,500); Fishes and Loaves Food Pantry (\$1,700); and Thankful Hearts Food Program (\$491.74).

The Catholic Social Service Bureau Outreach Office received \$332 to cover administrative costs of implementing the program.

The Floyd County Emergency Food and Shelter Board was cited by God's Pantry as a model one during a meeting held in May because of the way it has organized food pantry services here.

The board also helped to channel funds donated by the Floyd County Bar to the county's food pantries. Board members learned about welfare reform in their September meeting and several members have had input into the state plans and are active in informing clients about the changes.

To become a board member for Phase IV, to apply for Phase IV funds, or to learn more about the emergency Food and Shelter Program, contact Gwen Hall at 874-9170.

Do You Have Love To Spare?



Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children is seeking families or individuals to serve as foster families for children in need. Extensive training, ongoing support, and a stipend to help with expenses are provided.

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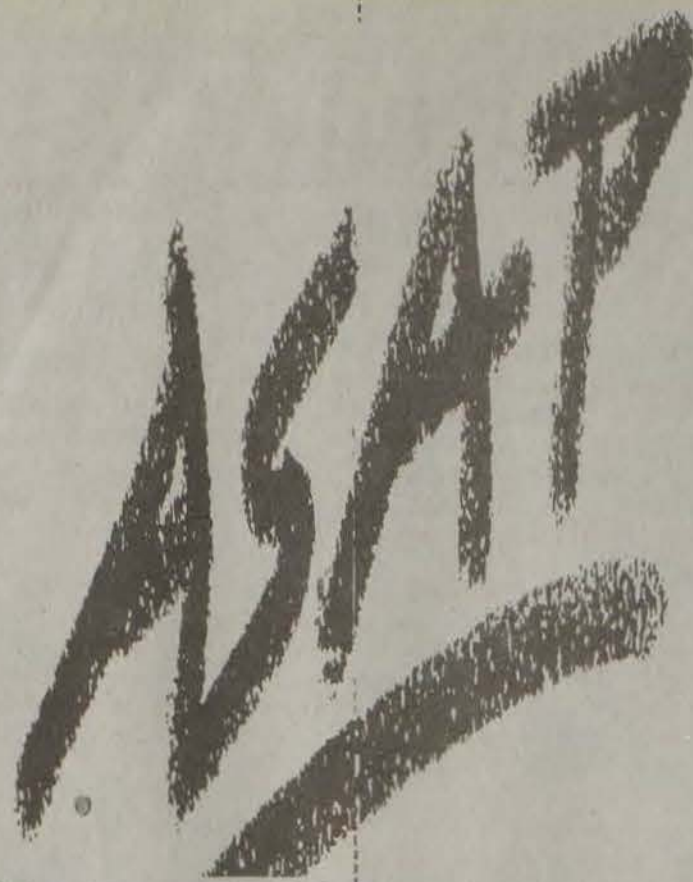
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AROUND THE REGION



For Your Information NEWS TO USE

Victorious Women session in Paintsville

The 12th annual fall retreat of Victorious Women will be held in Paintsville at the Carriage House on November 8 and 9. All women 16 years and older are encouraged to attend the "Symphony of Praise" lecture by Sharon and Robin and Company from Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Advanced registration is necessary by November 1 for overnight lodging and meals. Individual sessions are payable at the door. Brochures are available at Christian bookstores in the area. For more information, call (606) 789-6982.

Comment on Kentucky to air live

Voters can review the Democratic and Republican contenders for U.S. representative from Kentucky's 1st Congressional District when KET continues its Election '96 series of political forums on Saturday, October 25.

Election '96: 1st Congressional District Forum, originating live from Murray State University, features U.S. Rep. Ed Whitfield (R) of Hopkinsville and challenger Dennis Null (D) of Mayfield. The forum airs at 9 p.m.

Just prior to the debate at 8 p.m. October 25, KET will also broadcast Comment on Kentucky, hosted by Al Smith, live from Murray.

A limited number of tickets is available for this event and for the 3rd Congressional District Forum/Comment on Kentucky broadcasts from Louisville on Friday, November 1. More information is available by calling (800) 494-7609.

KET concludes its Election '96 series with "The Vote," airing live at 7 Tuesday, November 5.

Applications being accepted for the 1997 Governor's School for the Arts

By the second week of October, applications for the 1997 Governor's School for the Arts will have been mailed to every Kentucky high school. Students must have them signed sealed and delivered to meet the November 30 deadline. Any student who is a sophomore or junior during the 1996-97 school year, who resides in Kentucky and also currently attends a Kentucky high school may apply.

The Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts (GSA) is a residential training program where talented, high school students who are dancers, actors, instrumental or vocal musicians, creative writers and visual artists join together for three weeks in the summer to explore the discipline and freedom of the creative processes. GSA participants are selectively by audition each spring on the basis of their creativity, talent and potential in their chosen art form. There is no minimum GPA necessary to qualify, however students must be in good standing with their schools.

Students may see their high school's GSA liaison or guidance office for an application, or call the GSA office at (502) 562-0192.

Court evidence hinges on people, papers

by Ralph B. Davis
The Paintsville Herald

Unlike the O. J. Simpson case, don't expect to see evidence gained through secret recordings or subjected to scientific analysis when federal corruption charges against Johnson County Judge-Executive Hobert Meade and his brother-in-law, former road and bridge supervisor Woodrow Thomas Staniford, are finally heard in court in February.

Papers filed in U.S. District Court in Pikeville say the government's case against the two men

will hinge entirely on documents and witness interviews gathered during an eight-month Federal Bureau of Investigation probe into Johnson County government.

According to the prosecution's response to a defense request for discoverable information, Assistant U.S. Attorney Pat Molloy says he does not plan to introduce into evidence any recorded statements of either Meade or Staniford and has no evidence gained through search warrants, arrest warrants, lineups or intercepted communications.

Molloy also claims that the FBI investigation uncovered no evi-

dence which could clear either Meade or Staniford.

None of the evidence gathered by the government was submitted for scientific or other examination.

The court papers indicate that only one attempt was made to record Meade.

"[T]he FBI did attempt to record a phone call with Defendant Meade, but [he] did not come to the phone," Molloy writes in his response.

"Even though no conversation occurred, the United States is providing a copy of the tape for what it is worth. The United States does not intend to offer the tape as evidence

at trial."

Molloy submitted a similar motion October 1 for discovery from the defendants. No response to that request has been filed.

Meade is being represented by Paintsville attorney C. K. Belhasen and by Roger W. Hall with the Ashland firm of Hall, Howell and Sergeant.

Staniford's attorney is Paintsville attorney Paul Deaton.

Meade and Staniford are charged with conspiring to accept kickbacks from local contractors working on road repair projects funded by the Federal Emergency Management

Agency. Meade is also accused of taking part in a scheme to defraud the fiscal court out of thousands of dollars by selling two dump trucks to the county at inflated prices.

Two others who were indicted along with Meade and Staniford reached plea bargain agreements with the government back in September.

Former road supervisor Ernie Vanhose entered a plea for his part in a kickback scheme.

Flat Gap auto dealer Johnny Pennington pled guilty to a charge he participated in the dump truck conspiracy.

Staniford seeking separate trial

The Paintsville Herald

When County Judge-Executive Hobert Meade stands trial next February on federal corruption charges, his brother-in-law, Woodrow Thomas Staniford, is hoping not to be there.

Staniford's attorney, Paul Deaton, has filed a motion to have his case severed from Meade's in U.S. District Court in Pikeville.

Both Meade and Staniford face charges related to an alleged kickback scheme involving road repair projects funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. But Meade is also charged in a separate, alleged scheme involving the sale of dump trucks to the fiscal court at inflated prices.

Both men have pled not guilty to all charges against them.

Because of additional charges against Meade, Staniford should be tried separately, Deaton writes. According to the motion, a jury would be prejudiced against Staniford by listening to the additional charges against Meade.

"The cumulative impact of the quality and quantity of the govern-

ment's evidence will be prejudicial to Mr. Staniford," Deaton writes. "By the time he is called to defend himself against charges that are down the list, the jury will have heard a great deal about crimes for which Mr. Staniford is not charged, including evidence about the illegal exchange of money. While defendants Meade, (former road the foreman Ernie) Vanhose and (Flat Gap auto dealer Johnny) Pennington may very well have solid defenses to these charges, joining them is none the less prejudicial to Mr. Staniford."

Vanhose and Pennington were also charged in the indictment that named Meade and Staniford and have each pled guilty to one charge of the indictment.

Vanhose pled guilty to a charge involving the FEMA kickbacks, while Pennington pled guilty to a conspiracy charge involving the dump trucks.

U.S. District Judge Joseph Hood has not made a ruling on Staniford's request.

Currently, both Meade and Staniford are scheduled to go to trial February 3.

Wal-Mart Supercenter to receive assistance from city commission

by Kim Stacy
Appalachian News-Express

The Pikeville City Commission voted Monday, October 21, to provide up to \$458,000 in economic assistance to a new Wal-Mart Supercenter that will be built in Pikeville.

The new Wal-Mart, which is expected to employ about 400 people, will be constructed at Buckleys Creek, next to Lowe's and Goody's.

The proposed project received the green light after the city commission agreed to adopt three resolutions. Officials said the new store could be open by next fall.

"We're very much in favor of this project," said Rusty Davis, attorney for the city of Pikeville. "Any money we put into this project to help get it off the ground we will get back the first year in taxes."

The three resolutions adopted by the commission included the following measures as a means of economic assistance for development:

- The construction of a roadway to property which would extend part of Cassidy Boulevard to the store at a cost of \$235,000;

- Extend water, gas, and utility lines, which is estimated to cost \$50,000; and

- Assist in doing some work in the floodplain on the property.

As a means of funding this last measure, the city voted to allow funds currently held in escrow to be used for that purpose. Those funds total \$173,000. Any funding needed in excess of that amount will be paid by Wal-Mart.

According to the project engineer who was at Monday's meeting, Wal-Mart advertised for bids on the project this week.

The new store will be about 200,000 square feet, almost three times as large as the current one on Crossroads Plaza.

Davis said gross sales for the store during the first year are expected to be about \$58 million with a payroll of about \$5 million.

The city will benefit from the store through the collection of taxes. Davis said the city has estimated it will receive \$100,000 a year in occupational tax from a two percent payroll tax; \$95,000 a year in real estate tax; and \$75,000 in personal property tax.

Martin County Judge-Executive wants his wife in new housing job

by Chad A. Fitzpatrick
The Martin County Sun

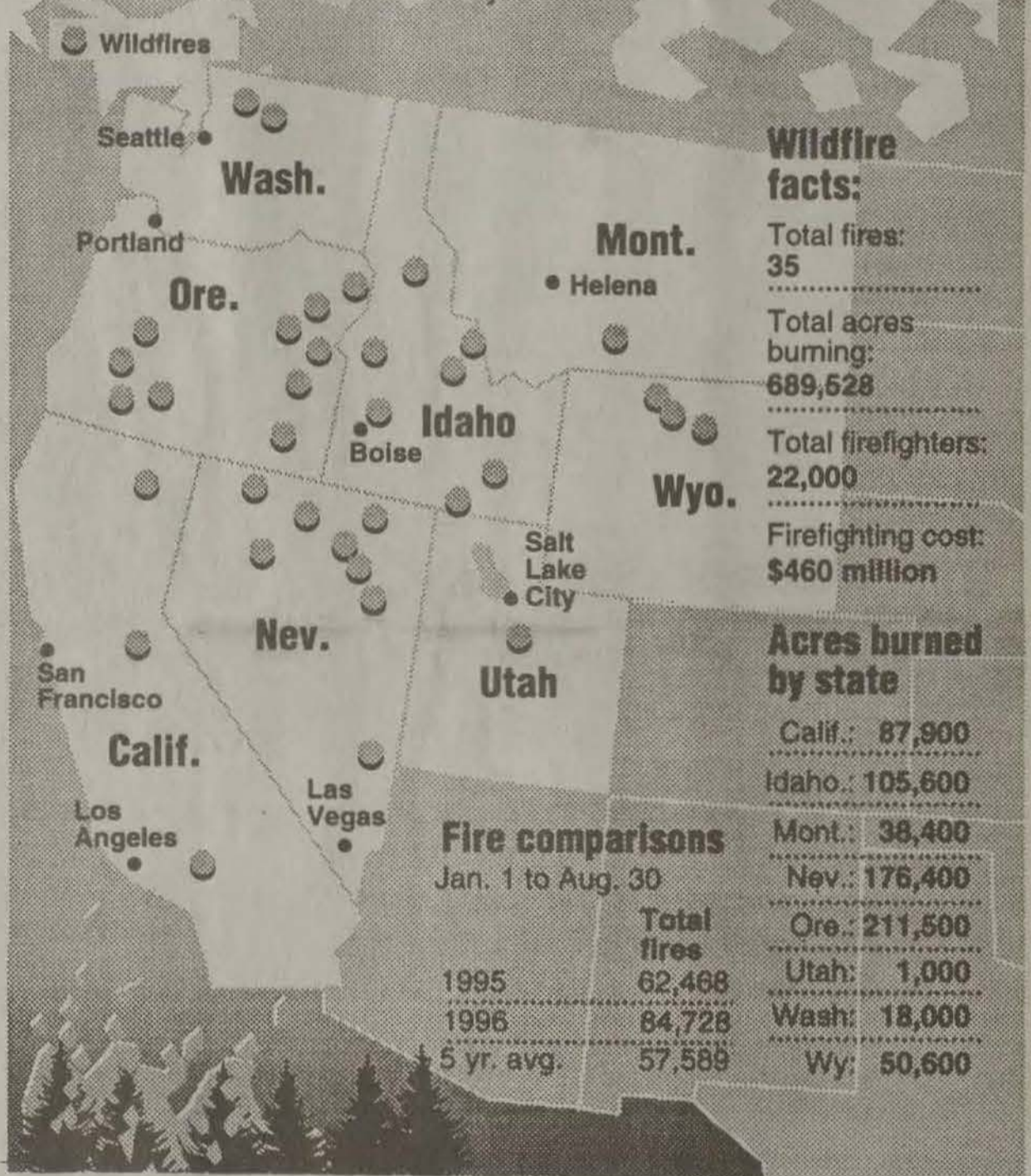
After covering several items on the agenda at the Monday, October 21, session of the Martin County Fiscal Court, judge-executive Kelly Callaham announced that he has acquired \$108,000 in additional funds for the Dempsey Housing financing project.

"This brings the complete total to \$774,000 for the county to utilize for housing," Callaham added.

Callaham then said, "I need someone who I feel will do a good job and

Wildfires in West still raging

Almost 700,000 acres are burning in eight states in the worst wildfire season in 27 years.



Hal Rogers keynotes at Jackson Weather Station grand opening

U.S. Representative Harold "Hal" Rogers cut the ribbon on a new National Weather Service station in Jackson on October 23.

Rogers said the next generation radar or NEXRAD station, with its state-of-the-art Doppler radar would provide weather forecasts and vital weather warnings to counties throughout Southern and Eastern Kentucky.

Rogers said the Jackson Weather Station, first opened in 1980, was proposed to be closed as part of the nationwide modernization of the National Weather Service. U.S. officials agreed to allow the office to

remain open. Rogers was instrumental in keeping the station open and updating its equipment.

The new Jackson Weather Station, which cost \$3.5 million and has a staff of 21, will provide

daily forecasts and severe weather warnings to the 33-county region of Southern and Eastern Kentucky, expanded from the 17-county region it served prior to the upgrades.

Law firm sued for sexual harassment

A former bookkeeper for a Pikeville law firm has alleged in a lawsuit that one of the firm's attorneys sexually harassed her while another stood silently by.

Both attorneys deny the claims.

In a suit filed Monday, October 21, in Pikeville Circuit Court, Karen Akers, of Dorton, claims that Lee A. Smith, an attorney with Todd & Smith Law Firm, sexually harassed her and Neal Smith did nothing to stop it. She has asked for a trial by jury, damages for discrimination, retaliation, harassment, hostile work environment and slander, plus an award for past and future income.

Neal further alleges Neal Smith has slandered her by "falsely and maliciously" accusing her of committing theft while employed at the law office as a bookkeeper.

Neal Smith, who is also counsel for Pike County Schools, said Tuesday that theft charges have been filed against Akers and the matter is under investigation by Kentucky State Police.

The complaint in a civil suit only tells one side of the story. — *Appalachian News-Express*

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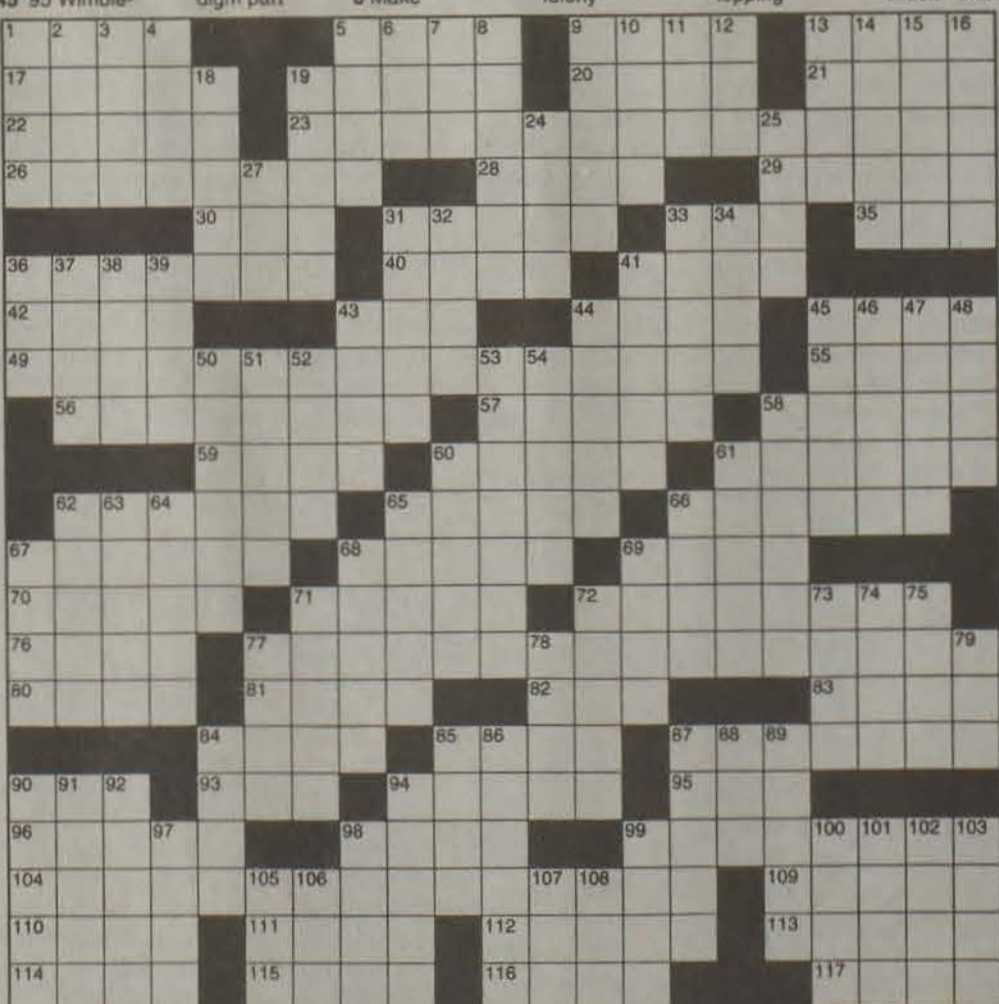


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 - 112 Toughen
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 - 114 Roster
 - 115 Wordless greetings
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 - 48 Hawthorne's was marble
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 - 52 Got off
 - 53 "Mellow Yellow" fellow
 - 54 Cara or Castle
 - 58 Wodehouse's Wooster
 - 60 Alabama city
 - 61 Actor Buchholz
 - 62 " - Gay"
 - 63 Remove varnish
 - 64 Neighbor of Del.
 - 65 Cheerful way
 - 66 Blocks the way
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 - 68 Westphalia or Saxony
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 - 71 Burger topping
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 - 73 Get on
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 - 77 Compact cotton
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 - 84 Everett of "Medical Center"
 - 85 Art deco designer
 - 86 Fresno fruit
 - 87 Thicket
 - 88 Noun suffix
 - 89 Song part
 - 90 Tag
 - 91 Dwight's competition
 - 92 " - Plowman"
 - 94 Grate stuff
 - 97 Settle down
 - 98 Seasoned
 - 99 Taj town
 - 100 Article
 - 101 Grocer's measure
 - 102 Tennis pro
 - 103 Means of perambulation
 - 105 Publisher Ballantine
 - 106 - Dinn Diem
 - 107 - nutshell
 - 108 "Sound of Music" extra



(Answers on B 5)

Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Mountain is missing. 2. Tree is moved. 3. Arm is lowered. 4. Fence is longer. 5. Barn is added. 6. Bough is thicker.

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

- Color
- Contour
- Design
- Flowers
- Fountain
- Gardener
- Gardens
- Layout
- Project
- Proportion
- Rocks
- Scale
- Terrain
- Texture
- Trees

News of the Weird

by Chuck Shepherd

— On September 19, a branch of the large, financially troubled Czech Republic bank Agrobanka was robbed of about \$8,000. The next day, Agrobanka head Jiri Klumpar praised the robbery as a sign of public confidence, signifying that people now believe the bank actually has money in it.

— In September, former Navy Ensign Dana R. Collins, 35, was convicted of the murder of a colleague after police found a to-do list that included the items "Take him out," "Cut him up/take head/fingers and toes," "Put him in 2 bags," and "Drive body to Pennsylvania. Keep head and fingers and toes—scatter on way back." And after Gary Lynn Davis, 43, was arrested in July and charged with sexual assaults on several children around Adrian, Pa., police found in his home a neatly printed, three-page list of 125 "Boys and Girls I've Been With" that included abbreviations for the acts committed with each.

THE LITIGIOUS SOCIETY

— In July, artist Victoria Baldwin prevailed in her lawsuit against the Sydney, Australia, salon Synergy

over a bad haircut she got last year. She won \$750 plus \$234 to compensate her for the hats she had to buy to disguise the cut, which she described as so bad that she looked like Hillary Clinton.

— Scott Byron Morrison, 47, in jail awaiting trial for the 1995 murder of his ex-wife, filed a \$500,000 lawsuit against Calgary (Alberta) General Hospital in August. Morrison claims that if the hospital had properly treated him for a mental illness, he would not have been released and would not, four days later, have killed the woman with a shotgun blast.

— Earlier this year, unsuccessful Puyallup, Wash., school-board candidate Dale Washam filed a lawsuit against House Speaker Newt Gingrich, the Washington state Republican party and others because, he said, the Republicans stole the 1994 "Contract With America" idea from him. Washam said he originated the concept of holding political candidates to their promises when he ran in 1991, 1992 and 1993.

— Customer Jerry Merich filed a lawsuit against the Starbucks Corp. in July over a 1995 injury in which a Starbucks employee in the company's Littleton, Colo., shop greeted him with a "high five" slap of the hand and caused a shoulder injury which left Merich unable to work for six months.

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

— In August, Chris Bowdish's Chevron gas station in Lake Oswego, Ore., offered free mammograms administered by local hospital personnel. Said Bowdish,

"You can tune up your body while you're having your car tuned up."

— A Minneapolis firm is marketing an electronic device that allows people to see whether they have the proper temperament to become parents in that it "cries" at random intervals (more often on the "cranky" setting than on the "easy" setting) and stops only when the "parent" reacts properly. To stop the crying, a probe must be held in place for up to 35 minutes to simulate the time required to bathe and comfort the crying infant. Shaking or tilting the device causes it to register an "abuse" signal.

— In July, Philadelphia inventor Bill Killian introduced the Lawn Buddy message machine, in which a 5-inch-tall mechanical animal arises from a flower pot placed by the front door, announces that the resident is away, and invites the visitor to say a message. Killian says it will be on the market in early 1997 for about \$30.

— Earlier this year and backed by \$100,000 in federal, state and private grants, Kodiak, Alaska, photographer Marion Stirrup developed PlanTea, a nutrient-rich mix of kelp, fish bone meal, dried beet root powder and other ingredients, which she touts as a superior plant food. Stirrup says the list of ingredients came to her telepathically from her 16-inch palm plant, georgiane (which prefers its name spelled with a lower-case G, Stirrup said).

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Smile
Awhile

Sara Hopson

The Eyes Have It

A group of researchers has determined that persons with the eye disorder, commonly referred to as nearsightedness are ranking extremely high on intelligence tests. I decided that this latest scientific discovery in vision research might possibly be the greatest asset to optometry since the invention of the bifocals, when a friend telephoned me to inform me of her child's latest illness.

"Guess what," my friend said, excitedly. "Little Timmy has been diagnosed as being myopic!"

"I'm so sorry, Lorraine. Whatever are you going to do?"

"I've already done it. I had him fitted for eye glasses."

"Did they perform an examination?" I asked. "Yes, and he couldn't read the eye chart even though it was only ten feet away from him."

"But he's only three months old," I said.

"You're just jealous because your son has 20/20 vision," she said, dolefully.

"I'm thankful he has good vision," I said. "I'm just sorry Timmy has to wear eye glasses at such a young age."

"I couldn't be more tickled," she said. "He's automatically eligible for enrollment to MENSA."

"You don't wear glasses," I said.

"I do now," she said. "I bought a pair with clear lenses so people could see how smart I am."

"I see. Anyone who wears glasses is intelligent. What if you're farsighted and wear glasses?"

"Farsightedness and perfect vision are still gray areas of discussion, but doesn't it stand to reason that farsightedness would be the opposite of nearsightedness?"

"Don't ask me," I said eerily. "You're the genius."

"Say, you're farsighted aren't you?" she asked.

"Well, sort of," I whispered into the receiver.

"You don't have to be so secretive with me, I'm your best friend. Did you ever figure out how to use your VCR?"

"Truthfully, Lorraine, I'm blind in one eye."

"Blind in one eye, farsighted in the other. How did you ever pass your driver's test?"

"I took the orals," I said sarcastically.

My head was starting to spin as my mind conjured up pictures of optometrists' waiting rooms jam-packed with mental midgets making appointments for eye glass fittings. Men, women, and children hoping against hope that their eye sight was sufficiently impaired enough to qualify them as myopic.

"My husband and I believe that Timmy's eye-glasses are several hundred dollars cheaper than a set of encyclopedias."

"That doesn't make sense, Lorraine."

"Haven't you been listening? With an IQ as high as Timmy's, he won't need encyclopedias. And anyway . . ." Lorraine continued to drone while I thought of how different life on this planet was going to become. Dinner parties would never be the same. It's hard to conceive of someone walking up to you and saying, "Hello, my name is Ronald and I'm myopic," or, "I was watching you from across the room, and I couldn't help but notice the way you had to look real close at the guest register. You wouldn't be myopic would you?"

(See Smile, page five)

Extra

The Weekend

BRASS COMPANY TO PERFORM SATURDAY

The Brass Company will be in concert this Saturday, October 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayo Memorial United Methodist Church, Third Street, Paintsville.

The performance will feature a wide variety of musical styles—including classical jazz and dixieland selections.

The group has been conducting musical

education programs in both the Johnson County and Paintsville Independent school systems as part of the Chamber Music America Rural Residencies Program.

Members of the Brass Company will reside in Paintsville until May 1997; however, this will be their only public

concert in Johnson County.

This performance is part of the Eastern Kentucky Concert Series. Season tickets, or tickets for this performance can be purchased by calling 886-2623 or 789-5625.

Tickets for this performance are \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, and \$4 for students.



The Brass Company consists of, from left, Dave Ball, Christina McGavic, John Dorn, Shawn Ford and Nick Manwell. They will perform Saturday in the Mayo Memorial Church in Paintsville.

Critic's Corner

by Michael Greene

Extreme Measures

So you want to be a huge celebrity with insured success? Seems to me, the best way to go about it is to get caught with a prostitute, especially if you're married or in a committed relationship. Two recent examples that come to mind, of course, are Dick Morris, disgraced political guru, and Hugh Grant, who stars in this flick.

In his first dramatic role since he hit the scene, Grant portrays Guy Luthan, a compassionate, young physician practicing medicine in Manhattan. Unwittingly, he stumbles upon a very distressing medical mystery. An older doctor who served as Guy's mentor turns out to be conducting unethical experiments on unknowing human subjects.

For his part, Dr. Myrick (Gene Hackman) enjoys national celebrity as a recognized authority on spinal cord injuries. However, he is literally consumed with trying to find a cure and will stop at nothing to do so. Human beings become disposable props in this quest.

While this film could easily descend into the land of cliches, it manages to be quite a serviceable thriller, thanks largely to Hackman and Grant. Unfortunately, there are quite a few weak moments, trying to engage in ethical medical debate while entertaining at the same time.

As the flick unreels, it seems to take forever to get to the real conflict which is the basis of the movie. It literally drags, causing some fidgeting and boredom among moviegoers. However, once it gets going, it delivers the goods.

All in all, it's a good-enough film that could have been a lot better. My take? Two stars.

BY SELI GROVES

SOAP UPDATES

ALL MY CHILDREN: Belinda blasted Noah for his attitude toward Rose. Meanwhile, Grady threatened Rose until Brooke and Adam scared him off. Erica told Skye she fears someone might crack the Jonathan Kinder mystery. Later, Jack told Erica a witness saw her with Kinder.

Deducing Marian was the tipster, Erica and Janet made unnerving phone calls to Marian reminding her that Janet had killed in the past. When Bobby defended Kelsey against taunting classmates, she reconsidered her stand against the annulment. Wait To See: Can Marian survive the crowbar

ANOTHER WORLD: Rachel was troubled by the growing friendship between Carl and Bobby (who received the corneas of Carl's son, Ryan). At the mention of Grant's name in Vicky's house (which had a reputation for being haunted), something very strange happened. As Cody headed to Bay City, Josie and Gary decided to move up their wedding and let only John, Sharlene, and Paulina in on their plan. Later, Cody left a chilling message on Josie's answering machine. As her fears grew, Josie took her gun to the barn for shooting practice. Wait To See: Maggie continues to plot to get her trust fund.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Felicia reconsidered pressing charges against Kevin, while Lucy, on the advice of her lawyer, decided to countersue Felicia, Tom, and Mac. Ned encouraged Sonny to go after Jax, hoping the confrontation would shoot them both down. Brenda returned from Brooklyn with news of the birth of Lois and Ned's baby. Lucky was unaware that Stefan was his Timmoria computer game opponent. Wait To See: Bobbie faces a shocking truth.

NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) After initial delays at the start of the week, career prospects improve. It could be difficult to juggle both business and personal life at this time. If you prioritize, you can achieve a comfortable balance. You're in a party mood as the weekend hits.

to be boisterous and spontaneous. **LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You're popular this week and will meet with love, affection and good will from others. Don't spoil things with eccentric behavior. Use commonsense as much as possible for you while shopping this weekend.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: John gave Barbara a mysterious number and encouraged her to check out Martin. Dani trashed her room in rage when she learned Nikki and Ryder reconciled. Later, as she prepared to testify at Ryder's trial, Dani crossed her fingers while swearing to tell the truth. Taking Kirk's advice to tell Mark how she feels about him, Connor turned up at his door while Jones was inside with him. Martin—secretly hoping to continue the bond smuggling operation—tried to persuade Lisa to go national with the Get Real line. Wait To See: Zoe and Ben each make a decision about the other.

GUIDING LIGHT: Annie's revelations about Josh and Reva led to a series of consequences. Alan decided to bring his sons together, even if he has to pay the hard price. Rick was moved when Abigail said she didn't believe what Amanda said about him and Blake. Baby Meg helped bring Zachary and Michelle closer. Wait To See: Reva and Josh prepare to live by their decision.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Things could move more slowly than you'd like early in the week, a time when you should force issues. Shopping for the home is a delight. The weekend favors time spent catching up with friends.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) It's a quiet but happy week for you. You'll enjoy spending time alone with either a hobby, creative project, or a romantic interest. The weekend should find you tending to your health and getting enough rest.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Lauren spurned Sheila's apologies and told her she must suffer as she made others suffer. As Jessica and Jasmine left to report Sly as the rapist, he captured them and was set to kill them in a fire he set in the Bikini. Dylan arrived in time to save the women. As Sly fought with Dylan, his clothes caught fire and Sly collapsed in agony. Grant tried to tell Ridge the truth of his friendship with Brooke, only to have Ridge fire him. Clarke told C.J. how much he loves him. Wait To See: Sheila's relationship with James takes an unexpected twist.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: After trying to make amends with Blair, Todd learned of Kevin and Cassie's scoop about Alex. He and Blair then got a front page scoop of their own with Asa agreeing to talk about the phony pregnancy. Marty and Patrick realized Carlo's clue about "Irish Air" is a song which may be in Siobhan's book which was sold to an antique dealer. Dorian agreed to Elliot's plea that she have Cassie get Kevin out of town in exchange for finding out what was going on. Later, Carlo gave Elliot the hypnosis trigger that will make Viki kill Kevin. Wait To See: A helpless Elliot prepares for the worst.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Succumbing to distractions this week means there'll be a lot of catching up to do. A pep talk from a close ally perks you up. However, be sure you understand exactly what's expected of you before agreeing to do something. It's not wise to compromise your principals.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A confidential business meeting is on your agenda early in the week. You'll ultimately working things out to your satisfaction. An insight comes through a special friendship. A weekend party finds you kicking up your heels.

THE CITY: Tracy skipped out on her unpaid hotel bill and sought sanctuary at the loft Sydney left her. Richard learned about a liver for Nick. Danny learned Sydney made him editor-in-chief of Generation X magazine. Gino told Tracy about his financial status. Angie worried about telling Jacob she planned to go to a fertility workup in California. Nick failed to wake up after the transplant operation. Wait To See: Lives begin to change as decisions are made.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Victor returned to Kansas where he assured the dying Cliff he'll look after Hope and Victor, Jr. Victor later saw Ryan and Vicky kissing. With Jill's divorce from John final, Silva resigned as her lawyer so they could form another relationship. Nikki and Josh decided to make the ranch their home. Victor urged Hope to come back to Genoa City with their son. Jack visited Diane who was recovering from an appendectomy. Wait To See: As Jack prepares to go on with his life, someone from the past may have plans for him.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The financial picture brightens considerably, thank to new job responsibilities. Work efforts pay off handsomely. Curb a tendency to be impulsive when shopping for the home this weekend. Otherwise, you face financial problems.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Brush up on your Shakespeare and make sure you are taking advantage of local cultural opportunities. Friends help each other out. The weekend accents romance and leisure activities.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A party mood prevails in general. You'll attract romance at a group function. Travel is imminent and financially appealing with a surprise twist. Perhaps a weekend getaway to a special romantic spot is in order.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) At first, a partner is dead set against a financial investment that you desire and believe in. However, your tact and persuasiveness will win out. Be friendly and charming while out and about this weekend.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You'll speak from the heart during a private moment early in the week. Some late changes in business require you to be flexible. Use shrewd and sensible judgment. Weekend activities

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You need some time by yourself this week to find an answer to a problem. Behind-the-scenes support is yours for the asking. A lucrative financial deal awaits your approval over the weekend.

BY SALLY STONE

TUNING IN

IN FOCUS — SHARON LAWRENCE spent part of her hiatus from "NYPD Blue" making a movie with Beau Bridges and Shirley Knight called "The Uninvited." The CBS film is based on events that affected a family who found themselves living in a real haunted house.

I attended the ceremonies which were held in the Disney-MGM Studios complex in Orlando, Fla., on October 5. During a press conference before the induction ceremonies, the winners made some interesting observations about television's future. Ed Asner said, "I'm concerned that in our rush to 'reform' television to, as they say, protect children, that we don't wind up producing one bland production after another and cause the already low number of network viewers to turn to cable to get the programs they want to see."

"In the film, my character, Patti, is still dealing with the tragedy of a stillborn child," Sharon Lawrence says. "When she and her husband—played by Beau Bridges—move into their new home, she begins to experience certain terrifying events and believes the spirit of her stillborn child is in the house. But when a psychic played by Shirley Knight tells her the ghostly presence in her home is much more malevolent, Patti must find a way to break the hold of the evil force and save her family. And she does just that," Lawrence said, "by using the oldest and most powerful force of all—love."

P.S. A special thanks to Mickey and the rest of the Disney brigade for making my stay in their Magic Kingdom truly magical. (Comments on television's impact on American culture can be sent to me c/o King Features Syndicate, 235 E. 45 Street, New York, NY 10021.)

"The Uninvited" is scheduled to air October 29. Check listings in case the film is moved because of Sweeps.)

Weird

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Bo stunned Hope by saying he suspected Franco killed Andre and attacked Jill. Franco refused to stand in a lineup wearing the blue contacts because he said they irritated his eyes. Jennifer almost bought Daniel's insistence that Peter is a good guy until she saw an envelope in Daniel's pocket that was in Peter's possession earlier. With Kristen facing exposure for her scam pregnancy, and Marlena compiling a list of Kristen's crimes, Stefan urged Kristen to marry John immediately without telling anyone in advance. Vivian agreed to help Sami fight the annulment from Austin in return for something she needed to do. Wait To See: Franco jeopardizes Shawn's safety.

Congratulations to the newest inductees into the Television Hall of Fame. They include Ed Asner, Steven Bochco, Charles Kuralt, Angela Lansbury, the producing team of Marcy Carsey and Tom Werner, studio head Lew Wasserman, and Aaron Spelling.

NO LONGER WEIRD

— Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (7) The person believed to be missing and dead but who attends his own funeral and shocks the mourners, as did Dulal Chandra Das, who turned up in October after having merely gone off from his home in Calcutta, India, to pray for a while. And (8) the episodes of just-desserts shootings in hunting season, as when Clifford Shellman allegedly shot to death another hunter in May near Blooming Grove, N.Y., after the two inadvertently coaxed each other closer together by sounding their turkey lures.

attack chasing it. (Send your *Weird News* to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33738, or 74777.3206@compuserve.com.)

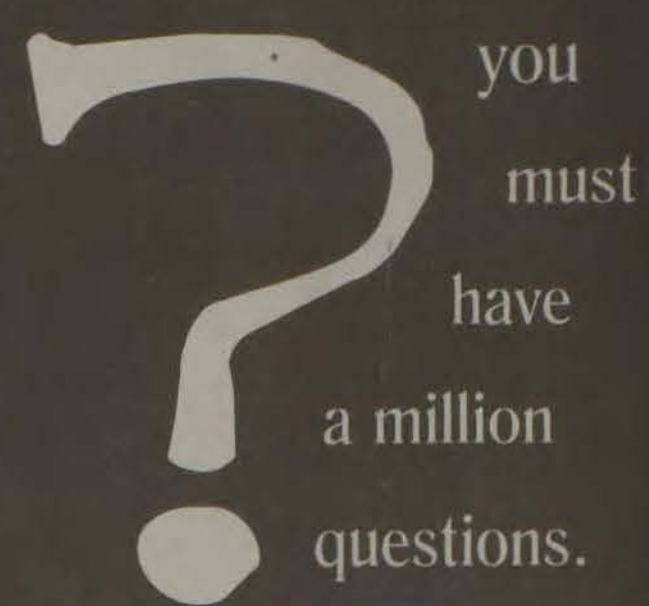
UNDIGNIFIED DEATHS

In August, a 60-year-old stray-dog caretaker was killed in Los Angeles when four large sacks of dog food fell on top of her in her home. And in August, the Ontario Labour Ministry issued a warning after two professional divers drowned in June and July in ponds while searching for golf balls for Sports Quest Inc., which runs a \$500,000-a-year business of reselling "experienced golf balls." And Basilio Re died in the village of Vigogna, Italy, in July, during a party to celebrate his 100th birthday, when a gust of wind blew off his hat and he suffered a heart

Smile

(Continued from page four) "Are you still there? Hello, hello..." "Yes Lorraine, I'm still here," I said impatiently. "But I've got to go. I'm starting to get a headache." "But I'm not finished. I haven't told you about little Timmy's Yves Saint Laurent eyeglass frames or his decision to go to Harvard." "Don't you think you should wait until he's older? I don't think they'll accept him unless he's toilet trained." I was relieved to hear the loud click that disconnected me from the clutches of Madam Curie and her child prodigy, but I was still concerned about the long term effects this new discovery was going to have on people with perfect vision. Would they spend their leisure time looking at their noses, or start reading books in the dark? When my husband came in from work, he told me about a man he had interviewed for a job that afternoon. "If you hire him, make sure he's nearsighted. If he isn't, he won't have the sense God gave a goose."

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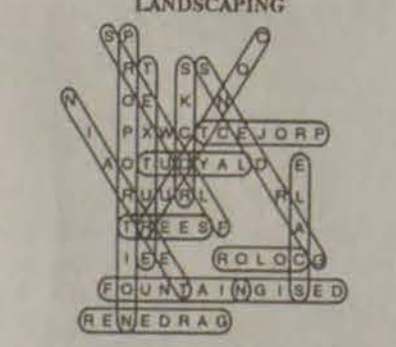
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Derossett's Blackcats to entertain Morgan County tonight

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Already assured of a berth in this year's state playoffs, Coach John Derossett's Prestonsburg Blackcats will finish off their District 2 schedule tonight when they host Morgan County (0-7) on homecoming night at the Prestonsburg stadium. It will be only the third home game for the Blackcats this season.

A win over Morgan County will wrap up a second place finish in District 2 and give Prestonsburg a home field advantage in the opening round of the playoffs.

Morgan County, back under the direction of Bruce Herd, hasn't gotten in the win column, but the Cougars are a very young football team and will face one of the state's top defensive teams. Last week Prestonsburg (6-1) gave up a scant 8-yards total offense to Powell County in a 69-0 rout Friday night. The Cats have pitched four shutouts this season, scored on by Leslie County, Allen Central and Breathitt County.

Coach Derossett will return to the helm of the team after serving a one-game suspension, along with guard Rusty Young.

Without senior tailback Jon

Morris, Prestonsburg ran a group of backs against Powell County with John Ortega rushing for 119 yards in the first half only.

A bright spot was the play of the junior varsity in the second half. Freshman Jeremy Caudill was a terror with three touchdowns and 64 yards rushing in a very surprising performance. Then again, maybe it wasn't so surprising. Caudill has already caught the eye and received the raves from opposing coaches.

Seth Crisp, a freshman, along with Hank Mullins, made a big impression as well. Adam Hall looked confident at quarterback.

But you can rest assured that Coach Derossett will not look beyond Morgan County and take the Cougars lightly. If the Cats have a first half, 49 points, like they did against Powell County, then look for the reserves to go most of the second half.

Mike Castle (349 yards on 13 completions) has been consistent all season in directing the Prestonsburg offensive attack. While Prestonsburg has the strong backfield, Castle still gives them an arsenal that can go over the top of the defense.

John Ortega (three TD's versus Powell), Grant Castle, Caudill,

Brian Jones and Jason Blackburn will be more than Morgan County cares to handle. Ortega has rushed for 402 yards this season.

The defense has been the story for Prestonsburg this season. While the offense hasn't quite caught up, Prestonsburg is allowing only 7.7 points per contest. The opposition has only rushed for an average of 83 yards and passed for 64 yards against the Prestonsburg defense. Most passing yards came against Breathitt County.

It is easy to look and speculate

as to whom the Blackcats will face in the opening round of the playoffs. Prestonsburg, with a win over Morgan, would play the third seed in District 1. That could be either Lloyd Memorial (4-4, 3-2) or Fleming County (5-3, 3-2). Mason County (4-4, 2-3) and East Carter (2-6, 2-3) are still alive, but for a fourth place finish only.

A loss to Morgan County would put the Blackcats into a second place tie with Whitesburg (3-5, 2-2).

Game time is set to kick off at 7:30 p.m.

Homecoming queen to be named

Homecoming is tonight at Prestonsburg High School. Homecoming isn't complete without its court of homecoming royalty. Candidates for the homecoming court include seniors:

- Sarah Suzanne Vickers, daughter of Gary and Helen Ann Vickers of Prestonsburg;
- Andrea Jill Reynolds, daughter of Kay Ann Reynolds of Prestonsburg and Jim Reynolds of

Harold;

- Terina Renee Younce, daughter of Larry and Teresa Younce of Prestonsburg;

- Januari Annelle Cooley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tim Cooley of Prestonsburg and Cynthia Hernandez of Prestonsburg;

- Deana Williams, daughter of Deane Sammons and Donnie Williams of Prestonsburg;

- Madelyn Faith Schoolcraft, daughter of Raymond and Betsy Schoolcraft of Prestonsburg;

- Shelley Price, daughter of Thomas Price of Prestonsburg and the late Desta Price.

- Jenna Fannin, daughter of Jerry and Leslie Fannin of Prestonsburg.

Juniors are:

- Jillian Fitzer, daughter of Terence and Lynette Fitzer of

Prestonsburg;

- Meridith Kate Hyden, daughter of Alan and Betty Hyden of Prestonsburg;

- Lesley Anne Stout, daughter of James and Carolyn Stout of Prestonsburg;

Sophomores are:

- Ashleigh Nicole Frasure, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Frasure of Prestonsburg;

- Kimberly Elizabeth Nunnery, daughter of B. and Dixon Nunnery of Prestonsburg;

- Crystal Lynn Slone, daughter of Lori and Winson Slone of Prestonsburg;

Freshmen are:

- Sara Beth Conley, daughter of Patrick and Teena Conley of Prestonsburg;

- Meridith Anne Jarvis, daughter of Dickie and Cynthia Jarvis of Prestonsburg; and

- Heather Renee Ousley, daughter of David and Paula Layne of Prestonsburg.

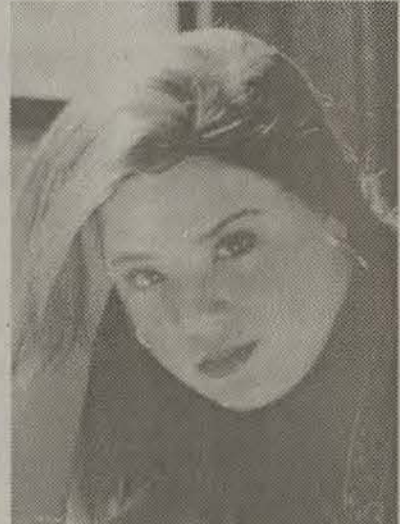
Kellie Combs will be the special attendant at the ceremony. She is the daughter of Jerry and Sandy Combs of Prestonsburg.



Deanna Williams



Januari Cooley



Madelyn Faith Schoolcraft



Jenna Fannin



Jill Reynolds



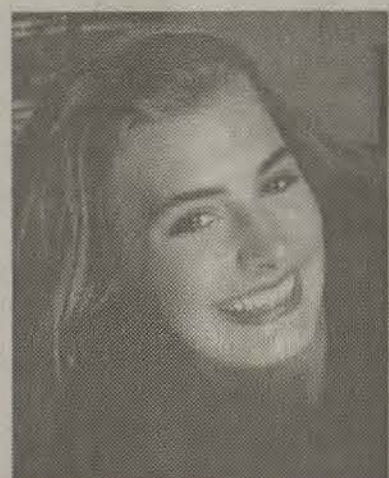
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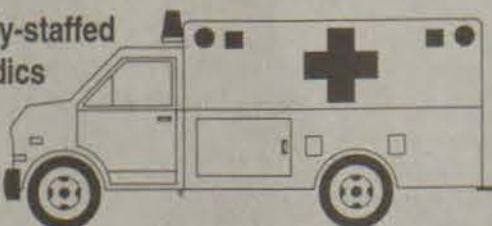


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