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Tax collection effort brings county a bonus

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

There's been some extra money to spread around to public offices this year, over \$300,000 to be exact, due to the collection of delinquent property taxes.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley reported that since March, \$307,292.88 in past due taxes, dating back to 1987, have been collected by his office. And, in February, civil lawsuits will be filed against the county's biggest tax delinquents.

"I'm amazed," Bartley said of the amount collected. "All I have done is send out the required notices which explain we have a right to sell their property or file civil suits to collect the taxes. We should finish with the original notices this month and start filing suits in February."

There were approximately 13,000 past due tax bills, Bartley said, which resulted from the lack of collection efforts by the previous county attorney.

"I can say there was little or no effort made by the former county attorney to collect these taxes," Bartley said. "It just takes a little bit

of effort."

The additional revenues have allowed Bartley to purchase equipment to upgrade the county attorney's office.

"We are trying to get the office into the 18th Century," Bartley said. "The money has helped us quite a bit. We've bought three computers, a fax machine, a copier and printers. Also, it allows us to pay greater salaries."

"With the initial expense of the computers out of the way, we can now buy furniture to improve the looks of the place," Bartley said. "It will help make people more comfortable. A lot of people come in contact with the office."

The county attorney is allowed to keep 20 percent of the total delinquent taxes collected to pay for expenses. The remaining monies are divided between the county general fund, the board of education, public library, fire departments, the county clerk's office, health department and soil conservation.

The sheriff averages a 95 percent collection rate of property taxes before the matter is turned

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Domestic dispute turns into dog fight

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

What started out as a routine domestic violence complaint on New Year's Day for the Kentucky State Police literally turned into a dog fight.

Ervin Louis Adkins, 27, of Toler Creek, was arrested and charged with attempted assault on a police officer, second degree; terroristic threatening; resisting arrest; and third-degree criminal trespassing.

When KSP troopers Micki Watson and Byron Hansford responded to a residence in Harold on a domestic violence complaint, the turn of events may not have been what they are accustomed to dealing with.

According to court records, Adkins allegedly threatened to blow up the KSP Post with dynamite and

made his dog attack both officers, causing the dog to be killed.

Floyd District Judge James R. Allen entered not-guilty pleas to Adkins' felony charges Thursday during arraignments.

A preliminary hearing will be held at 2:30 p.m. January 8 to determine if there is probable cause to refer the case to a grand jury.

Adkins' was lodged in the Floyd County Adult Detention Center, where he is being held under a \$15,000 partially-secured bond.

In another case, a Wheelwright man was arrested after he allegedly stole his brother's SSI check.

Terry Amburgey was arrested and charged with theft by deception after he signed his brother's name to the check and cashed it.

According to an arrest warrant

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Pike man killed in mishap at Harold

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Pike County man died on New Year's Day after the vehicle he was a passenger in ran off the road and hit a rock cliff in Harold.

Matthew Hughes, 20, of Pikeville, died Wednesday in the single-car mishap on Route 1426 at Toler Creek, according to a Kentucky State Police Post 9 media release.

Hughes was a passenger in the back seat of the car driven by Joey Dean Luster, the release says.

Luster was traveling east on Route 1426 when the accident occurred around 8:50 p.m.

Hughes, Luster, and another

passenger were transported to Pikeville Methodist Hospital by Med Tech Ambulance Service.

Officials at Pikeville Methodist Hospital refused to release any information on Luster's condition.

The identity of the other passenger was not released by the KSP. According to trooper Mike Goble, the KSP only identifies the victims of fatal accidents.

The accident is still under investigation by trooper Steve Slone, sergeant Les Stapleton, and detective David Maynard.

The release did not indicate if alcohol was involved in the accident or if seat belts were in use.

Goble said Hughes' death was the only fatality for the Post 9 area during the New Year's holiday.

The January 1 accident was the only fatality recorded in the Post 9 area during the New Year's holiday.

There was no lack of news in Floyd County during 1996, making the selection of our Top Ten stories of the year a difficult task.

Here's the way we saw it, in descending order...

Election History

1 Floyd Countians voted decidedly in the November General Election to change their form of county government from the magisterial form to the commission form.

Bomb Threats

2 A series of bomb threats at Prestonsburg High School disrupted the school's routine for weeks and ended with the expulsions of several students.

Bus Wreck

3 A Floyd County school bus driver veered off the road on Route 80 in October, striking the rear of a loaded tractor and trailer. More than two dozen students were injured, some seriously, but none were killed.

Official Imprisoned

4 Former Floyd County Attorney Jimmy Martin Hammond, who had pleaded guilty to federal fraud charges, reported to prison on June 17 to begin a two-year sentence.

Winter Storm

5 During the first week of 1996, a winter storm dumped nearly 28 inches of snow onto Eastern Kentucky, closing schools, businesses, and generally wreaking havoc.

Art Center Opens

6 After years of planning and fund-raising, the Mountain Arts Center opened its doors in October, setting the stage for a new era in tourism and entertainment in Eastern Kentucky.

Superintendent Search

7 Dr. John Balentine became superintendent of the county school system in January, then died unexpectedly in October. The search for a new superintendent continues.

Task Force Disbands

8 The Mountain Area Drug Task Force, formed to combat street level drug dealing in Eastern Kentucky, disbanded in the wake of a federal investigation into the agencies operations. No charges have been issued by a federal grand jury.

Workers' Comp

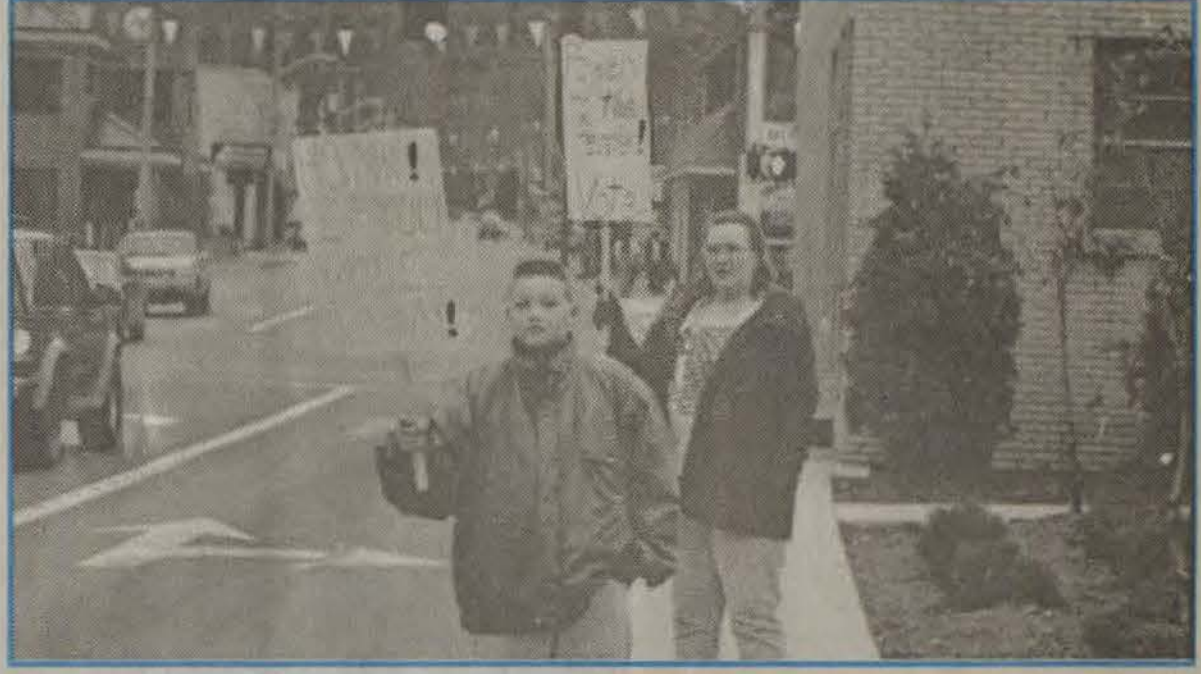
9 In his first year as the first governor from Eastern Kentucky since Bert T. Combs, Paul Patton conducted a special session to reform Workers' Compensation legislation. The move alienated many of Patton's legislative allies from the mountains.

Route 23 Opens

10 The four-laning of Route 23 between Paintsville and Prestonsburg was completed, leaving just one section, from Jenkins to the Virginia state line unfinished.

The Top Ten

A Look Back At The News In '96



The November election set the stage for an historic change in the way Floyd County is governed as voters approved a commission form of government.

1996: The Year in Review

Part 2: July-December

JULY

• Two women who allegedly contracted histoplasmosis through Prestonsburg's clean-up of an old fire department building last summer, filed lawsuits recently in Floyd Circuit Court. The women, Bertha Stephens of Prestonsburg and Marlene Johnson of Weeksbury, were employed near the site of the old building in June, 1995.

• The number of first and second-year teachers recalled for the 1996-97 school year slowly inched upward. Superintendent Dr. John Balentine announced at a special meeting that an additional 13 teachers received notice they would have jobs in the fall.

• Gary Frazier, named last year by the Mountain Arts Center Management Commission to head the center but denied the job by the Prestonsburg City Council, filed a lawsuit in Floyd Circuit Court May 31 against the management commission and the City of Prestonsburg for breach of contract.

• Despite speculation that a labor dispute was imminent, union employees at American Standard's Paintsville plant overwhelmingly ratified a three-year contract on June 28.

• A Floyd County miner, Danny Meade of Hi Hat, was acquitted July 2 in federal court on charges he violated a safety standard that led to the death of another

miner.

• A Prestonsburg woman, Dawn M. Holbrook, 26, pleaded guilty to the fraudulent use of credit cards.

• Prestonsburg tourism director and Main Street manager Fred James went on loan to the Mountain Arts Center as its new marketing director July 3.

• Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley said he would send out statutory form letters to demand payment of delinquent taxes from 1988 to 1995, and those who ignore the letter may be prosecuted.

phase II, was expected to take approximately 24 months to complete.

After agreeing to the nearly \$5 million construction contract for the Prestonsburg High School renovation project, members of the Floyd County Board of Education quibbled over a nearly \$3,500 building permit fee.

• What started out as a pursuit through Main Street of Wheelwright led to a standoff July 13 between seven police officials and a Floyd County man, John Hall Jr., armed with a shotgun.

• Heavy spring rains apparently washed acid from an abandoned mine into the waters of Bucks Branch, killing fish and turning the water orange.

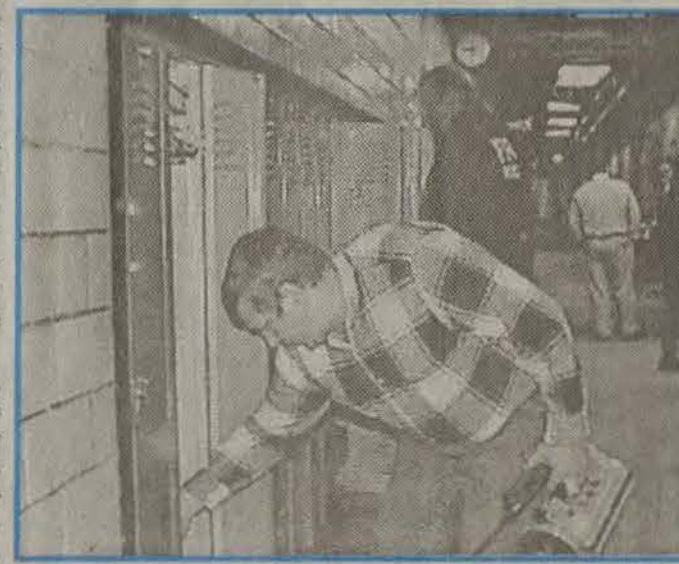
• The Department of Local Government set an October 1 deadline July 10 for the City of Allen to obtain 376 signed user's agreements for the Allen Sewer Commission.

• After nearly three days of negotiations, workers at Highlands Regional Medical Center avoided a strike by ratifying a three-year contract with administrators.

• A Floyd County man, Patrick Todd Mayo, 26, was arrested in Johnson County for allegedly distributing obscene materials to an 11-year-old boy.

• Connie Gearheart of Price, a resource teacher at Melvin Ele-

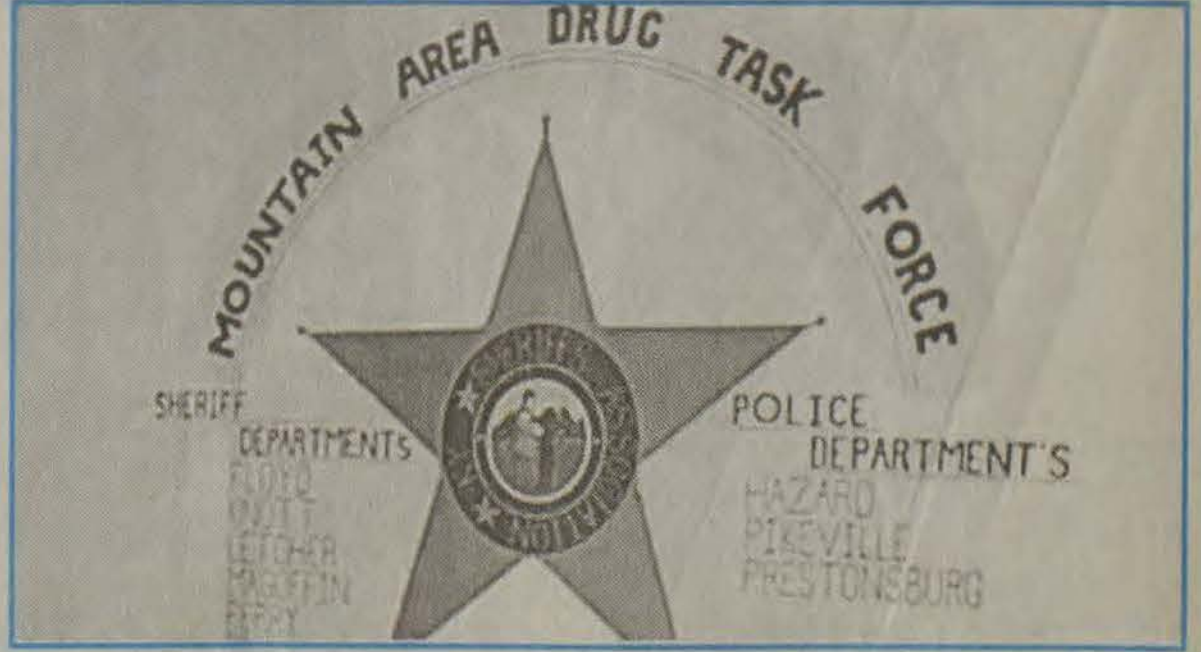
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Prestonsburg fire and police officers scoured the high school in the search for bombs.

• The Floyd County Grand Jury returned indictments against John Mark McKenzie, 24, of West Prestonsburg, and Paul R. Setser, 20, of Middle Creek. Both were indicted on one count of second-degree burglary for entering the home of Robin Lynn Jarrell. The two were arrested June 8, the day of McKenzie's birthday.

• Work got underway on the renovation of Prestonsburg High School. The \$8 million project, which includes both phase I and



The multi-county drug task force ceased operations amid a federal investigation of its operation.

Year in review

mentary School, was among the approximately 150 Kentucky delegates at the Representative Assembly of the National Education Association (NEA) in Washington, D.C. July 2-5.

• Allegations of mismanagement and wrongdoing by members of the Mountain Area Drug Task Force as reported in state newspaper's stories recently may have surprised some readers, but they were not news to task force officials.

• A former deputy judge-executive spent a few days in jail after he violated his probation requirements for a second time.

Jimmy Stumbo was arrested in Lexington on July 3 after testing positive on a drug screen.

• The Mud Creek Volunteer Fire Department responded early July 15 to a structure fire on Highway 979 near Red Morg Branch and discovered the fire was intentionally set with a Molotov cocktail.

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

A preliminary end-of-the-year financial report given to board members July 17 showed the school system only \$619,000 in the red. That's nearly \$1 million less than

was projected earlier this year.

• The Floyd County Fiscal Court was expected to consider at its regular meeting July 19, a recommendation from the 911 board to purchase pagers for volunteers and secure clear frequencies for the service.

• Every day, tankers filled with hazardous materials make their way through Floyd County via the roads and railways. Lon May, Floyd County Disaster and Emergency Services Director, said he was concerned about these materials escaping their confines and harming area residents.

• County Judge-Executive Ben Hale and Jailer Roger Webb apparently disagreed over the use of a garbage dumpster. Hale said Webb had locked a fence surrounding the dumpster and wouldn't permit janitors working in the courthouse to put trash in the receptacle.

Webb said he is required by state law to secure the dumpster if it is within the confines of the fence of the jail.

• Martin L. Hammonds, 88, of Prestonsburg, was killed Wednesday when he apparently turned across traffic on Rt. 80 and was struck by another vehicle.

• The search continued July 23 for two suspects who apparently

robbed the Bank Josephine branch in Garrett about 11 a.m. The two suspects reportedly entered the branch bank armed with handguns and demanded money. The two left the scene on all-terrain vehicles.

• A Floyd County jury acquitted a Dwayne man, Columbus Quillen, July 23 of kidnapping and sexual abuse charges after just one hour and 20 minutes of deliberations.

• In an effort to get area emergency responders prepared for a possible future emergency, Lon May, Floyd County Disaster and Emergency Services Director, planned to hold a mock disaster on the morning July 27 to test plans and to coordinate efforts.

• A dangerous stretch of road on Route 1428 two miles south of Prestonsburg near Sugarloaf Branch claimed the life of Allen Central junior, Wesley Todd Samons, 16, of Martin, around 9:30 p.m. July 23.

• According to Mike Carhart, sergeant with the special investigations unit of the Kentucky State police, the investigation into Floyd County Clerk Carla Boyd's office was "still an active, on-going investigation" at the end of July.

• Perry Conn, 48, of Martin, who was transported to the UK Medical Center after he was shot in the back July 26 by an intruder, faced drug

charges.

AUGUST

• Terrorism came too close for comfort for a Floyd County family early in the month when they visited the Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia.

Paula Gail and Levi Johnson of Weeksbury and several of their relatives were evacuated from an area in Underground Atlanta where police thought a bomb had been discovered.

• The love of soap operas sent county jail inmate Timothy Hunt to the hospital after a fight broke out in the cell over which soap opera to watch. Ronald W. Bryant, who is serving a three-year sentence for assaulting a Louisville police officer, was sentenced to an additional 30 days.

• Shawn Ousley, 21, of Prestonsburg, was charged with three counts of attempted murder and one count of wanton endangerment after allegedly shooting at a Job Corps resident. Also arrested was 19-year-old Greg Hicks of Prestonsburg. Hicks was in the car with Ousley when the shooting took place.

• Two all-terrain vehicles used during the heist at the Bank Josephine July 23 were located by detectives from the Kentucky State Police and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

• The Prestonsburg Fire Department rescued a nanny goat that had been stranded on a rock shelf along old U.S. 23.

• Less than a week before the filing deadline, two members of the Floyd County Board of Education announced they will not seek reelection. Phyllis Honshell and Dr. Brent Clark both announced their retirement from the board at an August 1 special meeting.

• What started out as a domestic dispute August 2, escalated to a residential-area brawl and the shooting of four Floyd County residents, according to an eye witness.

Danny Lee Waddles, 21, of Allen was arrested and charged with four counts of second-degree assault for allegedly shooting a 16-gauge shotgun into the crowd involved (in the altercation).

• Despite a negative fund balance going into the new year, all personnel in the Floyd County School system received a raise.

The Floyd County Board of Education approved a 2.6 percent increase at a special meeting August 1.

• Charles Harmon, former Wheelwright City Commissioner and ex-police chief, "hit the hills" August 4 when he returned to his residence on Bay's Branch and discovered the Floyd County Sheriff's Department confiscating nearly 70 marijuana plants and drug paraphernalia.

• Work began on the new Floyd County Justice Center, which is being constructed on the site of the former city parking lot.

• Michael Berkley Messer, 19, of Dema, was arrested August 4 for

breaking into the residence of Perry Conn, 48, of Martin, that was being used as a marijuana greenhouse, on July 26 and shooting him once in the back.

• A prostitution scam, cracked by the Hazard Police Department in Perry County, allegedly involved a Floyd County juvenile. The 17-year-old female, who had been staying in the Hazard area, was arrested in connection with a scheme to steal money from potential clients.

• The opening of the Mountain Arts Center, originally scheduled for the second week in October, was delayed.

• Two Floyd County men, who were ordered to perform community service at the courthouse, were arrested August 7 for allegedly stealing \$294 from a property valuation employee and the sheriff's wife. Robert Craft, 19, of Prestonsburg, was arrested when Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson found the money in Craft's shoe.

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A year-end word of thanks to my clients and announcement for 1997

As 1996 comes to a close, I would like to thank my clients for their patronage this year and for the patience they exhibited during my frequent absences from the office while serving as interim Floyd County Attorney earlier in the year and later as Assistant Floyd Commonwealth Attorney.

In order to better serve my clients in 1997, I have resigned my position as Assistant Floyd Commonwealth Attorney effective December 31, 1996. In this way, I will be able to devote my full time and attention to the handling of your cases.

Looking forward to serving you in 1997.

John W. Mann
Attorney-at-law

Bonus

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over to the county attorney's office, Bartley said. "That means there's a lot of people out there not paying their taxes."

It isn't politically popular to go after delinquent taxpayers, Bartley acknowledged, but he feels everyone ought to be paying their share.

"I know some people are going to get mad, but everybody ought to be paying their taxes," Bartley said. "It's the right thing to do."

A small portion of the delinquent taxpayers have overlooked the matter, never received notice of the past due taxes or simply forgotten to pay, the county attorney said. Some property owners have paid the past due tax, but for some reason their names were never taken off the rolls.

"Some have actually paid their bill, but their name is still on the list," Bartley said. "If they can bring in proof that they have paid, we will take care of it."

The first round of collections have taken very little effort, Bartley said, because most people have paid the money to the county clerk's office after receiving notice.

The next round is likely to be somewhat more difficult as the county attorney heads to court to collect the taxes.

"We're choosing the largest delinquents--about \$30,000 to \$40,000--to start off with," Bartley said. "Then we'll go after the other non-payers. Sooner or later we'll get to you."

By the time the older cases are headed the court, it will be time to begin collection of the 1995 delinquent taxes, Bartley said.

1996 Notable Deaths

JANUARY 7, 1996

Kermit Chester Newsome, 32, of McDowell, died Sunday, January 7, 1996, after shoveling snow. He was a physical therapist and Floyd County deputy sheriff.

JANUARY 28, 1996

One of Floyd County's oldest 'libraries' burned down Sunday, January 28, 1996, when a William Johnson of Weeksbury, presumed to be Floyd County's last surviving World War I veteran, died at the age of 101.

FEBRUARY 3, 1996

Former Floyd County Deputy Judge-Executive Pauline C. Stumbo, died Saturday, February 3, 1996. Stumbo, 70, was the widow of John M. Stumbo, who was county judge-executive for 44 years.

APRIL 22, 1996

The man who once confessed to murder to get a free ride home to Floyd County, yet on another occasion risked his own life to rescue victims of a tragic bus accident, died.

Donald L. "Dooney" Horn, whose ideas were often scorned but whose vision brought economic changes to Floyd County, died April 22 at the age of 69 following an extended illness.

Ed Kuss, a close friend, said that Horn "was a millionaire five times and was broke five times."

JULY 23, 1996

Prestonsburg and Paintsville fire departments extended their aerial ladders to create an arch above the roadway at Allen Volunteer Fire Department Tuesday, July 23 as one of their own, Allen firefighter Danny K. McCoy, made his last journey.

McCoy's funeral procession passed under the arch on its way to Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel. He died July 20 at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, from an aneurysm.

McCoy, 41, had served with the Allen Fire Department since 1987. He was a past vice president and former supply sergeant of the department.

JULY 25, 1996

A former state legislator who was instrumental in establishing the community college system in Kentucky died Thursday, July 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center after a short illness.

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

AUGUST 10, 1996

Fiddlin' Dewey Shepherd had one final wish. He wanted to perform at the Mountain Arts Center, which is still under construction.

Unfortunately, he won't get his wish. The arts center won't be completed until the end of October.

Known by some as "The Fiddlin' Man in the U.S.," Shepherd died Saturday, August 10, at the age of 91 of complications from pancreatic cancer and diabetes.

AUGUST 13, 1996

A former co-owner of the Floyd County Times died Tuesday, August 13.

Alka Dingus Allen, 88, of Prestonsburg, died August 13 at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

She was a wife and mother who helped her family make the Floyd County Times one of the state's most respected newspapers. Her involvement in the newspaper business began when she married Norman Allen, a reporter for the Big Sandy News in Louisa in 1927.

Soon thereafter, the couple took a major step that impacted the future of Floyd County. They established the Floyd County Times in 1927. They later bought out a rival newspaper, the Prestonsburg Post, in 1928. Their commitment to putting the news in the hands of the people lasted for about 60 years until a car accident in March of 1986 eventually resulted in Norman Allen's death and severely limited Alka Allen's ability to work. Alka and Norman's daughter, Barbara, took over the reins of the publishing business, but when Barbara also became ill, the business was sold in 1988 to Floyd County Newspapers, Inc.

During the years the Allens owned the Times, Alka Allen worked wherever the need arose. She read proofs, updated subscriptions, and even mailed out papers. She also organized. When she realized that the employees needed a place to hang their coats, she made a coat rack from a piece of plywood. She patiently scraped the edges of the board with a knife until she produced rounded curves and a quality product. The coat rack is still in use by employees.

AUGUST 25, 1996

Tom Graham Burchett, 89, of Allen, whose life has touched many Floyd County residents over the last 38 years, died Sunday night, August 25, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Burchett founded the rescue squad after an informal meeting was held on the riverbank following the tragic school bus disaster in 1958 that claimed the lives of 26 children and the driver.

Burchett served as the rescue squad's first captain, and he remained in the post for more than 20 years.

But, when Burchett stepped down as captain, his service to the community continued. He served as chaplain for the rescue squad for three years and as first lieutenant for about four years.

OCTOBER 7, 1996

A Floyd County community leader and businessman died in Florida Monday, October 7, from a heart attack.

Roy Ramey, owner of Ramey Insurance in Glynview Plaza, Prestonsburg, died October 14 in the condo he and his wife, Joyce, were staying in during their visit to Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Ramey was a member of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce, and had served as the Chamber's representative on the Floyd County Tourism Commission since 1994.

During his term on the commission, he strongly supported attempts to extend tourism advertising regarding Floyd County to tour groups and vacationers, tourism director Fred James said Tuesday. Ramey was also a supporter of the Kentucky Opry and the Mountain Arts Center, he said.

OCTOBER 16, 1996

A man who decided to become an educator because he "didn't want to pick cotton for a living" died Wednesday, October 16, just a few hours after he "put the children first," the philosophy he operated under for 36 years.

Floyd County schools superintendent Dr. John Balentine was found dead at his home Wednesday evening a few hours after leaving the scene of a major bus accident in southern Floyd County.

Balentine, 58, was described as "a calming influence" at the scene of the bus wreck where about 50 students suffered minor to moderate injuries.

The superintendent moved throughout the crowd of frightened students and parents reassuring them that everything was all right.

OCTOBER 22, 1996

Instead of black, Martin residents and students draped their town in purple and gold in memory of a former coach and Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Famer.

Denzil "Hoss" Halbert, 74, died around 11 p.m. Tuesday, October 22, at his home in Martin following an apparent heart attack.

Halbert had undergone open heart surgery a few years ago and had a pacemaker implanted. About a month ago, he began experiencing problems with the pacemaker and adjustments were made to it, friends said. Halbert's problems continued and he again had adjustments made to the pacemaker on Tuesday. Six hours later, he died.

Halbert was a father, educator, basketball coach and, more importantly, a positive influence on the lives of many students and players who learned under his tutelage.

He coached at Martin during his tenure as a basketball coach. Testimony after testimony from his former players, cheerleaders and students attributes to the influence he had on the lives of those young men and women.

NOVEMBER 11, 1996

Robert Doyle Isaac, 44, of Russell, died Monday, November 11, from injuries he sustained in an automobile accident. He was a former Floyd County School Board member.

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Craft alleged that Donald Kidd, 44, of Harold had given him the money.

- Making good on his promise not to tolerate additional probation violations, a Floyd County judge sentenced a former deputy county judge-executive, Jimmy Stumbo, to a one-year stay in the state penitentiary.

- Bill Dotson was concerned in August that the database designed to direct emergency providers to callers' homes after E-911 goes on line is riddled with errors. The 911 coordinator said he finds errors every day as he works to keep the database, which was started about six years ago, up to date.

- Despite persistent rumors that parents were going to picket outside Prestonsburg High School and the city fire marshal was going to shut the building down, the opening day of school August 13 was uneventful around the county.

- A retirement incentive plan for school personnel accomplished just what Superintendent Dr. John Balentine hoped it would.

Enough older, more experienced teachers and administrators took advantage of the plan to get all laid off teachers back on the Floyd School System's payroll.

- During a special meeting August 14 of the Wheelwright City Commission, Police Chief Thomas Engle was authorized to lower the speed limit on city streets and to contact the state highway department about reducing the speed limit on state roads in the city.

- A contingent of parents, dressed in purple and gold, appeared at the Floyd County Board of Education meeting August 13 asking that Martin Elementary retain its name when the new school opens on Stephens Branch. Another group of parents asked that the new school be called Stephens Branch Elementary. And yet another asked for it to be named May Valley Elementary, the recommendation of a committee formed to name the new school and rename Martin Elementary which will house only middle school students after the two are combined.

Despite receiving nearly 30 letters, only one which specifically asked for Martin Elementary to be renamed to Martin Middle School, the board voted 4-1 Monday night to rename the school Martin Middle School.

- Tracy Bryant, 20, of Honaker, was pronounced dead August 16 after his body was recovered from an underground mine at the #3-1 Mine in Honaker.

Bryant had apparently been dead 17 hours before the accident was reported to the Department of Minerals and Mines and the Mine Safety and Health Administration.

- Residents of Floyd, Martin and Johnson counties got a chance August 27 to add their two cents worth to discussions about the location of a proposed federal prison in the area.

- For the fourth time in as many months, Sandy Woods appeared before the Floyd County Fiscal Court August 16, asking the court to vote on an ordinance allowing alcohol by the drink in the county.

And for the fourth time, her request was denied by County Judge-Executive Ben Hale. Hale did, however, say he would put the request on the September agenda.

- President Bill Clinton entered the staging area of the Ashland Riverfront Park August 25 to the sound of Allen Central's band playing "Go, Big Bill." Betsy Layne, Prestonsburg, and South Floyd bands participated in the "pop rally" for the president. The Kentucky Opry Junior Pros also performed in Ashland Sunday, and local cheerleaders and majorettes added their voices and skills to the show.

- Debra A. Lewis, 38, of Betsy Layne, was transported to Highlands Regional Medical Center August 20 after she attempted to escape from the Floyd County Sheriff's Department by jumping out of a cruiser. Lewis had been arrested for allegedly trying to run over her spouse.

- Rumors that the state police had been investigating the city of Prestonsburg for misuse of employees and city equipment seemed to have a grain of truth behind them. An officer with the special investigation unit indirectly confirmed that the unit was looking into allegations that city employees and equipment were used on private property.

Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin August 26 addressed those reports. He attributed allegations that Prestonsburg employees and equipment were used on his property to unhappy employees, both past and present.

- Jeffrey Williams, 23, of Grethel, pleaded guilty to one count of second-degree sodomy August 22.

- An anonymous tip led the Prestonsburg Police Department August 26 to 43 marijuana plants, growing on the roof of a building in Goble-Roberts.

- Two Big Sandy Hospice workers, Mona Flanary Mullins and Rita Phillips, went beyond the call of duty last August 27 when they fought a house fire in Grethel until the Mud Creek Volunteer Fire Department arrived on the scene. The house was owned by Greg Frazier.

- What began as a traveling party for four Ohio residents quickly deteriorated into a crime spree that led to the arrests of three people, Daniel S. Bowmer, Gary A. Johnson and Sherri L. Price, all of Marion, Ohio, and claims by one woman that she was held against her will.

- David Damron, of Spurlock, was shot in the forearm around noon August 29 in Dwale when he became the target of a bullet that was intended for a chicken, according to witnesses.

- Consolidated Health Systems officials signed a letter of intent to sell its medical waste disposal company, Medisin Inc., to a Virginia-based company.

- Nearly 90 percent of Prestonsburg Community College faculty and staff who responded to a union survey voiced their lack of confidence in President Dr. Deborah Floyd.

- With an October 1 deadline looming large in the distance, Allen city officials scrambled to get the needed signatures that will give a green light to a wastewater treatment plant there.

SEPTEMBER

- Sam Hall went on trial in federal court September 9 on charges he tried to have his cousin murdered, but a great many other Floyd Countians soon discovered that they too were his victims. Hall, who has operated a septic tank cleaning service in Floyd County for a number of years, was under investigation by local and federal authorities for dumping sewage and toxic wastes into an abandoned underground mine near McDowell.

Hall admitted dumping sewage from his septic tank cleaning service near an abandoned deep mine on Bill Hall Branch, but he said he had permission from the Floyd County Health Department to do it.

The Environmental Protection Agency confirmed September 12 that "emergency" operations have removed more than 6,000 gallons of liquid waste from an abandoned mine, which is located on property owned by Sam Hall, despite Hall's insistence that he has not dumped waste into the mine.

- The body of 11-year-old Cassandra M. Callahan, of Van Lear, who had been underwater for nearly an hour, was recovered September 1 from the Dewey Lake spillway on John's Creek.

- The Commonwealth of Kentucky scored its first victory early in the month in a special investigation of alleged political corruption in Floyd County.

After striking out in three earlier cases, the state earned a win when Calvin Howell, 42, pleaded guilty to amended charges of attempted vote buying.

- Kentucky State Police arson investigator Detective Barry McKenzie and Detective David Maynard said there is no evidence of racial motivation or a hate crime in the fire at the Emmanuel Full Gospel Church in Hi Hat September 1.

- The Left Beaver Rescue Squad and Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad personnel worked for two hours to get to the location of an accident on Bill Hall Branch in McDowell and transport the victim to an ambulance. The site of the accident was not accessible by all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). George Chaffin, 45, was injured when the bulldozer he was operating flipped and threw him from the cab.

- Calls for help from the cliff across from the Auxier bridge drew concern from area residents September 3, but members of the Floyd County Rescue Squad called off their search after about two hours when no one was found.

- George Chaffin, 45, was transported to the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital and later flown to the Good Samaritan Medical Center in Lexington, when he was thrown from a bulldozer after it flipped twice.

- Two early morning shootings September 4 in Martin are thought to be connected to a similar incident earlier this summer.

Martin Police Officer Jeff Powell said he thought the shootings were connected to a shooting at Cash Saver in Martin "about five or six weeks ago."

- The link, connecting U.S. 23 where it detours near Hager Hill at

Paintsville to the four-lane area north of Paintsville near the junction of 460 and 23, was expected to be open to travelers around late October, Denton Biliter, chief district engineer with the Kentucky Department of Highways office at Pikeville, said.

- More than 100 area residents tried to put a halt to plans by the city of Prestonsburg to build a new golf course and athletic complex on top of the mountain.

- Danny Lee Waddles, 21, of Gas Fork Road, was indicted by the Floyd County Grand Jury for allegedly shooting four people during an altercation August 2 in Allen.

- With only 75 signatures needed for the City of Allen to receive the "green light" to continue with the sewer project, some residents still refused to sign user agreements, apparently because of fears that they haven't been told everything about what the project will cost them.

- Frank Newsome was indicted by the Floyd County Grand Jury Monday in connection with the November 18 shooting death of Willie Robert Hatfield, 41, also of Prestonsburg.

- John David Osborne, 30, of McDowell, was taken into custody about 2 p.m. September 4 and charged with second-degree arson, a class B felony, for setting fire to the Emmanuel Full Gospel Church in Southern Floyd County.

- The E-911 advisory board voted September 17 to recommend that the 89-cent surcharge, which has been collected from residents' telephone bills for more than five years, be suspended.

- John M. Scalf, 23, of Beaver, was pronounced dead at the scene of a two-vehicle accident on the Mountain Parkway, by Magoffin County Coroner Glen Conley September 16.

- No one was seriously injured when a Floyd County school bus tipped over on its side early Monday morning as the road fell out from under driver DeWayne Crum, on the Left Fork of Little Paint.

- A mother and her daughter, Pauline Newsome, 28, and Ashley Dawn Hinkle, 8, both of Prestonsburg, died September 16 when their car collided with a truck on Route 23 after apparently hydroplaning into another lane.

- A Floyd County school's teachers and principal, who were in line for rewards after last year's test results were released, found them-

Dispute

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filed by Tony Hall Jr., Amburgey passed the check for payment "knowing that it will not be honored by the drawee."

The warrant indicates that Amburgey passed the check from the United States Treasury Department to Hall and signed his brother's name to the back of the check.

During arraignments Thursday in Floyd District Court, Amburgey's brother, Donald Amburgey, told Judge Allen that he wanted his brother to stay away from him.

"He stole my SSI check and I want him to stay away from me," Donald said.

Judge Allen entered a not-guilty plea to Amburgey's felony charge. He was placed under a \$5,000 or ten-percent bond pending a preliminary hearing at 2:30 p.m. January 8.

Allen also ordered that Amburgey stay away from his brother and family.

Also arraigned Thursday was a 21-year-old Floyd County man who was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicating beverage for the fourth time in the last five years.

Ray Hatfield Jr., of Price, was arrested on December 30 and charged with fourth-offense DUI and second-degree wanton endangerment after he was involved in an accident on Route 122, according to Floyd County deputy Steve Little's report.

Little's report said Hatfield had three other passengers, one of which was a juvenile, in his vehicle when the accident with another vehicle occurred.

The accident sent three persons from the other vehicle to the hospital, according to the deputy's report.

A not-guilty plea was entered to Hatfield's felony charges, and a preliminary hearing is scheduled at 2:30 p.m. January 8.

Hatfield is being held under a \$10,000 or ten percent bond at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center.

selves in the proverbial hot seat after an audit of writing portfolio scores found a scores match of only eight percent. W.D. Osborne was one of 100 schools across the state to have eighth-grade writing portfolio scores scrutinized by state officials. Osborne plummeted nearly 70 points.

- Wheelwright Mayor David Marlee Sammons announced at the September city commission meeting that the city received a \$366,010 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to upgrade the community pool and park area.

- Larry D. Goble, owner of Larry's Mega Mart on Route 1428, entered a plea of no contest to the charges that he or an employee violated the state law that sets the legal age for buying alcoholic beverages.

- Firefighters from Betsy Layne battled a blaze at the home of Gradis and Golda Boyd September 20 but the home was a complete loss.

- Students in the Floyd County School System got a chance to strut their stuff when members of the Task Force on Public Education school visit team came to the county.

- The owner of Cactus Jacks, Sandy Woods, asked that the Floyd County Fiscal Court consider an ordinance that will allow her to serve alcohol by the drink in her restaurant. That request is on the court's agenda meeting after nearly

five months of conflict between Woods and County Judge-Executive Ben Hale.

The issue came to an abrupt halt at the meeting September 20.

With little discussion, magistrates on the Floyd County Fiscal Court let die a motion requesting Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley draft an ordinance to allow Woods to serve alcohol by the drink at the restaurant.

- Clarence Traum, administrator of Highlands Regional Medical Center pleaded guilty September 18 to endangerment and harassment charges in connection with an April car chase through the city of Prestonsburg.

- Deputies of the Floyd County Sheriff's department asked the Floyd County Fiscal Court to consider implementing a merit plan, similar to the plan utilized by other county employees, for the sheriff's department. The deputies said they wanted to be treated like other county employees. But magistrates said they are concerned about liabilities they might be responsible for if they make the deputies county employees.

—Frankie T. Blackburn, 20, of Prestonsburg, was pronounced dead early September 23 in a single-car accident near Louisa, and John V. Case, 17, of Garrett, was transported by a Healthnet helicopter to St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

- A Prestonsburg City Police

officer was dismissed from his duties September 20 by Mayor Jerry Fannin. Fannin said Shag Branham was fired because the department was "not happy with his performance."

- Three Floyd County residents were transported to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital after a two-car head-on collision

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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

The Year Ahead

by Scott Perry

The end of one year and the beginning of another generally gives rise to mixed emotions for us. We wonder, and worry, about what the new year will bring, yet anticipate the time ahead with some excitement.

The *Times* will be marking its 70th year in 1997, and we thought this might be an appropriate occasion to give you a sneak preview of our plans for the year.

First, our own physical reconstruction...a new office and a new printing facility...will hopefully be completed early in 1997.

Once that is done you'll see a new look for our paper and the five others we print in the region.

Press upgrades and technological improvements will permit us to go full color this year, hopefully before the spring thaw.

From the editorial side of our operation, we've got several projects on the drawing board.

The first, coming in late February, is our annual Portrait

of Home, a massive special edition that provides a look at our area's past, present and future. Included in that special edition this year will be a commemorative recollection of the 1957 Flood.

In March we'll be launching a new publication called *Time Out*, which will offer our sports and outdoors enthusiasts a combination of stats and stories in a package like they've never seen before. *Time Out* will publish every other month, six times a year.

From the investigative/analytical side of our business, we'll be looking at a number of issues, including absenteeism in our schools; high gasoline prices; and the impact of welfare reform on Floyd Countians in general and Eastern Kentuckians as a whole.

Of course the nature of the newspaper business does not allow us to plan for everything...it wouldn't be "news" if it did...so much of what lies ahead is for us, like you, a continuing "coming attraction."

We hope to be your window to that world.

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. Letters must be received no later than 10 a.m. Tuesday for publication in Wednesday's issue and 10 a.m. Thursday for Friday's issue. 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.

Honor school board members for service

Editor:
It's been said that children are our most precious resource. Having just retired after 20-plus years of service on my local school board, I am a firm believer in that idea.

I'm also a firm believer in the value of the contributions being made in your community and statewide by the members of Kentucky's local boards of education.

January has been proclaimed by President Clinton, Gov. Patton and various local officials as School Board Recognition Month.

At other times during the year, we honor the efforts of teachers, administrators, bus drivers, nurses and other school support personnel to the process of educating our children.

It's just as appropriate to give due appreciation to the service of the nearly 900 volunteers serving on Kentucky's locally elected schools boards.

I've seen many changes in our school boards over the past two decades.

But one thing that has never altered one iota is the dedication of these men and women to making high quality education for our children their number one priority. To me, that's what makes the theme for this year's observation so proper, "Kentucky school boards...We're About Kids!"

Everyone likes to offer new learning tools to students, pay top dollar for outstanding school staff and watch the rows of graduates receive their diplomas at the end of the year.

No one enjoys raising necessary tax revenues, closing schools due to shifting enrollment patterns or cutting the human resources of a school district to make the books balance.

You accept such responsibilities when you agree to represent your community on a school board.

Your community's school board members are solid examples of leadership, vision and civic character.

At a maximum of \$40 a month \$1,000 a year, they won't ever be

overpaid, but their contributions should never go unnoticed or unappreciated.

I'm proud to have worked for children on my local school board. Together, let's make an opportunity this month to say "thanks" for your school board's commitment to being "about kids!"

Norman Menshouse
Russell, Kentucky
Former member of Russell Independent School Board

Thanks

Editor:
I have enjoyed reading the paper even though I have been gone about 54 years. Most the names I find are ones I never knew.

But I still have friends and kin-folks there. I'm related to the Lafferties, Campbells Spears and more—I have my one and only son there, Freddie Robert, nieces and nephews. I thank you for the way you run the paper; much better than it used to be.

Hey! I got gypped last year, but this time I'm saving on my senior citizen discount. I will be 76 years old, January 20, 1997. Thanks again.

Ollie P. Allen
Oak Hill, Ohio

Praise for Watson

Editor:
I would like to take this time to thank Ms. Melinda Watson of Martin for her time and effort she showed to the Resident Council at

Grigsby Heights and Pageant Hill for the past year.

Melinda, you will be missed for your hard work and your time you spent trying to bring our developments together as a community.

You are very talented and you have special gifts for all people to see you are special.

I know that you will do your best in college and that your college education will take you to high goals! Melinda, you are an achiever.

Once again, thank you for your hard work. I will miss you as a member of the resident council.

Rita C. Ousley, RIC
Housing Authority of Martin

Expresses gratitude

Editor:
I wish to express my gratitude to you and your staff for publishing the article I recently submitted to you for publication. I was very surprised to see the article printed so quickly.

I have had a very positive result from the prompt publication of my article.

Again, thank you and your staff for your help in making my program a step forward in aiding disabled people live more independent lives.

Doniella Newsome
Personal Care Attendant
Program Coordinator
The Center for Accessible Living

EDITORIAL DEADLINES

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Other Voices

by Rick Bentley

It's finally over.

Barring another brain cramp in Frankfort—and what are the odds of that these days?—the saga of the Clawvern Jacobs trial has reached a merciful and somewhat bittersweet end.

It's hard to believe it's been nearly 10 autumns since that night in Pippa Passes when Judy Ann Howard was taken from the tiny, remote campus of Alice Lloyd College. I was a sophomore at the school at the time, and like about 500 classmates, my world came to a screeching halt on that September night.

I was on campus that night, a very normal, beautiful September evening, as I remember it. I had walked from my dorm room, on the far end of campus, to the local hangout at the time, Uncle Gene's Pizza. Uncle Gene's was the only restaurant on campus, and the only place to get food in Pippa Passes with the exception of the cafeteria and the school-run grill.

Arnold's it wasn't, but the pizza was tasty.

I had stopped off at a trailer that evening, talking to a freshman coed who lived there I knew from home. She was from Elkhorn City and had dated a cousin of mine, so we talked a lot on the porch of her school-provided housing.

That fall, there was a tremendous

number of female students living on campus; there were so many, the two female dorms weren't enough to hold them all. She was one of them, and shared the trailer with a few other females.

There were places like that around campus, units normally reserved for faculty—nearly every teacher and student lived on campus at the time—that were being used for coed housing that fall.

It was in one of those places that, legend has it, Judy Howard spent the final evening of her life.

She was there watching movies with some friends, we were later told. It was ironic they were apparently watching slasher movies, and when the time came to go back to her dorm, Howard said good-bye, and headed across the tiny, one-land road that snakes its way through this Knott County hollow.

She was on her way up the hill to Lilly Memorial Hall. She would never complete the journey.

What followed was the most eerie, confusing and confounding three days of my life. We found out later that night that Howard was indeed found, dead, and her apparent killer was nearby.

Media members flocked to the campus; the Lexington newspaper ran color photos of the campus on its front page, one showing the flag standing at half-mast. The local television station, still in

its infancy, finally had a real story on its hands, and was there.

Silence is the thing I'll remember most.

A college campus is a loud place, to say the least. The dorms, the classrooms, the gymnasium, the very campus itself is alive. Alice Lloyd is a small college to say the least; it's not out of the realm of possibility to have single classes at some universities with more students than attend this private, liberal-arts school. But when you get 500 or so 17-23 year olds together, it can be a noisy sight.

That wasn't the case that week. The only thing loud was the silence, which screamed out from between the hills which held this community in its hands.

Five hundred college students had lost one of their own, and were scared out of their wits.

My life changed that week. It's hard to lose someone you know—regardless of how little you actually knew them—to such brutality and shrug it off. I watched as my classmates—friends I had known a lifetime, in some cases—dealt with the loss of one of their own, and every female student there thinking, "That could have been me."

Soon, the name Clawvern Jacobs was ingrained in my mind. If I live to be 100 years old, I doubt I'll be able to forget it. He stood accused of this death, this brutality, this loss. He changed the lives of

all of us, and we wanted justice.

But I'm forced to step aside and wonder about the Howard family. I've never met them, and I can only imagine what the last ten years of their lives have been like. I lost more of a classmate than a friend—an acquaintance, I guess. They lost their very own, the one God gave them. The one they had raised and molded.

Judy left her Martin County home that weekend to be educated. Clawvern Jacobs sent her to an early death.

The Howards suffered that terrible loss, a loss that will never heal. A car can be replaced. A home rebuilt. A life is gone forever.

They suffered for more than two years before Jacobs was finally sentenced by a jury of his true peers—his fellow Knott Countians—to death by the electric chair.

Then, a couple of years later, they suffered again when the state Supreme Court overturned the verdict, saying the trial should have been moved out of Knott County.

The family suffered until last week, when the trial began anew in Warren County. It was moved there from Floyd County, to the other end of the state, in an effort to give Jacobs a fair trial.

What about Judy Howard's fair trial!

What about her right to have her case heard by a jury of her peers! When

would this take place? Never. All because Jacobs left a gathering that night, muttering, "Let's go get us a woman."

What he took was her life.

Last week, a jury again sentenced him to lose his.

Seeing Jacobs die will not bring Judy Howard back to her family. But perhaps, seeing justice prevail for a change will help relieve some of the pain.

Now let's hope Frankfort does us a favor and stays out of this for a change.

In the last year or so, at least two movies have caused us to think about our stance on the death penalty. *Dead Man Walking* and *Last Dance* were both thought-provoking movies. And it may never come to this. Jacobs could easily die of natural causes long before the state takes his life. It's been decades since someone was killed by the death penalty.

Should that day ever come, it would surely bring a good deal of controversy. But one thing will never change. Judy Howard will never complete her journey to Lilly Hall again, and her parents' lives will never be the same.

Rick Bentley is an award-winning news and sports columnist, and was a classmate of Judy Ann Howard's at Alice Lloyd College at the time of her death in 1987. Today, he is the sports information director at Pikeville College.

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Year in review

September 21 on Route 122, near Hunter. Two of the victims were later transported to other hospitals.

• Employees at R&S Truck Body Company in Allen said they were facing opposition from the owner in an attempt to have a union represent them to ensure job security, safety, and better wages.

• A rock slide on Route 80 claimed the life of a Prestonsburg woman, Angela K. Spradlin, 23, and hospitalized two others early September 26 when the vehicle they were in struck a boulder that had fallen from a cliff.

• At least two investigators from different state agencies were on campus at Prestonsburg High School, but no violations on the renovation site have been reported.

• Two Floyd County men and a 15-year-old male juvenile were arrested after they got into a fight in the Floyd County courthouse.

• George Hale Jr., 56, of Martin, was arrested by Floyd County deputy Homer Neeley and charged with third-degree assault; assaulting a police officer; disorderly conduct; and resisting arrest, according to court records. Neeley said his glasses were knocked off his face when he was hit by Hale. The cause of the fight has not been determined.

• Denver Hall, 36, of Printer, was also arrested and charged with disorderly conduct; resisting arrest; fourth-degree assault; and terroristic threatening. Hall was arrested by deputy Steve Little.

OCTOBER

• A McDowell man was found guilty of four counts of murder for hire on October 24 for ordering the death of his cousin to collect on a \$150,000 insurance policy. Sam Hall is facing a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a \$1 million fine. He was remanded to custody pending sentencing, which is set for January 7.

• The conviction came after several delays in the case and a change of venue, the final time because Hall was hospitalized with a heart condition.

• Hall's defense attorney, Steve Owens, argued the whole issue was a business decision and the two men took out life insurance policies on each other. Owens said the two started "kidding around" about the issue and Albert Hall took it as a "perceived threat."

• That wasn't the only reason Hall was in the spotlight.

• Environmental Protection Agency officials were in Floyd County in early October to begin testing water supplies in the Bill Hall Branch area and discovered that only three of 30 water supplies tested were not contaminated by bacteria and fecal coliform.

• The testing came after the EPA pumped more than 6,000 gallons of waste from a mine in the McDowell area. The waste was reportedly put in the mine by Hall, who owns the property on which the mine is located.

• Fred Stroud, on-scene coordinator for the EPA, also verified at that time that he has heard reports that other areas of the county may have been used as a dump site as well.

• Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson has been investigating Hall for about three years on the dumping issue after he said he received a tip from an anonymous source. He said he had never been able to catch Hall dumping into the mine, however.

• The Prestonsburg Fire Department recovered the body of a 17-year-old Job Corps student from the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River.

• Omari Knight, 17, of the Virgin Islands, was last seen at 12:44 a.m. Sunday on the Route 3 bridge at Lancer, according to a press release from officer Anthony Castle. His body was found approximately 500 feet down stream from the bridge.

• A Prestonsburg man was jailed after he allegedly made two bombs, one of which exploded in the municipal building parking lot.

• Christopher Shawn Cole, 20, was arrested by Fire Marshall Larry Adams and charged with possession of a destructive device, a felony.

• "He jeopardized the lives of people in close proximity," Adams said Tuesday. "The explosive devices were powerful enough to cause serious bodily harm, or even death."

• A Floyd County Circuit judge ruled that a proposed annexation by the city of Prestonsburg be placed on the ballot for residents to decide if they want to be taken into the city limits, even though he ruled that a petition opposing the annexation wasn't sufficient to place it on the ballot.

• Judge John David Caudill ruled that the number of people who signed the petition was not sufficient to stop the annexation.

• The city has been working on annexation plans for the 3,600 acres

on top of the mountain for several months and is planning to build a golf course and athletic complex on the property. They must first annex the land in order to spend city money on the project.

• The City of Allen began to see the light at the end of the tunnel early in the month with their efforts to ensure that a proposed sewage project gets final approval from the Department for Local Government in Frankfort.

• City attorney Brett Davis announced that the unofficial count of signed user's agreements exceeded the required number of 376. But, he added that city clerk Bill Parsons would have to count the agreements and verify the total number.

• In July, the Department for Local Government set the October 1 deadline that required the Allen Sewer Commission to obtain 376 signed user's agreements. The agreements are necessary if the city is to remain eligible for grant funds that will help underwrite the \$3 million project.

• A "long-overdue" renovation project at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park should begin in the near future.

• D.W. Wilburn Construction Company of Lexington was awarded the \$4.2 million renovation project bid.

• The second trial of an Auxier man charged with not paying his garbage bill was delayed for a second time.

• Attorneys said they wanted additional time to research constitutional issues before the trial of Jim Daniels began. A new date was set for November 13.

• An earlier conviction against Daniels was overturned February 15 by District Judge James R. Allen after he learned that a trial notification had not reached Daniels' residence. The first trial was held in Daniels' absence. He was convicted and ordered to jail.

• Funding for a proposed prison in the mid-Atlantic region of the country was approved as part of a last-minute budget passed by Congress. The budget includes money to construct a \$100 million facility "that Kentucky Republicans hope to locate in their state," according to a report in *The Wall Street Journal* September 30.

• It could be another six months before federal officials decide if the prison will be built on a preliminary Martin County site.

• About 25 people who attended a welfare reform rally October 4 in front of Prestonsburg Elementary School. The group wanted more information about the proposed changes in the welfare system. They also said they wanted to have an impact on the direction the plan takes.

• While those present said they think welfare needs to be reformed, they said the changes hurt the wrong people. "We need to reform welfare, but not at the expense of the children going hungry," Betty Hines said. "That really touches me, children going hungry. Two-thirds of the clients on welfare are children."

• Sherri Arms, representing Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, and the others said they are concerned about housing, child care, and transportation, as well as jobs. The proposed plan requires welfare recipients to have jobs within two years with a maximum five-year cap on benefits.

• With 25 certified staff members taking advantage of a retirement plan, the Floyd County Board of Education voted October 8 to extend a retirement benefit to classified staff members as well.

• The board approved a plan that would allow any classified person age 62 or older to retire and receive Social Security and county retirement benefits and be rehired by the system at the full rate of pay.

• Students in Floyd County may be getting another alternative when it comes to alternative education.

• The Floyd County Board of Education October 8 approved referral criteria for students to attend the David School, despite concerns that it might appear that public funds are financing private education.

• "It's apparent that some students are falling by the wayside," board attorney Phil Damron said. "The David School has a reputation of 20 some years of doing something right."

• In what he called "one of the most unusual cases I've ever dealt with," Floyd County Circuit Judge Danny P. Caudill October 4 sentenced a former Floyd County contractor to five years in prison on seven-year-old arson charges.

• Carr, 47, was convicted in 1990 on the charges in connection with a Prestonsburg house fire on April 13, 1986. A former Floyd County Circuit Judge sentenced Carr to a five-year prison term, but he was

never imprisoned on the charges.

• Carr filed an appeal on the sentence on October 14, the day he was to show proof that an appeal had been filed or be sent to prison.

• The "T" word reared its ugly head October 8 during the regular meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education.

• While Superintendent Dr. John Balentine recommended the board approve the compensating tax rate, board members said they wanted to leave the rate the same as it was last year.

• The compensating rate would have increased the rate on real estate to 58.7 cents per \$100 of property from 57.1 cents per \$100. On a \$50,000 piece of property the difference in those two rates would have been \$8.

• The recommended rate on personal property would have been 61.4, down from 63.5 last year.

• "The thing about it is, we're raising the tax rate," board member Ursal Ray Wilcox said.

• Taxes in Floyd County were inching their way up.

• Members of the Floyd Fiscal Court during a special meeting October 4 voted to approve a state-required tax increase on real estate in the county.

• That vote, which will increase the property tax bill on a \$50,000 home by just \$1, did not come without opposition, however.

• Magistrate Jackie Owens and Elmer Ray Johnson voted against the move. Magistrate Gerald DeRossett and Eralm Tackett voted for the move, along with County Judge-Executive Ben Hale.

• "Why do we have the law on our side to raise the taxes, but we don't have the law to lower them?" Johnson asked. "The state's going to have to live with it, not me."

• Owens said he is opposed to taxes in general and would not vote for the increase even though the state has legislated that the county's tax rate for real estate be no lower than 14 cents per \$100 of property.

• The county's original rate was 13.8 cents per \$100.

• All other tax rates in the county remain the same as they were last year. The rate for personal property is 16.3 cents per \$100 of property. It is 19.7 cents per \$100 on motor vehicles and watercraft.

• Creditors of ThunderRidge Racing may be a step closer to getting repaid after attorneys for Appalachian Racing Inc. appear in bankruptcy court later this month for a hearing.

• Thomas Bunch II, one attorney for Appalachian Racing, said the company must present a disclosure statement at the October 30 hearing to be held in Lexington. The disclosure statement details the company's financial past, present and future and explains to creditors how the company will repay some of its debts.

• Appalachian Racing filed Chapter 11 bankruptcy on November 22, 1994.

• Creditors won't immediately receive payment, however. "Once the plan is approved, there will be a period of time before they get their money," Bunch said. "But once this is approved we can begin doing the things the plan tells us to."

• A Branham's Creek resident saved the lives of two of his neighbors October 4 when their trailer caught on fire and they could not escape the flames and smoke.

• Clois Hamilton, 51, is considered by some to be a hero for his unselfish act of pulling David Denny, 32, and Tracy Akers from the fire, after they attempted to escape but could not because they were overcome by the smoke.

• Two Conley Fork residents were arrested October 7 after a two-month investigation of numerous drug buys in the city near Prestonsburg High School.

• The investigation, conducted by Prestonsburg Police sergeant Anthony Castle and patrolman Mike Conn, led to the arrests of Eddie and Mary Jones.

• Eddie Jones, 34, was arrested shortly after the high school dismissed students for the day Monday. He was charged with trafficking a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school; three counts of unlawful transaction with a minor, second degree; and possession of marijuana.

• Mary Jones, 31, who was arrested at the same time, was charged with trafficking a controlled substance within 1,000 yards of a school, and three counts of second-degree unlawful transaction with a minor.

• Castle said additional charges would be filed against the couple.

• No Prestonsburg High School students or other juveniles were involved in the drug bust.

• Emergency volunteers in Floyd County were upset with magistrates on the Floyd County Fiscal Court.

Magistrates, at the last fiscal court meeting, tabled the purchase of pagers for volunteers and the remapping of the county, both of which are required to implement enhanced 911 in Floyd County and both of which had been recommended by the advisory board and the 911 board.

• The group expressed its displeasure at an advisory board meeting held October 2 and asked that magistrates come to a special meeting so the volunteers might answer any questions they have about the need for pagers or the remapping of the county.

• The Floyd Fiscal Court October 18 voted to purchase pagers for volunteer responders. The magistrates, however, went against the recommendation of the 911 advisory board and the 911 board and tentatively gave the contract to Delongs Paving.

• Magistrate Jackie Owens also recommended at that meeting that the court approve remapping of the county.

• "The reason 911 is not up and going is that it's never been mapped," Owens said. "We gave the contract to Big Sandy (Area Development District) for five years and it's not worth a plugged nickel."

• Owens made a motion to give the remapping contract to Network Design Inc. of Arkansas at an estimated cost of about \$140,000.

• "But I don't see letting Big Sandy ADD off the hook," Owens said. "I want to sue Big Sandy ADD to get our money back."

• Four Prestonsburg City Council candidates reportedly filed complaints against eight other candidates in the same race for alleged campaign finance violations.

• In his complaint, Richard Price alleged that Hansel Cooley, Robert Allen, Gorman Collins Jr., Danny Hamilton, Bill R. Collins, Trent Nairn, Ralph Davis, and Estill Carter violated election laws by "attempting to run a slated ballot and have combined their resources to win their election to the Prestonsburg City Council."

• Price said three other candidates — Mike Meade, Chris Gulick, and Roy Compton — filed similar complaints with the Kentucky Registry of Elections in Frankfort.

• Price said he based his complaint on KRS 121.180, which states that a candidate cannot spend money raised for one race on another race for a different office; on a different issue than the money was raised for; or for another candidate.

• The eight against whom the complaint was filed have been running joint advertising, with two or three of the candidates paying for each ad with the final cost of all newspaper advertising to be split equally between the eight. They were told they could run the advertising as they did.

• The Kentucky Court of Appeals upheld a lower court's decision that a member of the Floyd County Development Authority had not violated the authority's conflict-of-interest policy.

• Dolores Smith was exonerated in the decision from allegations by former Floyd County Attorney Jim Hammond that she had violated the authority's conflict of interest policy because she is a co-owner of R & S Truck Body.

• The Court of Appeals upheld the decision of the Floyd Circuit Court based on Smith's disclosure of her interest in R & S Truck Body and her abstention from all votes in reference to a project by the authority to develop an industrial site for R & S.

• A Martin City Councilman and businessman received burns on about 30 percent of his body when an explosion from an open gas line ripped through a rental apartment he was remodeling October 14.

• Earrit M. Hayes, 82, was listed in fair condition in the burn unit at the Cabell-Huntington Hospital in West Virginia where he was transported after the explosion Monday.

• Hayes was renovating an apartment, located above his barbershop on Main Street in Martin, when the explosion occurred around 7:15 p.m.

• Apparently Hayes installed a gas line and turned the gas on to the apartment just before the explosion, Martin Fire Chief William Petry said Tuesday.

• Employees at R&S Truck Body at Allen rejected union representation October 11 by the slimmest of margins, but a final tally on the vote will likely be made in court.

• The voting process was conducted October 11 by secret ballot with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) in Cincinnati. On Tuesday, the election clerk said the report of the vote was not available at the time.

• A one-vote difference decided the union issue, with 56 workers

voting against representation by the National Conference of Firemen and Oilers and 55 employees supporting the union.

• A total of 19 voters were challenged, however, and the disposition of those challenges could alter the outcome.

• A Floyd County assistant Commonwealth Attorney was charged in Franklin District Court October 15 on charges that he did not pay withholding taxes for four years.

• Dan Rowland, a Floyd County attorney, was charged — after a six-month investigation by the Internal Revenue Service, with criminal attempt to evade paying employee withholding taxes, a Class A misdemeanor. Rowland allegedly failed to file and pay employee withholding taxes for the years 1991-1995 on the employees working for him in his private law office.

• He allegedly owes about \$2,000 plus penalties and interest in back taxes. If he is found guilty of the charges, he faces 12 months in jail, a \$500 fine, or both.

• Floyd County schools superintendent Dr. John Balentine was found dead at his home October 16 evening a few hours after leaving the scene of a major bus accident in southern Floyd County.

• Balentine, 58, was described as "a calming influence" at the scene of the bus wreck where about 50 students suffered minor to moderate injuries.

• The superintendent moved throughout the crowd of frightened students and parents reassuring them that everything was all right.

• "Thank the good Lord that no one was seriously injured," Balentine said at the scene. "Most of the kids are just really, really frightened."

• Balentine's body was taken to Florence, Alabama where he grew up and graduated from Rogers High School.

• The board named Phil Paige acting superintendent two days after Balentine's death. Paige, a 15-year veteran of the system, served as both superintendent and director of instruction until interim superintendent Louie Martin was named October 23.

• Martin, a Letcher County native, will serve until a permanent superintendent is hired or 100 work days, whichever comes first. He is the third interim superintendent in as

many years.

• A Floyd County School bus carrying nearly 50 students from Duff Elementary and Allen Central High School veered across the white line and struck a coal truck parked beside the road October 16.

• Most of the students and the driver, Elinda Green, were taken to area hospitals where most were treated, and released. Three of the students remained hospitalized at the end of the month with broken bones and bruises.

• A preliminary investigation conducted by the Kentucky State Police shows that a student disturbance led to the accident and that the driver was apparently trying to control the students when the crash occurred.

• Green said she had been having problems with students on the vehicle for several days before an accident.

• An Ashland Happy Mart employee was arrested October 20 after he reported an armed robbery and was then caught with nearly \$1,700 in his car.

• Daniel M. Barker, 23, of Flat Gap, was charged with theft by unlawful taking and falsely reporting an incident.

• Big Sandy Health Care (BSHC) employees sent a message to the board of directors October 23 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.

• Instead of black, Martin residents and students draped their town in purple and gold October 23 in memory of a former coach and Kentucky High School Athletic Association Hall of Famer.

• Denzil "Hoss" Halbert, 74, died around 11 p.m. October 22 at his home in Martin following an apparent heart attack.

• Halbert was a father, educator, basketball coach and, more importantly, a positive influence on the lives of many students and players who learned under his tutelage.

• Floyd County schools fared well in the October round of KIRIS tests results. Eleven of the 19

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Johnson County

Elder J.T. Bailey, 96, of Johnson County, died December 25. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eric M. Evans Bailey. Funeral services were December 29, at the United Baptist Church.

Marie Ward Preston, 75, of Meally, died December 22. She was preceded in death by her husband, Homer W. Preston. Funeral services were December 26, at the Buffalo United Baptist Church at Meally.

Robert Grim, 29, of Johnson County, died December 22. He is survived by his parents, Bobby and Gail Meek Grim of Nippa. Funeral services were December 24, at the Tom's Creek Free Will Baptist Church.

Murlie Cantrell, 90, of Johnson County, died December 18. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ira Scott Cantrell. Funeral services were December 21, at the Dalton Funeral Home in Germantown, Ohio.

Irene Stamper Johnson, 61, of Paintsville, died December 23. Funeral services were December 25,

at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Cassie Louise Burns, 5, of Paintsville, died December 25. She is survived by her parents, Smith and Sharon Wombles Burns. Funeral services were December 29, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Callie Williams, 80, of Johnson County, died December 27. She was preceded in death by her husband, Estill M. Williams. Funeral services were December 29, at the Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel.

Raymond Salyer, 73, of Blaine, died December 28. He is survived by his wife, Delphia Salyer. Funeral services were December 31, at the Blaine Freewill Baptist Church.

Martin County

James Baldwin, 64, of Inez, died Sunday, December 22. He was a retired custodial engineer with the Martin County Board of Education. He is survived by his wife, Betty Horn Baldwin. Funeral services were December 25, at the Turkey Church of the Nazarene.

Geza Zsoldos Jr., 85, of Beauty, died December 28. He was a retired

coal miner. Funeral services were at St. John Neuman Church.

Nancy Chapman James, 72, of Lovely, died December 27. She is survived by her husband, Russell James. Funeral services were December 31, at the Lovely United Baptist Church.

Pike County

Dillard Taylor, 79, of Pikeville, died December 26. He was a former deputy sheriff and coal miner. Funeral services were December 29, at the Morris Chapel of Justice Funeral Services.

Clarence Lundy Helton, 52, of Elkhorn City, died December 27. He was a coal miner. He is survived by his mother, Julia Jackson Slone, his stepfather, Hent Slone of Elkhorn City, and his wife, Barbara Ellen Helton. Funeral services were December 30, at the Hylton Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Lurley Causey, 83, of Shelbyana, died December 29. Funeral services were January 1, at the Morris Funeral Home Chapel.

Hobert Bostic, 80, of Pinsonfork, died December 29. He was a retired coal miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Edna May Bostic. Funeral services were December 31, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Varney twins, infant children of Anthony and Jennifer Coleman Varney, died December 27. Graveside services were December 28, at the Coleman Cemetery, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Ester Tackett Johnson, 76, of Virgie, died December 27. She is survived by her husband, Victor Johnson. Funeral services were December 30, at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Edith Alene Ratliff, 68, of Elkhorn City, died December 29. She was preceded in death by her husband, Chris Ratliff. Funeral services were January 1, at the Bowling Fork Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Grace W. Call, 97, of Pikeville, died December 30. She was preceded in death by her husband, Grover

Cleveland Call. Funeral services were January 1, at the First Presbyterian Church.

Jacqueline Hampton, 47, of Virgie, died December 22. She is survived by her mother, Inez Turvey Workman, and her husband, Elmer Hampton. Funeral services were December 26, at the Shelbiana Church of Christ, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Julia Harper McCoy, 94, of Regina, died December 26. Funeral services were at the Bailey Funeral Home.

Luther E. Blackburn, 80, of Biggs, died December 25. He was a mine foreman. He is survived by his wife, Hester Jeffers Blackburn. Funeral services were December 28, at the Call Funeral Home.

Tim Eugene Smith, 38, of Burnwell, died December 23. He was a disabled U.S. Navy veteran. He is survived by his parents, Frank C. and Leonore M. Smith of Burnwell. Funeral services were December 26, at the Burnwell Church of God, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Cecil E. Smith, 76, of Elkhorn City, died December 23. He was a retired coal miner and steel worker. Funeral services were December 28, at the Peter Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Velma Hylton Swiney, 66, died December 25. She was preceded in death by her husband, James Nokomis Swiney. Funeral services were December 28, at the Breaks Church of Christ, under the direction of the Bailey Funeral Home.

Melster Damron Stewart, 58, of Elkhorn City, died December 25. Funeral services were December 28, at the Lucas and Hall Funeral Home.

Joseph May Jr., 69, of Raccoon, died December 26. He was a logger. Funeral services were December 29, at the Grassy Freewill Baptist Church.

Lena Johnson, 91, of Hitchens, died December 23. She was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Johnson. Funeral services were December 27, at the United Holy Pentecostal Church, under the direction of the Rogers Funeral Home.

Myrcle Kimberlain Ratliff, 87, of Pikeville, died December 24. She is survived by her husband, Trimble Ratliff. Funeral services were December 27, at the J. W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Eunice Ball Thomas, 92, of Pinsonfork, died December 24. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Thomas. Funeral services were December 27, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Obituaries

Myrtle Hamilton Bentley

Myrtle Hamilton Bentley, 65, of Virgie, died Tuesday, December 24, 1996, at the Rockcastle Hospital in Mt. Vernon.

Born February 20, 1931 in Floyd County, she was the daughter of Sarah Hamilton and the late German Hamilton.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Holley Bentley.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by one daughter, Wanda Mullins of Virgie; three brothers, Sie B. Hamilton of Harold, and Charles and Jonas Hamilton, both of Lorain; two sisters, Mary Bell Bartley of Lorain, and Menda Faye Hamilton of Pikeville; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Friday, December 27, at the Lucas and Hall Funeral Home with the Old Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Rob Newsom Cemetery at Little Robinson Creek, under the direction of Lucas and Hall Funeral Home of Pikeville.

Allie Sparkman Jacobs

Allie Sparkman Jacobs, 62, of Estill, died Wednesday, January 1, 1997, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born August 18, 1934 at Pippa Passes, she was the daughter of the late Troy and Nancy Slone Sparkman.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Mabry Jacobs.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathy Dye of Garrett and Katy Bradley of Eastern; four brothers, Vansel Sparkman of Garrett, Harlis Sparkman of Dearborn Heights, Michigan, and Ishmael Sparkman and Sampie Sparkman, both of Kendallville, Indiana; two sisters, Aileen Slone of Hindman and Vina Tuttle of Garrett; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 3, at 11 a.m., at the Mt. Olive Old Regular Baptist Church at Pippa Passes, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial will be in the Sloan Cemetery at the Mouth of Trace at Pippa Passes, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Betty Thacker

Betty Thacker, 90, of Harold, died Wednesday, December 25, 1996, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born July 18, 1906 in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Margaret Adkins Thacker and Nat Thacker.

Survivors include her husband, Tommy Thacker; one son, Everett Blackburn of Regina; 24 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were December 28, at the Justice Funeral Home Chapel with Bradley Billiter and others officiating.

Burial was in the Soward Cemetery at Shelbyana.

Mattie R. Hall

Mattie R. Hall, 63, of Lexington, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, December 31, 1996, at Homestead Nursing Center, following an extended illness.

Born April 25, 1933 in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Virgie Reedy. She was a retired school teacher and nurses assistant. She was preceded in death by her husband, Victor Hall, in 1990.

Survivors include one son, Greg Hall of Lexington; two brothers, Denver Reedy of Redmon, Washington, and Troy Reedy of Ypsilanti, Michigan; three sisters, Inez Owens and Laverne Slone, both of Bevinville, and Rhoda Keith of North Carolina; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 3, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial will be in the Newman Cemetery at Hi Hat, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Kenneth E. Hall

Kenneth E. Hall, 51, formerly of Wheelwright, died January 1, 1997, at his home in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

He was born October 12, 1945 in Floyd County and was a son of Bill Hall of Lexington and the late Marie Short Hall. He graduated from Wheelwright High School and was a drug and alcohol counselor with Life Springs Treatment Center.

In addition to his father, he is survived by his son, Bill E. Hall of New Albany, Indiana; one sister, Phyllis Hall Farthing of Birmingham, Alabama; three brothers, Robert D. Hall of Prestonsburg, Dr. David L. Hall and Michael C. Hall, both of Atlanta Georgia; and one granddaughter.

Visitation will be from 3 to 9 Friday at the Coots Funeral Home in Jeffersonville, Indiana. Funeral services will be Sunday at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Utica Cemetery in Utica Indiana.

Ella Martin

Ella Martin, 81, of Louisville, died Wednesday, January 1, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born July 15, 1915 at Minnie, she was the daughter of the late Noah and Josephine Martin. She was a graduate of Morehead State University and former teacher at McDowell High School. She was a clerical worker at Seagrams Distillery. She attended the Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include two brothers, William Martin of Martin and James Martin of Drift; and four sisters, Cassie Martin, Stella Hamilton, and Edith Hopkins, all of Minnie, and Bess Helton of Martin.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 3, at 3 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the clergyman Harry Hargis officiating.

Burial will be in the K.F. Martin Cemetery at Minnie, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Pansy Hamilton Kimbler

Pansy Hamilton Kimbler, 85, of Honaker, died Tuesday, December 31, 1996, at her residence.

Born May 14, 1911 at Honaker, she was the daughter of the late Alex and Myra Hamilton. She was a member of the Lancer Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Richard Kimbler; three stepsons, Skippy Kimbler of Honaker, Paul Kimbler of Killeen, Texas, and Larry Kimbler of Dana; two stepdaughters, Linda Dunn of Honaker and Carol Fife of Medina, Ohio; 12 step-grandchildren and nine step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 3, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel with the Evangelist Bennie Blankenship officiating.

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

Frances "Virginia" Keathley

Frances "Virginia" Keathley, 90, of Martin, died Wednesday, January 1, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a brief illness.

Born June 8, 1906 at Allen, she was the daughter of the late Willie and Emma May Hatcher. She was a retired former owner of the Martin Theater and Strand Theater. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Keathley.

Survivors include three sons, Jim Keathley of Thelma, Jack Keathley of Prestonsburg, and Tony Keathley of Lexington; one daughter, Betty Lou Hall of Martin; one sister, Mae Green of Pikeville; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 4, at noon, at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Victoria Blankenship

Victoria Blankenship, 87, of Teaberry, died Monday, December 30, 1996, at her residence.

Born May 5, 1910 at Teaberry, she was the daughter of the late Rhodes and Lovene Hall Newsome. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hiram Blankenship.

Survivors include three sons, Estill Blankenship and Chester Blankenship, both of Teaberry, and Curt Blankenship of Galveston; one sister, Nannie Hamilton of Ashtabula, Ohio; and ten grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, January 3, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the clergymen Ellis Holbrook, Hershell Hamilton, James Branham, Travis Bentley, Squire Hamilton, Cecil Hamilton Jr., Edgar Howell, Clinton Moore and Gary Compton officiating.

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

Rose Hagans Bowling

Rose Hagans Bowling, 77, of Langley, died Wednesday, January 1, 1997, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, following a long illness.

Born April 25, 1919 at Langley, she was the daughter of the late Hiram Gilbert Hagans and Louisa Ratliff Hagans. She was a retired teacher, formerly employed by the Floyd County School System. She attended Eastern University and was a graduate of Pikeville College. She was a member of the Maytown First Baptist Church for 60 years. She was preceded in death by her husband, Elzie Bowling.

Survivors include two sons, Claude Larry Bowling of Falmouth, and Body Barry Bowling of Eastern; one stepson, Robert Elzie Bowling of Mansfield, Ohio; three daughters, Brenda Gaye Hall and Verna Lee Bowling, both of Langley, and Anna Marie Wright of Lexington; two stepdaughters, Dorothy Ann Blevins and Betty Francis Spitalne, both of Toledo, Ohio; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, nine step-grandchildren and 12 step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 4, at noon, at the Maytown First Baptist Church at Langley, with the clergyman Bob Varney officiating.

Burial will be in the Hagans Family Cemetery at Warco, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Pallbearers for Hurd

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Isom Hurd were Jerry Sluss, Tim Hurd, David Hurd, Joe Beezley, Stevie Sirk and Bill Stratton.

Haywood pallbearers

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Ballard Haywood were Greg Haywood, Mike Vanhoose, Jeff Bittle, Sam Johnson, Paul D. Johnson, Brant K. Wiles, Charles W. Webb, Jeff Bingham and Mason Haywood.

Community Calendar

Officer installation, past masters banquet

The members of the Prestonsburg Zebulon Masonic Lodge No. 273 conducted their election of officers at the meeting held on Friday, December 27.

The open installation of officers will be conducted on Saturday, January 4, at 4 p.m., at the James D. Adams Middle School, Prestonsburg. This will be followed by the 68th annual past masters banquet which will be held at the same location at 6 p.m.

Wayne E. Rogers, of Alexandria, grand master of Masons in Kentucky, will conduct the installation of officers and will be the principal speaker at the dinner.

Donald A. Willis is the retiring master of Zebulon Lodge.

John W. Hall Masonic Lodge to install new officers

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950, F&AM, will hold an open installation of officers on Friday, January 3, at 7 p.m., at the lodge hall. Members are asked to bring a dessert for the dinner.

McDowell FRYSC activities to continue

McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center will hold their advisory council meeting January 6,

at 6 p.m., at the resource center. Exercise classes will resume on January 6, at 6 p.m., aerobics will resume January 7, at 6 p.m., GED classes resume January 9, and the nurse from the health department will be back beginning January 6.

ACHS council to meet

The Allen Central High School SBDM council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, January 7, at 3 p.m.

PHS council to meet

The Prestonsburg High School SBDM council will hold its regularly scheduled meeting Thursday, January 9, at 7 p.m.

Adams council to meet

The advisory council of the Adams Middle School Youth Services Center will meet January 7, at 7 p.m., at the center. The public is invited to attend. All council members are asked to attend. Items on the agenda include formation of a selection committee to conduct interviews for the coordinator's position and sixth month financial report.

Past masters banquet

The past masters banquet will be held January 4, at 6 p.m. All members of the Adah Chapter No. 24 are asked to bring a dessert to Adams Middle School.

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Year in review

schools in Floyd County either met or exceeded their goals for the two-year testing cycle. Eight of those will share in an estimated \$27 million in rewards, according to Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody.

Earning rewards are teachers and administrators at Clark Elementary, Harold Elementary, McDowell Elementary, Melvin Elementary, Osborne Elementary, Prater Elementary, Stumbo Elementary, and Betsy Layne High School.

A Floyd County board of education member was under investigation after a school maintenance worker did some work at the board member's home.

Ray Brackett said the investigation stemmed from an "allegation" that a school maintenance worker was doing work for Brackett at Brackett's home on the school's time. He said the worker was on compensatory time and that Brackett paid him with a personal check.

The Parkway Baptist Church, which is located in Magoffin County about a mile west of the Floyd County line on Route 114, was completely destroyed in a fire about 3 a.m. October 26. Investigators suspected arson.

Six Floyd County residents were arrested October 25 after a month-long investigation and raid, Operation: Halloween Ghost, led to the confiscation of more than a half pound of marijuana; cocaine; several firearms, including an assault pistol; and various other drug paraphernalia.

The raid was conducted by Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson and Detective James Rederick, and assisted by deputy Tommy Shelton. Rederick estimated the street value of the drugs exceeded \$6,000. Also obtained during the raid late Friday night were five guns, homemade cocaine pipes, several prescription drugs, and an undisclosed amount of cash, Rederick said.

The month-long investigation targeted the Wheelwright, Weeksbury and Tram areas.

NOVEMBER

Two cities and a county water district joined forces to supply water and sewer services to the proposed site in Martin County for a federal prison.

During a meeting of the board of directors of the Big Sandy Area Development District October 24, the board recommended the city of Prestonsburg and the Martin County Water District provide water to the site, which is near the Johnson-Martin county line on Route 3. The city of Paintsville will supply sewer service.

The barriers were down and traffic was flowing smoothly October 31 on the final leg of the Route 23 corridor between Prestonsburg and Paintsville.

The last four-mile section opened without fanfare October 30 when workers finished putting up safety items, like destination and exit signs.

The only problems were backups at the various stop lights that have been added in the Staffordsville area and confusion at the Turner Branch light in Paintsville.

"We've closed that portion of old 23 to make the new connections," Denton Biltzer, chief district engineer for the state Department of Transportation, said. "It will take about three weeks to finish, hopefully by Thanksgiving, and we'll have that portion of the road back open."

A Martin woman was transported to the University of Kentucky Medical Center after she was accidentally shot in the face October 20 while two friends were examining a gun that was thought to be unloaded.

Marianne Vanderpool, 23, was shot while she was standing beside the road at the Martin "Y." The .22 caliber revolver was fired by Toby Akers.

A Knott County ten-year-old returned 13 \$100 bill he found in the Wal-Mart parking lot because he said he "knew it was the right thing to do."

Derrick Miller will be a hero for a long time in the eyes of Gary Johnson of Wheelwright, who reported the money stolen, but told Prestonsburg police officer Darrell Preston that he didn't think he would get the money back.

Floyd County voters decided overwhelmingly November 5 that they prefer a change in county government from the current magisterial form to the commission form, by a vote of 6,962 for the change and 4,467 against. The change does not become effective until the county-wide primary in 1998.

The turnout of voters Tuesday paralleled growing interest in the issue. Approximately 50 percent of the county's 30,665 registered vot-

ers cast ballots on the question and the turnout was so high in some precincts that election officials were required to install extra polling machines.

Incumbent Eddie Patton retained his seat on the Floyd County School Board in the election. Patton will be joined by newcomers B.J. Newsome and Jody Mullins.

Newsome and Mullins replace Phyllis Honshell and Dr. Brent Clark, who announced in August they wouldn't be seeking re-election.

The "Slate of Eight" will be leading Prestonsburg into the 21st century.

Six incumbents and two other candidates who were running with them handily defeated four other candidates in the race November 5.

Receiving the most votes in the 12-man field was Robert R. Allen II, who received 800 votes.

Other members of the council will be incumbents Estill Lee Carter with 767; Billy Ray Collins with 765; Otis Hansel Cooley with 740; Ralph B. Davis Jr. with 739; Danny H. Hamilton with 672; and newcomers Trent Nairn with 623; and Gorman Collins Jr. with 606.

Vote totals for the other candidates were: Roy L. Compton, 471; Richard G. Price, 421; Michael W. Meade, 410; Chris "Buck" Gulick, 167.

In a hot race in the Martin mayor's race, incumbent mayor Alan R. Whicker narrowly escaped a defeat from former council member Sherry L. Ratliff.

Four of five incumbents running in the Martin City Council race retained their seats. Coming back for another four years will be Hazel D. Robinson, with 162 votes; Eugene Rodney Hutchinson, with 160 votes; Stephen R. Farthing, with 138; votes; and Everett Akers Jr., with 132 votes.

Joining them will be newcomers "Ranger" Rick Caudill, who secured the largest number of votes in the race with 182, and Thomasine Robinson, who garnered 132 votes.

A group of eight candidates for Prestonsburg City Council, all of whom were elected in the November 5 vote, probably did not violate election finance laws, despite four complaints that were filed against them.

Rosemary Centers, General Counsel for the Registry of Election Finance, said November 7 that because the candidates did not form election committees, individually or as a group, and raise a large amount of money, they will probably be cleared of any alleged wrongdoing.

Four of the candidates in the 12-man race filed complaints against the other eight, contending they were "slating" and running advertising together.

Richard Price, Mike Meade, Chris "Buck" Gulick, and Roy Compton each filed complaints against Estill Carter, Hansel Cooley, Robert Allen, Gorman Collins Jr., Danny Hamilton, Bill R. Collins, Trent Nairn and Ralph Davis.

Spearheaded by Roy Spurlock, neighbors on Spurlock Fork of Left Beaver at Salisbury are organizing a community watch to stop illegal dumping in the area.

"It's getting bad up here. It's pitiful. There's old mattresses and everything else," Spurlock said recently. Garbage is strewn along about a quarter mile of area on both sides of Route 2030, he said.

"It don't make sense for us to pay garbage bills and everyone else is dumping their garbage here," he added.

Parents at Prestonsburg High School expressed their concerns about repeated bomb threats, false fire alarms and what they considered safety hazards. Several bomb threats in a few days, two on November 13, had students' attendance rates at about 80 percent.

Parents said they are also concerned about construction hazards that might have been created by the renovation project.

An investigation into numerous thefts of stereo equipment from vehicles in early November in Prestonsburg led to the arrests of two subjects who not only allegedly stole some of the equipment, but also allegedly kidnapped and robbed a Job Corps student at gun point.

Donnie Kazee, 19, of London, and Freddie Blackburn, 18, of Prestonsburg, were arrested November 9 and charged with first-degree kidnapping, first-degree armed robbery, and theft by unlawful taking.

A Henry's Branch man entered a guilty plea to amended sexual abuse charges November 11 in connection with a five-year-old indictment against him.

Joseph James Snyder, 49, pleaded guilty to one count of first-degree sexual abuse. In exchange for the plea, a charge of first-degree

sodomy was merged into the sexual abuse charge. Snyder was to stand trial Monday on the two counts.

Six Prestonsburg High students accused of being involved in the recent disruptions at the high school, were given informal conferences with the principal. The students had to go before the board for expulsion hearings.

Keeping to their word, Floyd County School Board members expelled three students for the rest of the school year for their roles in pulling fire alarms and making bomb threats.

Under state law, the two male juveniles and a female will not be allowed to enroll in any public school district in the state for the remainder of the school year, board attorney Phil Damron said after the hearings. He added those students could apply to "private or military schools."

After his son was expelled, the father of one of the teens, who was a member of the football team, told the board he understood their decision as it related to being in the best interests of all the high school students.

The bomb threat saga at Prestonsburg High School took two new twists when the voice of the caller was captured on tape and then when students were dismissed during morning classes.

A "young male" phoned the Prestonsburg Dispatch around 8:22 a.m. one morning and reported that a bomb was concealed in the school, according to officials with the Prestonsburg Fire Department.

Ten minutes later, the individual called again, this time saying, "You're not getting them out fast enough," Tom Blackburn, Prestonsburg fire chief said.

Later in the month, one adult student and three juveniles were charged in the rash of bomb threats and false fire alarms. Roy Thornsbury, 18, a senior and the son of a Floyd County deputy jailer, was arrested Friday and charged with terroristic threatening for allegedly making a bomb threat at the high school. He pleaded not guilty during his arraignment in Floyd District Court. A pre-trial conference was set for February 13 at 1 p.m.

Floyd County sheriff's deputies and Prestonsburg police officers are standing guard around the clock at the school and are searching students as they enter the school.

Prestonsburg Fire Marshall Larry Adams said that three other juveniles have been charged and more arrests are expected.

Friends and associates of Dr. John Balentine gave the late superintendent a final farewell just as the process for finding his successor began. A memorial service for Balentine, who died suddenly in October, was held November 24 at the Irene Cole Memorial First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

The Floyd Fiscal Court struggled off a request that magistrates resign and concentrated on the business of the county.

"Why should (the magistrates) resign?" magistrate Jackie Owens asked. "They were elected until 1999. District II elected me to be their magistrate and I will continue to serve them until then."

The request was made by Lloyd Goble during an open floor session following the regular business of the county.

A Cliff resident died when a tree limb fell on him, crushing his cervical spine. George S. Vaughan, 68, of Cliff, died at his residence November 16 after a large branch of a tree dislodged and fell on his head.

The scoping study for widening KY 114 from the Licking River in Salyersville to the intersection with Route 23 in Prestonsburg has been completed, but the final design for the construction hasn't.

A public meeting at the Clark Elementary School for Floyd and Magoffin counties was held to inform residents on alternatives that are currently being considered for the improvement of KY 114.

A Floyd County teen escaped serious injury Friday evening after she was hit by a vehicle on South Lake Drive. Andrea Ratliff, a 15-year-old sophomore at Prestonsburg High School, was hit by a vehicle around 4:30 p.m. when she stepped into traffic in front of Quality Tire on South Lake Drive.

A controversy over who should pay for the removal of trash dumped on the Little League field in Wheelwright raised a few questions for the city attorney.

A trash pile had accumulated behind city hall after the city attempted to participate in a county-wide clean-up effort with the Floyd County Solid Waste Commission.

But, after the city had residents bring trash to one location, the solid waste commission never picked it

up. Floyd County Solid Waste director Mike Vance said in October that he had never spoken with Wheelwright Mayor David Marlee Sammons about the trash pick-up. "I think Wheelwright did something after the county cleanup," Vance said.

Floyd County ecology officer Lon May said he was aware that Sammons said county officials were notified about the city's cleanup, but "the city had no agreement with the solid waste commission or the county judge-executive."

Commissioner David Hall said Sammons took the garbage to the Wheelwright Little League ball field.

"The mayor took the junk from behind city hall and dumped it over the hill at the ball field," Hall said.

Twenty recommendations for eliminating black lung and silicosis among 133,000 American coal miners were issued by an advisory committee appointed by Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich. The 116-page report addresses virtually every aspect of existing practices that protect coal miners from the diseases. Committee representatives from labor, mining and academia unanimously approved the majority of the recommendations.

A Mousie resident will have plenty of time in jail, 40 days to be exact, to think about the consequences of driving a vehicle which should have never been on the road.

Billy Cox, 18, was arrested Tuesday morning on Route 114 and charged with seven violations, some of which included possession of less than eight ounces of marijuana, a broken windshield, and no insurance.

During his arraignment, Cox pleaded guilty to the charges.

Cox's fines and court costs totaled more than \$700, and he was sentenced to 30 days in jail for not having insurance coverage, and 10 days on the possession charge.

Floyd District Judge James R. Allen ordered that "vicious" dogs be removed from the Auxier area by the sheriff's department after Sherry Baker, 35, of Auxier, appeared before Judge Allen on charges of harassment.

According to a court summons filed by chief deputy Linzie Hunt, Baker allowed her sons to walk their "vicious" dogs through town on September 30 and angered and annoyed neighbors when the dogs growled and barked.

A Carl D. Perkins Job Corps student was ordered to leave the county and not return. Carol Francois, 19, of Florida, was arrested at the center by Prestonsburg Police sergeant Mike Ormerod.

Francois was cursing and screaming in a public place, according to Ormerod's report, to alarm or annoy the public. The report also indicated that Francois made threats of physical harm against another person in the officer's presence.

The Floyd County Solid Waste Commission has warned that those who are not paying their garbage bills may find liens on their property, their wages garnished, and their credit ratings damaged.

County Attorney Keith Bartley said during the commission's regular monthly meeting that civil suits were going to be filed against everyone who has refused but can afford to pay their bills.

Jim Daniels, whose criminal charges were dismissed earlier this month because the criminal provisions of the county's ordinance were called unconstitutional, was the first non-paying customer served with a civil suit. He was served in the courtroom immediately following the dismissal of criminal charges.

Daniels allegedly owes Rumpke nearly \$1,500 for receiving the garbage service, "and there is no question about it — he is receiving the service," ecology officer Lon May said.

An accident in McDowell claimed the lives of two Floyd County men after their vehicle skidded roadside into a utility pole on Route 680.

The driver, Frank Hall, 36, of Hi Hat, was transported by the Left Beaver Rescue Squad to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

The passenger, Terry Stone, 41, of Bevinville, was pronounced dead at the scene by Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson.

Three Floyd County residents were arrested Friday during the Kentucky State Police's state-wide drug roundup.

James D. Sellards, 31, of Betsy Layne, was arrested and charged with three counts of trafficking a controlled substance.

Paul Fields, 32, of Prestonsburg, was charged with two counts of cultivating marijuana. Jerry McCloud, of Prestonsburg, was served with a

warrant charging him with 16 counts of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud.

Prestonsburg city officials may have to look to the state for help in paying for a hillside slippage at Old Style Mining inside the city limits.

Councilman Estill Lee Carter reported at a council meeting the company had posted a \$10,000 bond prior to mining the site, but "we all know it is inadequate to take care of the situation."

Carter said he had talked with officials at the Department of Abandoned Mine Lands in Frankfort and asked that a plan be drawn up to repair the damage. Mayor Jerry Fannin is to receive the plan and present it to council. He added the plan is expected after the first of the year.

The Floyd County Sheriff's Department arrested a "copycat" caller who allegedly phoned in a bomb threat to Melvin Grade School, just hours after the threat was made.

Wilma Jean Johnson, 38, was arrested Wednesday after she allegedly made a bomb threat at Melvin Grade School. She was charged with terroristic threatening.

Even though a Floyd judge's ruling has been appealed, the city of Prestonsburg is moving on with its plan to construct a golf course and athletic complex.

"As far as we are concerned," Mayor Jerry Fannin said at a council meeting, "the issue has been taken to court and we won, and the property is annexed."

The Prestonsburg City Council gave unanimous approval November 13 to the annexation into the corporate limits of about 3,700 acres of property on top of the mountain behind the city.

The Kentucky School Boards Association (KSBA) began hearing input from the community in the search for a new Floyd County superintendent of schools. Search committee members include board member Eddie Patton, who appointed himself to the panel; Allen Elementary principal Linda Gearheart, elected by the principals; teachers Connie Gearheart and Linda Holbrook, elected by the Floyd County Education Association; and parent representative Mike Hall from Betsy Layne, elected by PTO/PTA members.

A Floyd County trial commissioner resigned her position, and a Judicial Retirement and Removal Commission news release said a more severe penalty would have been issued had she not.

Donna Hall, former trial commissioner, admitted in her defense that she allowed a law enforcement officer to sign her name to two search warrants, according to the release.

Hall alleges that she allowed the officer to sign the search warrants because she was not physically available to sign them herself.

Hall has been publicly reprimanded by the Judicial Retirement and Removal Commission.

The release indicates that determining probable cause for a search warrant requires the intervention of a neutral person to protect citizens from unlawful searches.

The commission found that Hall was "engaged in official misconduct...breached the high standards of conduct necessary to preserve the integrity and independence of the judiciary...failed to respect and comply with the law...and was not faithful to the law."

Martin police officers will be looking forward to the new year because it will mean pay raises for them.

Martin City Council voted unanimously to grant 75-cent per hour pay raises for its four full-time police officers. The increase will bring their pay up to \$7 per hour, Mayor Alan Whicker said.

The increase will cost the city \$5,600 more per year. It will become effective January 1, 1997.

DECEMBER

Gov. Pat Patton's honeymoon with the General Assembly was over in December. The Special Session, which Patton called to reform the state's workers' compensation system, got off to a rocky start with labor leaders vowing to fight the bill.

Under Patton's proposal, the need for litigation would be substantially reduced as well as attorney fees. Attorney fees would be capped at \$1,000 for filing of claims and \$10,000 for appeals. Under his plan, doctors at the state's university hospitals would determine the extent of the injury and its level of compensation.

Despite a nearly six-hour attempt by House labor forces to alter the bill, the proposal designed by Gov. Pat Patton passed almost unchanged by a vote of 80-17.

A ruling by Floyd Circuit Judge

Danny P. Caudill dismissing a theft charge against county road foreman Mike Jarrell was reversed by the Kentucky Court of Appeals.

The appeals court ruled the indictment could not be dismissed for the lack of evidence submitted to a grand jury or because the indictment failed to give the relevant facts to support the charge.

Jarrell was indicted in November 1995 by a special Floyd County Grand Jury investigating allegations of public corruption and election fraud. He is accused of placing more than \$300 worth of county gravel on private property.

A Prestonsburg High School junior died from a gunshot wound incurred in Lexington on Thanksgiving night.

Natasha Judine Yates, 17, of Oil Springs in Johnson County, died at Columbia Hospital, one day after she was shot by an unknown assailant.

The Floyd County Adult Detention Center became the first jail in Eastern Kentucky to go on-line with Victim Information and Notification Everyday (VINE) of Louisville.

VINE has a contract with the state of Kentucky to provide automated notification to victims of violent crimes when offenders are released from jail, according to Jim Brentlinger, engineer and manager of the Kentucky county jail project.

Brentlinger said the Floyd County jail was one of 15 in the state that has the proper computer system for the program.

Jailer Roger Webb said the system should be operating after the first of the year.

West Prestonsburg residents were under a boil water alert after a gas spill December 3. The spill was not reported to the fire department until after an investigation of an odor of gasoline in some West Prestonsburg residences led the department to Action Petroleum Inc.

Prestonsburg Fire Chief Tom Blackburn said Prestonsburg City Utilities didn't think there was gas in the water, the fire department's meter showed a two to three percent reading at one residence.

A representative of the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection said Action Petroleum Inc. will be cited for not reporting the spill. But, Action Petroleum CEO Tim McDonald said that the company had not been cited and he doesn't think it will be.

McDonald estimated the spill to be approximately 20-30 gallons, but added that the amount had not yet been confirmed. He said that the exact amount of the spill would be difficult to calculate because of the mass volumes of gasoline the company handles.

The utility company lifted the boil water advisory because test results did not indicate the water had been contaminated.

What a difference a year makes. Christmas 1995, Sammy and Donna Terry of Martin spent the holiday with their family in a room at the Jewish Inn in Louisville while Sammy awaited a heart transplant.

Sammy Terry was number one on a nationwide donor list for a new heart. His heart was irreparably damaged by heart disease.

Christmas 1996, Sammy Terry was the picture of health and had returned to work at Kinzer Drilling.

During the first week of December, the prospects for developing a federal prison in the Big Sandy region grew stronger. Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale said that federal prison officials associated with the development of that project in Martin County had "almost certainly" decided to relocate the project's site...to property adjacent to the Big Sandy Regional Airport.

Approximately 100 Floyd County residents will not receive their Social Security benefits in January because their disability is drug or alcohol related.

Congress passed Public Law 104-121, a law that prohibits Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments and Medicare or Medicaid coverage to people whose disability is caused or affected by alcohol or drugs, and that law was signed by President Bill Clinton on March 29.

Floyd County school board members looked to cut more than \$1 million in expenses — and maybe more — after learning at a special board meeting that more than \$500,000 in average daily attendance funds will be lost this school year.

Finance officer Gary Parsons told board members that enrollment was down last year by 160 students, which equates to \$540,000 in lost funding this year.

A Prestonsburg man was arrested

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MSU's Pi Gamma Mu inducts seven new members

Morehead State University's Kentucky Gamma Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu international honor society recently inducted several new members.

- The inductees were:
- Amy Denise Bruner, Catlettsburg senior. She is the daughter of Fred Bruner.
- Dinah Faye Cantrell, Isonville, junior social work major. She is the wife of Johnny R. Cantrell.
- Susan Leigh Coburn, Grayson senior social work major. Co-chairperson of the Student Association of Social Workers' public relations committee, she is the daughter of Arnold A. Coburn.
- Wilma Darlene Hamilton, Hindman senior social work major and a member of the social work honor society. She is the daughter of

- Joyce Fields.
- Rodney D. Hoover, Mt. Olivet senior sociology major. He is the son of Elemeta and the late Escum Hoover.
- Donal Ray Howard, Salyersville senior sociology/corrections major. He is the son of Teresa A. Howard.
- Robert Ison, West Liberty senior sociology major. He is the husband of Leah Ison.
- Judith W. Patrick, Paintsville senior. She is the wife of Robert Patrick.
- Brent Monroe Pergram, Owingsville senior government/history major. He is the son of Barbara Kay Pergram.
- Cheryl Marie Prince, Morehead senior social work major. She is a member of the social work honor society and a parent teacher organization.

she is a member of the Phi Sigma Pi honor society.

Pi Gamma Mu encourages excellence in the social sciences among undergraduate and graduate students. The chapter's activities encourage intellectual development and leadership and high standard of conduct.

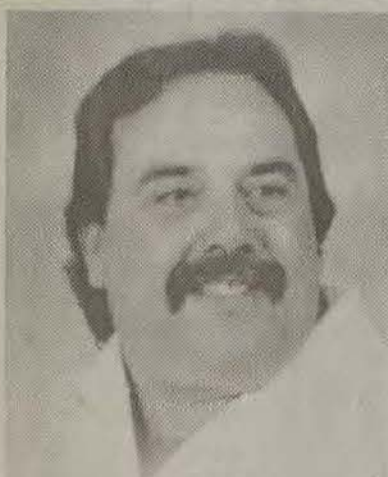
Dr. Edward F. Breschel and Dr. Rebecca S. Katz, assistant professors of sociology, are the group's advisers.

The MSU chapter of Pi Gamma Mu was founded in 1969 by Margaret D. Patton, associate professor emeritus of sociology. She and Lola Crosthwaite, associate professor emerita of social work, have served as consultants for the organization which has received numerous awards throughout its history.



Pi Gamma Mu inductees at MSU

Morehead State University's Kentucky Gamma Chapter of Pi Gamma Mu recently held an initiation program for new members. Those initiating attending the program included front row, from left, Catherine Weathers, Prestonsburg senior psychology major and daughter of Gene and Linda Weathers; Tina Bays Ratliff, Sandy Hook; Cheryl M. Prince, Morehead and Dinah F. Cantrell. Back row, from left, Amy Smith, Cannel City; Edna Chaney Ratliff, Pikeville; Robert Ison, West Liberty; Rodney D. Hoover, Mt. Olivet, and Brent Pergram, Owingsville. (MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)



Finishes degree work

Alan Ward of McDowell finished his educational requirements for an associate's degree in nursing, December 13, at Hazard Community College. He is the son of Geraldine Ward of McDowell and the late Glen Ward.

Edra Ratliff, Pikeville, senior psychology major. A member of the Psi Chi honor society, she is the wife of J. C. Ratliff.

Tina Bays Ratliff, Sandy Hook senior psychology/social work major. She is the wife of Kelvin D. Ratliff.

Amy Lee Smith, Cannel City senior sociology major (criminology emphasis). She is the wife of Dean Smith.

Catherine Gene Weathers, Prestonsburg senior psychology major and daughter of Gene and Linda Weathers. A resident advisor,

Correction

The January portion of the Year In Review, published in Friday's edition of the Floyd County Times and concerning Tommy Engle, contained an error.

The article said Wheelwright commissioners fired their chief of police, Tommy Engle, because numerous complaints had been filed against him by area citizens. The article indicated Engle was reinstated, without back pay, in February.

Engle received back pay when he was reinstated to his post.

Corps raises cost to reserve picnic shelters at Dewey Lake

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington District, will increase the cost to reserve its picnic shelters from \$40 to \$50 beginning January 1.

This increase in cost is the first since 1987. Picnic shelters that are not reserved may be used, free of charge, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Use tax due on out-of-state purchases

Taxpayers are responsible for paying use tax on most mail-order purchases of tangible personal property such as clothing, magazines and other related items from out-of-state vendors.

Individuals are responsible for remitting a 6 percent use tax on their out-of-state purchases when Kentucky sales tax has not been included in the purchase amount.

The use tax should be reported on the 1996 Individual Income Tax Return: Form 740, line 19; Form 740-S, line 17; or Form 740-NP, line 19, or by completing Revenue

Form 51A113(O), Consumer's Use Tax Return. Taxpayers failing to report and pay the use tax on a timely basis are subject to interest and penalties.

Many people do not understand or, in some instances, do not even know about use tax.

Therefore, it is common for them to neglect this tax obligation by forgetting to record out-of-state purchases and to remit payment on their individual income tax returns.

Usually, big ticket items, like furniture and appliances are more

readily associated with use tax.

However, use tax also applies to other items bought out-of-state when Kentucky sales tax is not included in the purchase price, for instance, mail-order merchandise, like books, magazines, compact discs, video tapes, jewelry, garden seeds, toys and clothes.

Any questions about use tax compliance should be directed to the Revenue Cabinet, Sales and Use Tax Section, 200 Fair Oaks Lane, Frankfort, Kentucky 40620, (502) 564-5170 or any Kentucky Taxpayer Service Center.

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ed after he allegedly "inflicted pain and injury to a minor child." Russell Meade, 26, allegedly abused the child on December 2, according to an arrest warrant filed by Prestonsburg Police patrolman William Petry. Meade was charged with first-degree criminal abuse.

Former Supreme Court Justice Dan Jack Combs was arrested December 10 and charged with third degree unlawful transaction with a minor for allegedly allowing his 15-year-old son to use marijuana in his home.

Combs' juvenile son was also taken into custody by state police trooper David Watkins. The arrest warrant alleged Watkins was at the residence to serve a warrant for Combs' other son and smelled marijuana.

Combs and his son, Alfred Ghent Combs, who was 17 at the time, were arrested in August 1995 and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. At that time, Combs asserted he was set up by state police and that Floyd District Judge James Allen assisted police in the raid on his home.

District Judge James Allen stepped down from the case and denied any judicial impropriety.

The charges in August were conditionally dismissed for two years if Combs Sr. agreed to undergo treatment for insomnia and smoking marijuana. He claimed at the time smoking marijuana helped him sleep.

Legal troubles continued for the Combs family with the arrest December 16 of his oldest son, Alfred Ghent Combs, on drunk driving and other traffic related charges.

Ghent Combs appeared in Floyd District Court December 17 on the latest charge. He also had several other pending traffic charges.

During the second week of December, property owners seemed to have gotten a reprieve on their taxes in Prestonsburg's hilltop annexation, but business owners will have to pay the city's occupational tax.

The amount of revenue to be generated by the incorporation of Costain's mining operation into the city limits is not immediately known, Mayor Jerry Fannin said. A Costain official provided The Times with the number of employees and average salaries for workers at the site. Based on those figures, the city could realize more than \$30,000 annually in payroll taxes alone.

Costain hopes to begin removing coal in April, Smith said, and the operation is expected to be completed within 18 months.

Prestonsburg city officials approved refinancing just over \$300,000 in revenue bonds owed to the federal government by the Prater Creek Water District, which the city agreed to buy last March

The city, as a part of the agreement to buy the water district, will assume a \$304,000 debt owed to the Rural Development of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Former Floyd County resident Doris Frances of Georgetown testified before a Health and Human Services Department panel in Washington, D. C. in an effort to stop proposed changes in a liver transplant program. She is the daughter of Dolly Dotson of Middle Creek.

The Floyd County Board of Elections ruled that Tiger Mart, located on Route 23 near Prestonsburg, is within the West Prestonsburg boundary lines, a wet precinct, and is permitted to sell alcoholic beverages.

"The boundary lines for the West Prestonsburg precinct were done in 1914," Floyd County Court Clerk Carla Boyd said. "We are going to redo the boundary lines throughout the county. They are so outdated, they need clarification."

The Floyd County school system's 1995-96 budget deficit was not as much as originally reported, according to a report December 12 from the district's auditor.

State and local officials projected a \$619,000 deficit to start the school year, but auditor Don Wallen said at a school board meeting the system was \$428,348 in the red starting the school year.

Funds owed to the district for the 1995-96 school year were not included in the budget projection, Wallen said. Those funds were not recorded until three months after the end of the school year, he said.

The system is operating under a two-year deficit reduction plan to reduce debts estimated at over \$1 million.

Construction schedules at Prestonsburg High School were set to be changed after numerous complaints from parents and "some" near misses of construction materials hitting students and teachers.

Joe Jones, president of Johnson Romanowitz Architects, outlined actions to be taken by contractors to ease tensions at the school.

Since the project began, parents and students had complained about falling debris, dust and smoke, cold temperatures inside the school, the second floor girls' restroom is not completed and verbal harassment of students allegedly by workers at the site.

Under Jones' plan, an incident reporting system is to be established so teachers and students can make reports to the principal, Thomas Tackett, who will forward any information to the district's operations chief Jim Osborne.

Anna Neeley Snipes, 81, of Left Fork of Abbott Creek, died two days after she was injured in an accident at the intersection of Route 23 and 1428. Snipes was a passenger in the vehicle, driven by Hazel

Arnett, who was also injured in the accident.

U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers and Floyd County officials held a ribbon cutting ceremony to kick off the renovation of the Wheelwright swimming pool.

A hunger strike December 12 at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center didn't last long. In fact, most of the inmates only went without one meal. The hunger strike apparently arose after the jail's commissary list did not include soft drinks, chips, and other "treats."

Two Floyd County elementary students who were allegedly kidnapped the morning of December 12 were found, but Michigan authorities would not release the children to their mother until later in the month.

While waiting for the school bus at an Endicott stop, Angel and Charlamaine Eaton, were taken by their father, Wallace J. Eaton.

Twelve-year-old Angel and Charlamaine, 13, were located December 13 by the Calhoun Police Department in Michigan at a relative's residence. Wallace was arrested for custodial interference.

Wallace also caught the attention of local authorities last spring when he reportedly threatened to blow up Martin Elementary in early April because his wife left their Michigan home and came to Kentucky.

Wallace Eaton was released from jail pending an extradition hearing.

Former Floyd County Commonwealth Attorney Dan Rowland pleaded guilty December 17 in Franklin County District Court to a charge of criminal attempt to evade paying employee withholding taxes, a class A misdemeanor.

Rowland was charged in mid-October by the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet with failing to file and pay employee withholding taxes in his private practice from 1991-1995.

A \$500 fine and a six-month jail term were imposed on Rowland, but the fine and jail term were conditionally dismissed if Rowland paid \$3,821 in taxes, penalties and interest within 45 days.

Ross-Tarrant Architects Inc. of Lexington was selected as the architect for a new Health and Classroom Building at Prestonsburg Community College. The project is a joint venture between PCC and Morehead State University and college officials are calling it a model of cooperation for Kentucky higher education.

The case against a Pike County woman charged with prostitution was delayed December 17 in Floyd District Court because the woman has been ordered to two days bed rest by a physician.

Sherry Diane Hurley, known as "Sunshine," 35, of Virgie, was charged with one count of prostitution for allegedly propositioning a Kentucky State Police officer for

sex in July.

Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley asked Judge James Allen to try Hurley in her absence, but public defender Amy Kratz asked that the case be continued because of Hurley's "unknown medical reasons."

Judge Allen said he would "reluctantly" grant a continuance and that Hurley "needs to be here next time" for court.

State police trooper Scott Hopkins arrested Hurley July 30 after the woman allegedly offered to perform a sex act for \$50 and for \$100 she would provide additional services.

Prestonsburg police officers and city public works employees recovered three stolen rings from a sewer catch basin on Friend Street. The items were taken during a break-in at a home at Stephens Branch earlier this year.

One of six people indicted by a special Floyd County Grand Jury investigating public corruption pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor perjury charge.

Astor Hunter Jr., a former county election officer who was scheduled to go to trial December 19 pleaded guilty to attempted perjury and could receive up to a year in jail.

According to the plea agreement, Hunter testified before the grand jury about irregularities in the May 1993 primary election. He "attempted to offer false material statements" to the special panel, according to the agreement.

He was indicted in November 1995 for perjury.

Formal sentencing has been set for February 21 in Floyd Circuit Court.

Of the six people indicted in the grand jury probe, a misdemeanor violation charge of willful neglect of duty charge against Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson was dismissed. Thompson had been charged with failing to properly account for tax receipts since January 1990.

WMDJ radio station owner Dale McKinney is charged with two counts of accepting cash contributions over \$100 in his race for the Democratic nomination for judge-executive in May 1993. McKinney is awaiting trial.

Former jailer candidate Harold Junior Joseph was acquitted earlier this year of a vote-buying charge during the 1993 primary election.

County road foreman Raymond Mike Jarrell is charged with placing more than \$300 worth of county gravel on private property between April 1, 1989 and May 31, 1989.

Former District Two candidate for magistrate Calvin Howell pleaded guilty to amended charges of attempted vote buying. Howell was sentenced to 30 days in jail, but the sentence was conditionally dismissed on the condition he cooperate in any additional cases or investigations. He was also fined \$250.

The case of a Harold man who allegedly raped a juvenile female nearly a year ago was waived to the grand jury December 18.

Gene E. Blackburn, 41, was arrested December 10 and charged with ten counts of third-degree rape after the alleged rapes were reported to the Kentucky State Police.

Nearly 500 Floyd County students got a "head start" on Christmas this year at Evergreen Bowling Center.

The bowling center conducted its first annual Evergreen's Children's Christmas December 18 for all Floyd County Head Start students.

A Prestonsburg man, who is a fugitive from the state of West Virginia, will get a second extradition hearing in February, but will be released if a copy of the governor's warrant is not obtained.

John Dow Horne, 43, was arrested in Floyd County on November 26 on a West Virginia Governor's warrant for forgery and parole violation.

After testimony from Kentucky State Police trooper Micki Watson during the extradition hearing December 19 in Floyd District Court, Horne's attorney, Amy Kratz, requested that he be released from jail because a copy of the governor's warrant was not provided.

Prestonsburg City Council will be asked to loan \$10,000 to the Prestonsburg Properties Advisory Committee to pay start-up costs for an appraisal and advertisements for a hilltop recreational complex.

At the city's Finance and Revenue Committee meeting December 19, chairman Estill Lee Carter suggested the city be asked to loan the properties committee money to get the project off the ground.

Carter said the money can be repaid to the city from occupational taxes collected from Costain's mining operation and from the sale of timber on the property.

Committee members voted unanimously to recommend the loan to the city council at a special meeting.

Prestonsburg councilman Ralph Davis was one of three \$100,000 winners in Kentucky Lottery's Cash 5 drawing December 20.

A civil suit filed in November against an Auxier man who has not paid his garbage bill could be at a moot point.

According to Jim Daniels, who was charged with theft of services and for failing to comply with the terms of the county's solid waste ordinance, he was accepted into bankruptcy court on December 10.

Daniels said December 23 that he had to file bankruptcy earlier this month because of an "improper civil action" which was taken against him in Virginia nearly 13 years ago.

"The bankruptcy has nothing to

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do with the civil suit the solid waste has against me," Daniels said.

Criminal charges against Daniels were dismissed in November because they were a result of an ordinance called unconstitutional by County Attorney Keith Bartley.

Daniels was the first non-paying customer served with a civil suit. He was served in the courtroom immediately following the dismissal of the criminal charges.

In January, House Majority leader Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, is expected to meet with state and federal investigators to discuss the activities of former legislative aide Kent Downey.

Federal officials and members of the attorney general's public corruption unit are looking into the business dealings of Downey's company, Entertainment Outings Limited. Downey arranged fundraising golf trips for some legislators and allegedly hired topless dancers to serve drinks on the golf course. Some of those dancers have said other dancers were serving drinks in the nude at some of those events.

Investigators are trying to determine if prostitution was involved in any of the trips.

Stumbo was not present on the trips, his attorney said.

The first reading of an ordinance to close a section of Gosling Branch Road near Eastern was passed during the regular monthly meeting of the Floyd Fiscal Court, but the ordinance was expected to face opposition at the second reading.

Magistrate Jackie Owens asked other magistrates during the meeting to vote against the closure at the second reading if the land is not surveyed more extensively.

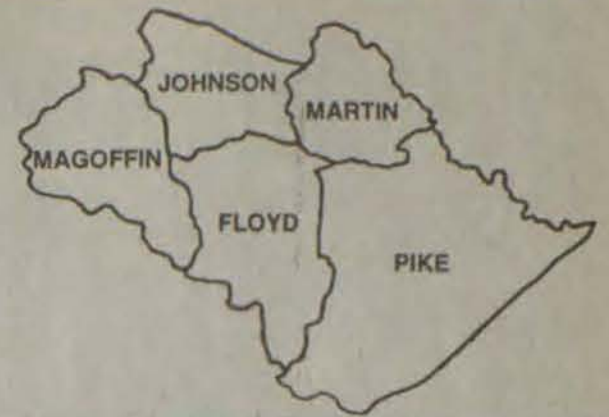
A bone marrow drive was held for five-month-old Sara Lafferty at the Central Kentucky Blood Center and at the Holiday Inn in Prestonsburg. The infant has acute lymphoblastic leukemia and her physicians at the University of Kentucky's Children's Hospital plan to do a bone marrow transplant in February.

Kenneth Patton, 50, of Hueysville was trapped in the back seat of a Dodge Omni after it was struck in the back end by a logging truck at the Martin red lights on Route 80. The rescue squad had to cut the roof off the car to remove Patton so he could be transported to Our Lady of the Way Hospital, in Martin.

The Friends of the Samuel May House presented the city of Prestonsburg with \$15,000, a portion of the \$25,000 they are committed to pay matching funds for an ISTE A grant.

Funds from the ISTE A grant, plus grants from the Kentucky Heritage Council, are being used to restore the historic home, located on Route 321, across from Pizza Hut in Prestonsburg.

AROUND THE REGION



Police arrest suspect in Thanksgiving shooting death

by Ralph Davis
The Paintsville Herald

Police now say an argument during a trip to buy crack cocaine was the spark which led to the murder of a 17-year-old Johnson County girl in Lexington Thanksgiving night. Two people now face murder charges.

Natasha Judine Yates, 17, of Oil Springs, died November 19, one day after she was shot near Charlotte Court in Lexington.

The Prestonsburg High School junior was the daughter of Maxine Rice and the late Howard C. Yates.

Police say Yates was visiting

friends Jonathan Leigh Phillips and Terry Lee Burchett in Lexington, when they took her to Charlotte Court to buy crack.

While in the area, Phillips made contact with a group of men, one of whom has been identified as John Demarco Johnson.

While the two groups were talk-

ing, an argument broke out and one of the men threw a rock at the vehicle occupied by Yates, Phillips and Burchett.

Phillips pulled a handgun, police say, and fired shots at the group of men in retaliation. Johnson then allegedly pulled his own gun and fired two shots at Yates, Phillips and

Burchett.

One of the shots struck Yates.

Phillips and Burchett immediately drove Yates to Columbia Hospital, where she died a day later.

Lexington police arrested Johnson on outstanding warrants unrelated to the shooting at a Charlotte Court apartment belong-

ing to Lupita Young. A search of the apartment resulted in the seizure of a small quantity of marijuana, more than an ounce of crack cocaine and \$1,000.

While they had him in custody, police questioned Johnson about the shooting. After the interview, Johnson was charged with one count of murder for the death of Yates and two counts of wanton endangerment.

Police also arrested Phillips, 29, and Burchett, 21, after finding them in Paintsville.

Phillips has been charged with murder for his role in allegedly pro-

voking the shooting which killed Yates. He was also charged with two counts of tampering with physical evidence for attempting to conceal his gun and coat.

Burchett also faces a charge of tampering with physical evidence. Both men additionally face charges of unlawful transaction with a minor for taking Yates along during the attempt to purchase crack.

Police say the investigation is continuing and are asking for any witnesses to the shooting to come forward by calling (606) 258-3600.

Yates' death was the 13th homicide in Lexington this year.

State says Inez could sponsor bingo game

From the Martin County Sun

A state Department of Local Government official said last week that the city of Inez would not be in violation of the law if it accepted proceeds from an Inez-run bingo game.

"A city can accept funds from an organization as long as there are no strings attached," said department spokesman Gene Stinchcomb. "It's an unusual situation, but one that would not be in violation."

The city of Inez has been in a fight with the state over a state mandated city tax to help pay the city's administrative costs. The city had been using coal severance tax money to pay a portion of its costs, but was informed by the department of local government that no coal severance tax money could be used to pay salaries. Inez is no longer receiving any coal severance tax money from the state.

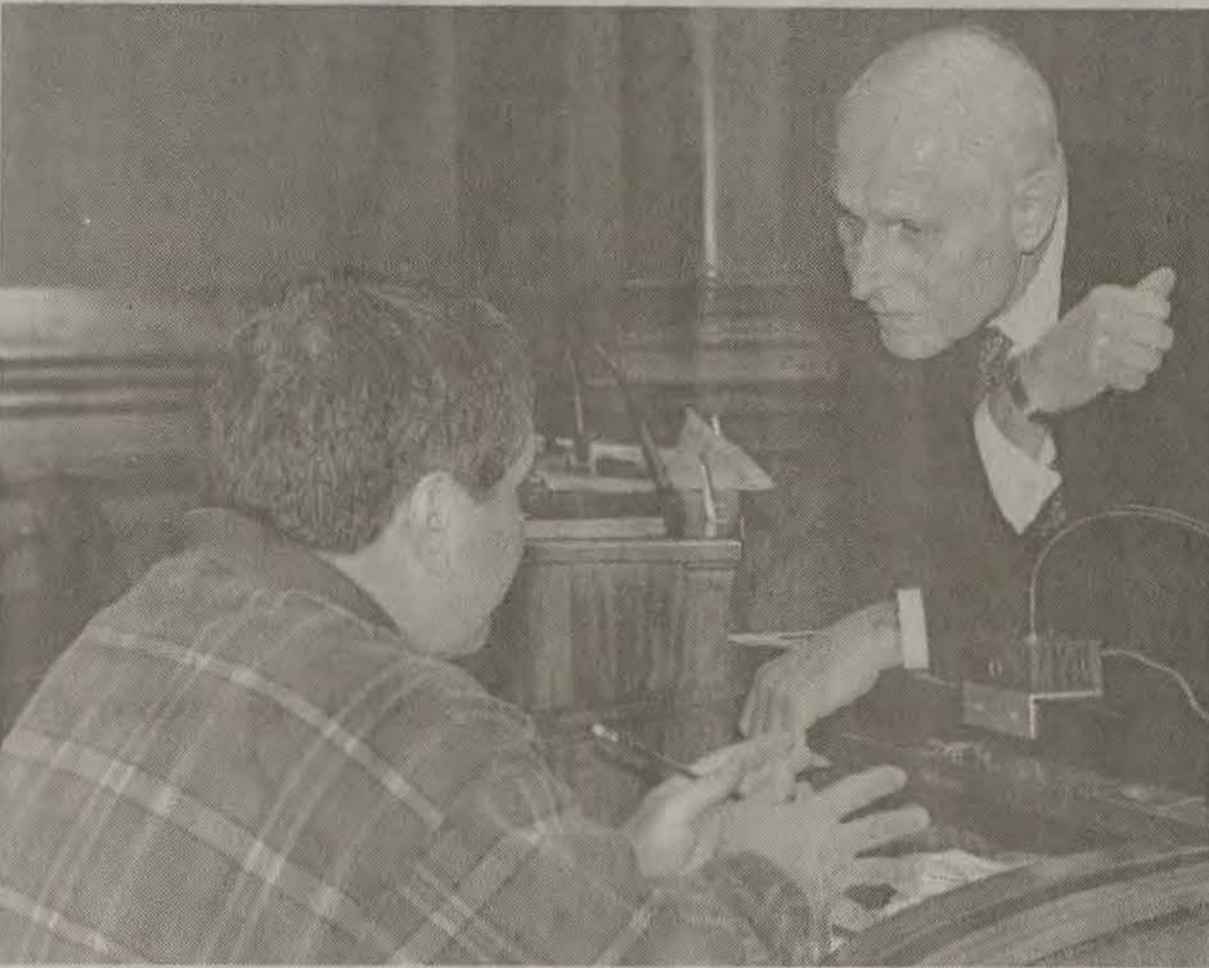
But the city began negotiating with members of the Martin County Fair Board last month about helping start a bingo game within the city limits. In return for a building, the city would receive about 40 percent of the game's proceeds. Inez city council member David Evans has apparently reached an agreement with the fair board over a monthly fee for an Inez building.

But establishing bingo within the city limits has been met with some stiff opposition from local church groups — and from Inez Mayor Winnie Muncy, who though at first seemed to be in favor of a bingo game, now says that she would vote against any measure which tried to bring the game into the city limits.

Stinchcomb said the city could very easily use bingo proceeds to pay salaries and other administrative costs — and the state would once again begin to send coal severance tax money.

"As long as there are no strings attached, I wouldn't see any problems," Stinchcomb said.

"As long as it meets the law, they'll begin receiving money."



Workers' Compensation

State Sen. Nick Kafoglis, D-Bowling Green, (right) and Sen. Benny Ray Bailey, D-Hindman, (left) discuss the Worker's Compensation Reform legislation during a lull in the Senate floor debate in Frankfort. The General Assembly approved major reforms to the state's workers compensation system that is expected to generate substantial savings from the financially beleaguered program.

Regional story of the year: United States vs. Hobert Meade

by Ralph B. Davis
The Paintsville Herald

[I]n a year of newsworthy events, one story sticks out above all others as the focus of the public's attention — the indictment of County Judge-Executive Hobert Meade.

The indictment of Meade and three others for a pair of alleged county corruption schemes is the story which captured imaginations — and perhaps defined the entire year — more so than any other story.

THE FIRST WORD

As has been his tendency throughout the questions surrounding the Federal Bureau of Investigation probe into county government, Meade issued the first word about the investigation in April.

In response to mounting rumors and media questions about the investigation, Meade issued a press release in April confirming that he had been questioned by the FBI concerning the purchase of two dump trucks for use as snow plows.

At the time, Meade said he had been questioned about the purchases from a Reno, Nevada firm. He said he came forward with the information to let the county know about the important issue.

But if it was intention to put rumors to rest, Meade's tactic failed.

Over the next seven months, little word came from the judge on the issue. But people in the county were talking.

With the investigation confirmed, local residents began trying to figure out for themselves its extent.

Some rumors turned out to be true, such as the additional focus of the probe on the use of Federal Emergency Management Agency money.

Others, such as ties to stolen cars found in Paintsville Lake, ultimately proved to be false.

But throughout the spring and summer, the seed of discussion had been planted.

THE INVESTIGATION BREAKS

In August, Meade once again stole the government's thunder by announcing one day before a federal grand jury in Ashland met that he anticipated being indicted.

Meade presided over a hastily-called press conference before newspapers, radio and television, August 20, to deliver the announcement.

During the press conference, Meade said that it had come to his attention that he would in all likelihood be indicted, but declined to

discuss the nature of the charges. He maintained his innocence on the charges and said that he planned not to step down as judge.

The following day, Meade was indeed indicted in Ashland, along with three others, including:

- Former Road Foreman Ernie Vanhoose, who Meade had fired just one month before.

- Former Bridge and Road Supervisor Woodrow Thomas Staniford, Meade's brother-in-law.

- Flat Gap auto broker Johnny Pennington.

Meade, Vanhoose and Pennington were indicted on charges they purchased two dump trucks from Ohio auto dealers, then arranged to conceal their ownership of the vehicles in order to sell them to the fiscal court at a profit.

Meade, Vanhoose and Staniford were charged with taking kickbacks from contractors working on FEMA-funded road repair projects in exchange for preferential treatment.

According to sentencing guidelines, Meade and Vanhoose faced a maximum of 55 years in prison and up to \$2 million in fines if convicted. Staniford faced up to 35 years in prison and \$1,000,000 fines, while Pennington faced 20 years and \$1,000,000.

PRE-TRIAL WORK BEGINS

Two weeks after their indictment, all four defendants appeared in U.S. District Court in Pikeville for their arraignments. At the time, all four entered not guilty pleas.

But the following week, Pennington and Vanhoose returned to court to enter guilty pleas to one charge each.

In exchange for their pleas and cooperation with the government, the prosecution has agreed to drop all remaining charges against the men.

Meade and Staniford still maintain their innocence.

Since the arraignments, both sides have been preparing their cases.

Staniford sought to have his trial separated from Meade's in November, saying the testimony concerning additional charges would prejudice a jury against Staniford and make it difficult for him to receive a fair trial.

But Judge Hood disagreed, saying the jury would be instructed to keep the two men's cases separate.

In December, Assistant U.S. Attorney Pat Molloy dropped a bombshell when he informed the court that he had a tape of a conversation between Meade and Pennington, in which the two allegedly discussed the dump truck

conspiracy. Molloy did not, however, reveal the nature of the conversation between the two men.

But Molloy did say he received the tape from Kentucky State Police, who had given Pennington the recorder used to tape the conversation.

The revelation raises the possibility of a separate past or present state investigation of Meade's administration. State police refused to comment on the matter.

WHAT LIES AHEAD

The tape had one immediate impact on the case against Meade and Staniford by delaying their trial little more than three months, from February 3 to May 5.

When the trial finally does get underway, it could be a long one. Molloy has predicted it will take him about a week to present his case. The defense would then get their turn to give their side of the story, but defense attorneys say it is still too early to tell how long it will take.

Molloy has said he does not yet know whether he will use the tape in the trial.

In earlier court documents, the prosecutor had said that the entire case hinges on documents and witness testimony, but that statement was made before the discovery of the tape.

Burglaries are 'sign of the times'

by Michael Sisco
Martin County Sun

Deputies from Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young's office investigated three burglaries which occurred during the Christmas holiday — an ominous beginning to 1997.

According to sheriff's office records, vandals struck Inez Elementary School in the early morning hours of December 23. Chief Deputy Pete Fitzpatrick, who is in charge of the investigation, said that the vandals pried open windows and kicked in the school's front doors.

The thieves made off with an undisclosed amount of cash and four video cassette recorders. Based on evidence gathered at the scene, police suspect that two or more people were involved in the crime. Fitzpatrick refused to dis-

close the nature of the evidence, but said that arrests should be forthcoming.

Vandals also broke into a residence at Dempsey Housing complex during the same time period. Angela Collins, 18, reported the incident to deputies Fitzpatrick and P.D. Evans. Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young said that the dead bolt to Collins' apartment was not set properly and allowed the thieves to break through the front door.

Among the items taken were a 27-inch television set, a microwave, CD player, 20 CD's, three rings, a watch, 30 VCR tapes, a VCR, an undisclosed amount of cash and a mountain bike. The items were valued at more than \$1,500, Fitzpatrick said.

Sheriff's office staff said Friday that the thieves actually ate food from Collins' refrigerator while taking items from Collins' apart-

ment. Evans said police have suspects and arrests are pending.

Local resident and minister Mike Crum was the victim of the third burglary of the holiday, which took place on Christmas Day.

According to sheriff's office records, the thieves broke into Crum's Turkey home while the minister was visiting ailing relatives at St. Mary's Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia.

The thieves used the five-hour time frame Crum was away to completely ransack the minister's home. Police said that nearly every room in the house was ransacked; dresser drawers were pulled out and their contents dumped on the floor.

Though deputies were still compiling a list of items stolen, they do know that ten guns, a bracelet, a Sega game system, CD player, and a watch was taken. Arrests are pending.

STRATEGIES

FOR SURVIVING THE '90s

- Don't be alarmed if she shares her thoughts, feelings more with her friends than with you. It is natural for teens to rely more on peers and less on parents for emotional support.

- Allow her to use the phone for reasonable amounts of time. Telephone talk allows her to navigate more easily through relationships with her peers.

- Suggest to your daughter that she find a phone "study-buddy" — someone she can discuss homework and classwork with.

- Recognize that you don't always have to stage social events for your daughter and her friends. Relaxed time with friends is as important as programmed time.

SOURCE: National Coalition of Girls' Schools (NCGS); research by PAT CARR

Giving daughters room to grow

One way to help your teenage daughter learn the importance of making and keeping friends is to let her explore peer relationships on her own.



- Tread gently. Encourage her to mix with different people of different ages, but don't push too hard.

- Set guidelines for things like curfews and what kinds of events she can participate in, but don't try to control her social agenda.

- Recognize that you and your daughter will not always see eye to eye. Respecting differences will strengthen her self-esteem and self-reliance.

For more information:
Call NCGS:
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Next week:
Preventing carbon monoxide poisoning

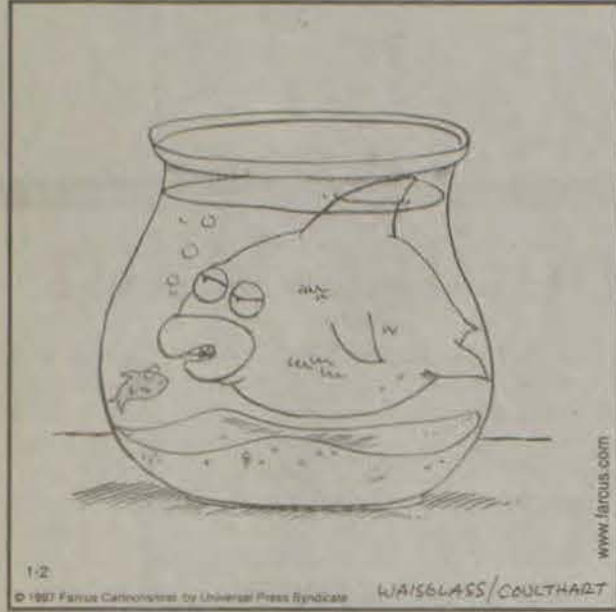
The Friday Comics

Farcus

by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart

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"Trust me — it's better to be a little fish in a big pond."

THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



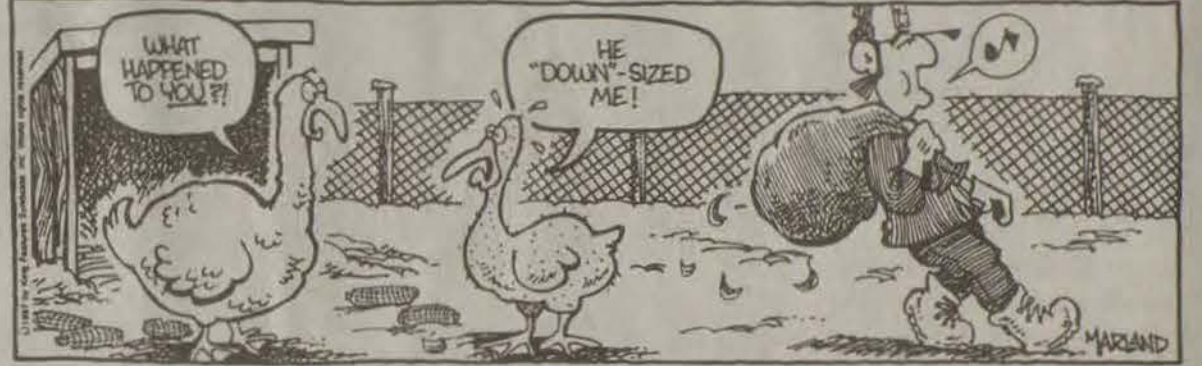
OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



MagicMaze

"A" WORDS IN SPORTS

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R O O N L K I H F N D C A Z X

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

Ad-in	Alley	Arnlock	Autocross
Ad-out	Amateur	Assist	Average
Advantage	Apparatus	At bat	Axel
Air ball	Appeal	Audible	

Vision Teaser

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Window is added. 2. Box is longer. 3. Gloves are removed. 4. Collar is different. 5. Feather is shorter. 6. Apron is missing.

Super Crossword

ACROSS	1 Current, slangily	6 Capital of Belarus	11 Kid at court	15 Goldfish, e.g.	19 Vex	20 Right a wrong	21 Congrega-tional comeback	22 Elliptical	23 London landmark, formally	25 "Honey" singer	27 Induction-motor inventor	28 Permit	29 1975 ABBA tune	30 Admitted, with "up"	31 Catch sight of	33 Pie ingredi-ent?	34 Clean a counter	36 Wrap up	39 Cartoon cutie, formally	45 New Mexico resort	46 Milky Way, for one	48 "The Time Machine" people	49 Actress Gardner	50 Divvy up	52 Fuzzy	53 Wrote on an envelope	55 "Howdy Doody" host, formally	60 Munich mister	61 Employ	62 Stephen Vincent —	63 Canadian prov.	64 Fine fabric	67 Assert	68 Silent	69 Virologist	70 Most impetuous	73 Org. founded in 1947	74 "Killer Tomatoes" sound	75 Periodontists' org.	78 Agatha's colleague	79 Western gunslinger, formally	82 Search through	87 Hostelry	88 Author Jong	89 Actress Dvorak	90 Toothpaste flavor	91 From the top	94 Article	95 A real doll, formally	98 Cheesy sauce	101 Haley or Trebek	102 Author LaShan	103 Cream or cola	104 He pulled some strings?	107 Burro	108 Go downhill fast	110 Set in motion	114 European capital	117 Johnny Weissmuller role, formally	120 To be, in Toulouse	121 Spoken	122 "Hi," to Don Ho	123 Type type	124 Groucho's gaze	125 Surveyor's item	126 "The Professor" ('63 film)	127 Rocky Mountain range	DOWN	1 Poke	2 Textbook heading	3 "Picnic" playwright	4 Male swans	5 A hole near the sole	6 Army of 7	7 Rigatoni region	8 Northern seaport	9 Tizzy	10 Author Follett	11 Eastern temple	12 Book after Joel	13 Hairstyling goop	14 Remnant	15 Attic irritant	16 Bard's river	17 Seldom seen	18 Trudge	24 Humorist Ogden	25 Vaudeville's Tucker	29 Chaffee or Parker	32 Tighten the tent	33 Blend	34 Put the metal to the metal	35 "Take — leave it!" term: abbr.	36 Roman goddess of health	37 Stout sleuth	38 From	39 '48 literary Nobelist	40 It becomes ewe?	41 River bottom	42 Fertile areas	43 Manifest	44 Clerical title	45 Off-limits	47 Pertinent	51 Delfer	53 Enjoyed an enchilada	54 Tibia	56 Meadowlands	57 Step — (hurry)	58 Interchange-able	59 Zombie base engine	64 Sweet odor	65 Blind as —	66 Church offering	67 Atkins or Huntley	68 1002, to Brutus	69 Extends across	70 Prohibit anew	71 Fight site	72 Colorful language	73 Drayage	74 Tendon	75 Japanese pooch	76 Unpredictable	77 Rocker Faith	80 Italian bread?	81 Limerick's land	83 "Vanity Fair" character	84 — one's time (wait)	85 Chalcedony variety	86 Actress Hagen	91 Slaps on	92 Diavolo or Angelico	93 Medical grp.	96 Amass	97 Snuggle up	99 Garfield's pal	100 Aircraft engine	103 Vision	104 First herds-man	105 Speechless	106 Suburban lot size	107 PDQ, politely	108 "Star Trek" navigator	109 Complicated problem	111 Drained	112 Give off	113 Artemis' mom	115 Turn bad	116 Age	117 Tenor Pearce	118 Nonclerical	119 D.C. figure
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Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results
Jan. 1, 1997

LOTTO KENTUCKY
02-13-17-21-26-32
Next Estimated Jackpot \$2 million

POWERBALL
06-13-17-19-42 (4)
Next Estimated Jackpot \$10 million



Johnson County

Paintsville fire department logging on

The past six months the Paintsville Fire Department has gone state of the art. The department has a state-owned computer called IFLOWS which lets them call up any county in the state to find out rain fall information for the week down to the latest hour. The department has also gone on-line through the Eastern Kentucky Internet via Foothills telephone company, in Kentucky. The two computers are used in coordination to monitor rain fall data in Johnson and surrounding counties. Fire chief Bob Dixon said one way that the department keeps on top of the flooding (situation in the area) is by monitoring rain fall levels in Floyd County. As Dixon puts it "what goes up must come down," and since the Levisa Fork and Big Sandy Rivers flow

toward Paintsville, the department can forecast what the level of rain will be enabling them to take safety precautions in Johnson County ahead of time.

The Paintsville Fire Department also has its own Web site on the World Wide Web which can be visited at the following address: <http://www.fire-ems.net/firedept/view/PaintsvilleKY/>—*The Paintsville Herald*

Sellers adjusting to new utilities role

The new superintendent of Paintsville Utilities Commission is Gary Sellers of Paintsville. Sellers was granted the position after his predecessor, Jimmie Hopson, 58, suffered a sudden and fatal heart attack on November 10. Sellers had been with the commission for six years when he resigned in order to apply for the position. The Superintendent of Utilities is responsible for the overall management of the water, gas, and sewer for the city of Paintsville and Johnson County. Sellers was recommended by the commission out of nine applicants for the post of superintendent and began working as the new superintendent December 1. The position for superintendent is a seat of recommendation rather than one by vote. Sellers has to report to the commission periodically with progress reports. —*The Paintsville Herald*

Salyersville sets second hearing on payroll tax

A second public hearing has been scheduled by Salyersville's city fathers to encourage input from the public concerning the proposed one-half percent payroll tax that is being considered for adoption. The hearing was scheduled for Monday, December 30, at 7 p.m. at city hall. Mayor Joe Howard said the funds from the tax will not be used to inflate salaries or to create jobs. —*The Salyersville Independent*

Multi-discipline team to protect children

A multi-disciplinary team has been established in Magoffin County in order to better handle child abuse cases. The main goal of the team is to ensure the immediate and future safety of child victims. Team members collaborate to protect the rights of child victims, expedite thorough investigations, facilitate the recovery of victims and the efficient and appropriate disposition of cases and improve the quality of all child abuse response systems. —*The Salyersville Independent*

Conservation officer looks at 292 'sludge pile'

Local conservation officer Kenny Goforth was called by residents to come to Lovely to inspect what was called a "sludge pile" being dumped into the Tug River. Ray Marcum, one of the upset residents, ... (said) that the sludge has been dumped near the Tug River for more than six months. He said he has made several attempts to contact county officials about the situation, but so far, nothing has been done. Martin County Judge-Executive Kelly Callahan said that ... nothing could be done because the sludge pile was not toxic. "It came over the scanner that the stuff was coming from the water plant in Kermit and that it wasn't toxic. I believe that Kenny called the EPA," he said. —*The Martin County Sun*

Sheriff's Department won't get truck

A tight budget turned the Christmas spirit into the holiday grinch for Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young as the sheriff's office will not be able to purchase a four-wheel-drive vehicle for 1997. Young said his office wanted to purchase the vehicle to help deputies respond to residences throughout the harsh winter months. After the sheriff's office paid its end-of-the-year bills, it was left with only \$12,000. —*The Martin County Sun*

Trodney G. Chapman, 32, of Zebulon, was arrested by Kentucky State Police Trooper Andrew Cain on two counts of fourth-degree assault (domestic violence).

According to the citation, Chapman slapped his girlfriend — who was holding his baby — in the face and shoved her into a door. The shove caused the baby's head to hit the door, the report said.

Chapman was lodged in the Pike County Detention Center and released on a \$2,000 bond — *Appalachian News Express*

Pikeville woman jailed for reckless driving

A Pikeville woman who was driving on a suspended license was jailed Christmas Eve after she was caught driving recklessly with her child in the car, authorities said. Charlene McKee, 29, was arrested by Pikeville Police Officer Eddie Sword on charges of reckless driving, operating a motor vehicle on a suspended license, and no child restraint.

According to the citation, Sword saw McKee, who was traveling south on U.S. 23, drive off and back onto the highway ten to 12 times before she was pulled over. Sword said McKee's child, who was about three years old, was as not in a child restraint seat.

McKee was lodged in the Pike County Detention Center and released on a \$5,000 bond. — *Appalachian News Express*



Martin County

Teachers to use Internet to assist local economy

Two Martin County teachers, Bobby Allen and Eddie Fitch, will join Chad Fitzpatrick, Carroll Kirk, DES Director Dallas Sweeney and others on a committee formed to help Martin County make use of the Internet for industrial recruitment. The county was just recently awarded some \$900,000 with which to construct a "specification" building on the county's industrial site. The building will be a "shell" waiting to be filled with small to medium sized industry prospects. Economic Development Director Carlos Cassidy said he hopes ... (to create) a web page for Martin County economic development. Cassidy said the county's investment for the information superhighway would be about \$1,500 for the first three years (which includes applicable software, and a monthly Internet fee). — *The Martin County Sun*



Pike County

Educator, activist dies

Long-time Pike County educator and community activist Audrey Vinila Barkman died last Wednesday in Phoenix. She was 73. Barkman taught in the Pike County School System, in addition to other schools across the country, for 50 years and was honored as a Kentucky Distinguished Educator. She was also a political activist, fighting for such causes as regulating the coal industry, environmental issues, animal rights, blind services and handicapped industries. She began her career in education as a teacher in a one-room school at Brushy Elementary. — *Appalachian News Express*

Zebulon man is arrested for assault

A Pike County man was arrested Sunday after an argument with his live-in girlfriend turned violent, authorities said.

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Inquires should be directed to: **THOMAS W. KEETH**, Community Development Manager, Rural Development, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Telephone: (606) 886-9545

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95 MAZDA PROTEGE LX	12300	8980 / 189 mo.	94 FORD AEROSTAR XL	12150	6980 / 129 mo.
95 OLDS ACHEVA S	10675	8980 / 189 mo.	93 MAZDA B2200 PICKUP, Auto, air, 30,000 miles	8700	6980 / 129 mo.
96 DODGE NEON, 7,000 miles	12100	8980 / 189 mo.	94 CHEVY S10 PICKUP, V6, 30,000 miles	9625	6980 / 129 mo.
95 FORD TAURUS GL	12700	8980 / 189 mo.	94 CHEVY S10 PICKUP EXTENDED CAB	13075	8980 / 189 mo.
94 SATURN SC1	11000	8980 / 179 mo.	96 GEO TRACKER, Auto, air	13150	8980 / 189 mo.
95 TOYOTA COROLLA	11450	8980 / 179 mo.	93 GEO TRACKER CSI 4x4, Auto, air	8900	8900
94 CHEVY CAMARO SPORT	12050	8980 / 189 mo.	94 FORD AEROSTAR XL, Low miles, 7-pass, all power	12375	8900
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News of the Weird

by Chuck Shepherd

Officials at the Central Penitentiary in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, revealed in October that they are encouraging male inmates to marry each other in order to hold down HIV infections. Eight couples have taken the plunge so far and received a certificate in which they pledge mutual fidelity. The marriages are valid only in prison because Honduran law does not recognize same-sex marriage.

— Ontario College of Art student Jubal Brown told the Associated Press in November that it was he who vomited publicly on two masterpieces this year and that he plans a third episode. At the Art Gallery of Ontario in May, he regurgitated red food coloring on a Raoul Dufy work, and at New York City's Museum of Modern Art on Nov. 2, he threw up in blue on a Piet Mondrian painting. His third work will be in yellow. His goal, he said, is "to liberate individuals and living creatures from [art's] banal, oppressive representation."

— Roberto Alomarism in the News: In September, East Pittsburgh, Pa., school custodian Anthony DePaulo spit on the car of a city councilman he did not like; in

October, Robert Cossia in Belleville, Ill., spit on the truck of Gregory Brown (and allegedly on Brown himself), after a dispute over a bounced check in November. British doctors reported in The Lancet that meningitis was passed to a man when another spit in his face; and also in November, according to U.S. News & World Report, the National Spit Tobacco Education Program happily reported that televised tobacco chewing and spitting during the 1996 World Series was down 80 percent from the average over the last 10 years.

LATEST RIGHTS

— In August, the parents of Alexandra Taylor, 5, received an undisclosed settlement from Continental Airlines because the airline permitted another customer to bring a 6-foot-long python into the cabin of a 1994 flight, which allegedly caused Alexandra to have severe nightmares. The snake's owner had brought along her companion as a "support snake" prescribed by her therapist to help her overcome the trauma of being sexually harassed by a professor.

— In June, a federal magistrate ordered physician Susan J. Powers to pay the government \$292,000 for breaking her contract to provide medical care to underserved rural areas in exchange for the government's having funded her medical education. Powers tried to get out of the contract by claiming that she could not

leave her "support network" of friends in the San Francisco Bay area, or she would become despondent and possibly suicidal.

— The Minnesota Civil Liberties Union was successful in gaining the right to vote in the November elections for three diagnosed "sexual psychopaths" confined by law to a hospital in St. Peter but who have no pending criminal sentences. One was escorted to a polling place, but the other two were not permitted out and had their ballots brought to the hospital by an election monitor.

— Charles Murphy, who is bald-headed, filed a lawsuit in August against Lisa Aune, the manager of the federal building in Eugene, Ore., after he was dismissed as security officer. He claims Aune fired him for violating a neatgrooming rule merely because he has too much chest hair, which bulges out in the summertime when rules permit him to wear open-necked shirts.

— After four months of increasingly violent attacks on them by vigilantes, South African criminal gangs began lobbying for police protection in November. More than a thousand gangsters stood outside the gates of Parliament in Cape Town, begging for "justice" and "peace" in the wake of news that one gang leader was shot 72 times by a vigilante and his body set on fire. The gang members claim they are basically good people and

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Popperri

by Scott Perry

Well now, ain't that sump'n.

A skoo board in Oakland, California has added Ebonics to the system's curriculum to recognize and, apparently teach, a language developed and used by African Americans.

Hooray for them, but who they gonna learn hit to?

Them what's already talkin' Ebonics don't need no learnin' in it and them that can't speak it probly ain't sposed to unnerstan hit anyhow.

Regional, or in this case, culturally-connected languages certainly aren't new fads. People are as diverse as snowflakes and so are the ways they express themselves.

Oh, sure, there are some common words and phrases that bridge all language barriers.

Gimme some money, for example, is a teen-agerism understood by parents all over the world, from Red China to Redbush.

But, if you travel around, you need to know that what you hear may not always be what was said.

That doesn't mean everyone is talking in code, like iglatin-pay, but just that we've developed a means of communicating that is more efficient (some say lazy) for our own purposes.

Guess that means we Eastern Kentucky folks have a language called Appalronics (Appalachian-Phonics) that is unique to our area. Actually it's not unique...people from Texas sound just like us.

But we don't need a class in school or a translation dictionary to understand that a fartruck is not a distant vehicle, it's a big red truck used to put out fars.

And, if people want to make fun of how we talk, that's okay. We make just as much fun of them.

The rule is this: when in Rome, speak as the Romans do.

If, for example, a Roman asks how many aigs you had fer breakfast, the proper response is: et tu Bruté.

Different strokes for different folks.

In New York City, for instance, you'll notice that people don't really talk all that much at all, preferring to use sign language, instead.

Ask a question, any question, and the typical response is a sign made with the middle finger.

Don't need to take a class to understand the meaning of that.

Critic's Corner

by Michael Greene

DAYLIGHT

I remember well the summer that "Jaws" came out. It seemed no one wanted to go into the water after that for a very long time! Well, what "Jaws" did for beach-goers, this latest disaster flick will do for commuters who use tunnels!

Sylvester Stallone stars as Kit Latura, the former head of Manhattan's Emergency Medical Services. Having been forced to resign in disgrace, Kit is now a limo driver. As such, we meet him as he's driving two passengers to New Jersey via the Holland Tunnel.

Also headed for that hole in the ground are Madelyne Thompson (Amy Brenneman), a wannabe playwright who's had it with New York and decides to go back home to Indiana; Ray Nord (Viggo Mortensen), a heartthrob of a hunk who markets sportswear; Elaine and Roger Trilling (Claire Bloom and Colin Fox), a hoity-toity Park Avenue duo who have just picked up their dog from the pet therapist; George Tyrell (Stan Shaw), a tunnel cop; the Crighton family (Jay O. Sanders, Karen Young and Danielle Harris); four jailbirds in a police van, one of whom is played by Sly's real-life son, Sage, who made his acting debut in "Rocky V."

When a car smashes into a truck filled illegally with toxic material, the resultant explosion sends flames and poison gas raging through the tunnel. Stuck right in the middle are the aforementioned folks, faced with decreasing oxygen and rising water. It is then Kit goes to work to try to save the day.

The special effects are phenomenal and the action is heart-pounding. As for the plot, it's rather thin, but then again, who needs much of a plot in a disaster flick?

Sly is at the top of his form here, giving us a very "human" side to his action hero persona. For her part, Amy Brenneman is wonderful, proving she can handle a stunt as well as anyone!

This is a three-star movie, but only because of the weakness of the plot. Otherwise, I loved it and highly recommend it.

Extra

The Weekend

Boys from Middle Creek in concert with Larry Sparks

The "Bluegrass at the Sipp" concert series continues Saturday, January 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sipp Theatre in downtown Paintsville featuring Larry Sparks and the Lonesome Ramblers and The Boys

from Middle Creek.

Sparks, one of the most popular names in Bluegrass, began his career in the 1960s, performing with Ralph and Carter, The Stanley Brothers.

'Most soulful voice in Bluegrass'

Larry Sparks, left, and the Lonesome Ramblers will appear in concert at the Sipp Theatre in Paintsville Saturday, January 4, as part of the theatre's Bluegrass in the Sipp series. Appearing with Sparks and his band will be local talent, The Boys from Middle Creek.



The Boys from Middle Creek

BY SELI GROVES

SOAP UPDATES

ALL MY CHILDREN: Tanner's plane seemed headed for disaster but his quick thinking saved the day. A sad Kelsey watched Bobby propose to Anita, who said yes. Pierce headed for Pine Valley. Adam schemed to make Liza unfaithful so he could get out of the marriage without paying her anything. Amanda asked to meet Janet's daughter. Edmund was confused by Maria's apparent guilt over her pregnancy complications. Joe gave Erica unexpected news. Wait To See: Skye creates potential chaos.

ANOTHER WORLD: Vicky told Jake she senses Ryan's presence in the house. Carl urged Bobby to surprise Vicky at the New Year's Eve party. Carl later listened from a distance as Rachel toasted

the New Year with words of hope and love. Donna finally seduced Michael. Grant had Cindy get video footage of Jake. Later, a mysterious man watched Jake from a distance. Rachel fainted at the family dinner. Wait To See: Ryan fears for Vicky's life.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: On the anniversary of Damian's death, Lily resolved to get Diego. Jessica got a court order allowing Ben to operate on Pilar without family permission. Margo flashed back to the plane crash. Lily and Lucinda learned Diego withdrew \$250,000 from the bank. Lily told Lucinda she'd been unfaithful to Damian with Holden. Mike realized Diego is Pilar's blood donor. Later, Diego made a startling admission about the plane crash.

Holden rescued a woman from being harassed. Wait To See: Lily reacts to unexpected news.

BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: After Thorne warned Brooke about alienating people who cared for her, she decided to put Eric in charge of the company. A furious Sally told Macy she saw Claudia kiss Thorne under the mistletoe. Sally then called her contact at the INS and had Macy tell him about Claudia being an illegal alien. Sheila agreed to sign the papers that will allow Maggie and James to adopt her baby. Thorne went to Claudia's place to give her her bonus check, and was forced to miss Christmas dinner with Macy when his car broke down. The INS raided Forrester's and arrested Claudia. Wait To See: Ridge reads a potentially life-changing letter.

THE CITY: Ally raged at Tony after learning of Carla's pregnancy. Zoey bonded with Dillon. Gino took Tracy to the bar and announced their engagement. After Tess told her of her medical condition, Angie urged her to follow up with her doctor and tell Buck. Wait To See: Tess gets the results of her breast sonogram.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Bo reeled in shock when Jill said she couldn't identify Franco as her attacker. Hope told Bo she can't buy his story about why he went to the island the night before their wedding. Kristen was momentarily relieved when Laura couldn't remember several days of her life. Carrie and Austin didn't believe Sami's story of having an accident with his car. Austin ignored Sami's pleas that he not drive the car, but to his horror, he found it went out of gear and slammed right into Sami. Wait To See: Several lives hang in the balance.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Katherine rejected Mac's company for New Year's Eve in favor of a stranger. While romancing Bobbie, Stefan's mind was on Katherine. In the New Year, Brenda and Miranda, meanwhile, had separate agendas with Jax and Sonny. Alan and Monica gave thanks they stayed together through another year. Emily befriended Nikolas. Tom and Felicia comforted Audrey on her first New Year's Eve without Steve.

Wait To See: Brenda makes a potentially important discovery.

GUIDING LIGHT: Jenna Bradshaw arrived in Springfield. She later met Reva, and before Jenna could tell Buzz about their child, he told her he had everything he needs in life. Zach tried to fight his destiny, but the fisherman insisted he face the inevitable. Later, Zach and Michelle shared a forbidden first kiss. Reva and Dylan had a joyful reunion. Later, he asked her about her feelings for Hart. Wait To See: Roger and Amanda's announcement creates shock waves.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: Andy saw Antonio try to burn a bloody shirt and retrieved pieces which she sent to the lab. After learning the blood is the same type as Carlo's, she confronted Antonio who swore he was being set up. In St. Maarten, Max, Maggie, Cord, and Asa forced Cameron to confess the truth about Dorian. Later, Maggie was stunned to see her father, Bishop Carpenter, show up at her hotel suite asking for help. Blair tried to tape Todd's admission that she's a good mother, but Todd found the recorder just as the two seemed to grow closer. Wait To See: Maggie confronts a mysterious death in St. Maarten.

SUNSET BEACH: Summaries will soon be available for the new NBC series.

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Tony crashed the holiday party at the Newman ranch where he realized a very pregnant Sharon was married to the man (Nick) whose photo Grace had in her wallet. Victor turned up to wish all a Merry Christmas and then announced he'll be going on a business trip. To Jack's delight, Ashley invited Diane to the Abbott holiday festivities. Phyllis began to "warm up" a reluctant Danny. Silva understood when Jill canceled their holiday trip so she could spend Christmas with Billy. Neil stormed out when Dru said she would have to work during their vacation. After meeting Hope and realizing she's blind, Kurt accepted Victor's request to stay with her while Victor's away. Wait To See: Nina becomes more emotionally dependent on Cole.

NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Partnership interests and travel are highly favored in the weeks ahead. Those in a committed relationship share a very special celebration. Later in the week, a trusted adviser has good news.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) There's something that needs to be said to bigwigs, despite how difficult it is for you. However, wait until the holiday festivities die down. After this, you make major career progress. The weekend favors relaxation and quiet activities.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) This is the time when you can see a personal goal reach its fruition. On the social scene, you are at your popular best and positively shine in the spotlight. Later in the week, you impress others with your good ideas.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Someone close to you is being overly sensitive. In light of past run-ins with this person, it's best to avoid a confrontation at this time. You make headway on a difficult work project.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) What you've been considering on the career front receives an endorsement from a surprising source. Others recognize your brilliant ideas and are willing to be cooperative in your new venture. Finances improve.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You find you've shelled out extra money because of certain social activities connected with the holidays. However, good times resulted and you find it's worth it. A phone call received this weekend is auspicious.

LIBRA (September 23 to

October 22) Seek out advice concerning business or finances. It's a good week to get going on a project you've been putting off, despite distractions. The weekend isn't favored for spending money for socializing.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A co-worker is going off on a tangent and needs to be given a wide berth. Your new ideas on the creative front are good ones, but you have to wait to implement them. That special someone returns your romantic feelings this weekend.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You are surprised at how easily others agree with you this week. Some find themselves signing an important contract which bodes well for the future. Friendships bring you pleasure this weekend as you bask in your social circle.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) You start the week in a somewhat soiled mood and you're overly sensitive. Perhaps you've had too much holiday merriment. However, talks conducted privately favor financial interests and family members cheer you up.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) This is the week to sign on the dotted line concerning financial or real estate deals. In fact, any sort of buying and selling is favored. An intriguing job opportunity is about to arrive, but you must be open to it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) In your efforts to spiff things up at home for the holidays, you spent too much money. This results in your budget being blown to bits. This weekend, spend time reorganizing your finances.

BY SELI GROVES

TUNING IN

IN FOCUS —CONNIE SELLECCA: On January 12, The FAM Network will air "Mary Higgins Clark's 'While My Pretty One Sleeps,'" starring Connie Sellecca as a young woman who has lived much of her life under the shadow of a terrible crime and is now about to find the shadow taking on flesh.

"It's one of the most exciting films I've done in years," Connie said. "I feel the movie does justice to Mary's wonderful book. And, Mary agrees."

"It was a bonus meeting her. We often don't get to meet authors whose books become the movies we do. Mary and I have since become friends. We both come from the Bronx, you know."

In the film, as in the book, Connie's character, Neeve Kearney, is the daughter of a U.S. Attorney who sentenced a mobster

to prison. A few days later, Neeve's mother was murdered in Central Park. Now, 20 years later, the man is free and, as Connie says, "He's looking to make up for lost time."

Connie is the mother of a son by her first marriage, and of a young daughter with her current husband, musician/composer/talk show host Josh Tesh.

DIAL TONES: To all you Mystery Science Theatre 3000 fans—the countdown to the re-emergence of your favorite sci-fi series is on. The show will begin to air on the Sci Fi network on February 7. Mike Nelson, who will continue to star in and write the show, says most of our familiar friends will be back, including the robots, Crow, Gypsy, and Tom Servo, and Dr. Forrester, the mad genius who created the "Satellite of Love" where Mike and his robot friends are forced to watch the cheesiest movies in the universe. More from Mike later.

Michele Greene and Harry Hamlin star in ABC's "Crimes of Passion: Badge of Betrayal," January 6. It's their first teaming since "L.A. Law" ... Kenny Kramer, the real-life model for "Seinfeld's" Kramer (Michael Richards) plays himself in the hit musical, "Tony 'n Tina's Wedding" running in New York's Greenwich Village, while uptown, Michael Chiklis ("The Commish") takes over the lead role in "Bob Becker's

Weird

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that their own murdering, thievery and drugdealing were merely attempts to cope with apartheid.

— In November, a federal appeals court turned down Albert Johnson's lawsuit against the Cook County (Ill.) Jail to reassign female guards away from the showers and toilet areas, saying their presence was "humiliating" to his religious belief in "Christian modesty." A dissenting opinion agreed with Johnson that permitting the monitoring by females was "cruel and unusual" punishment.

WEIRD SCIENCE

— British doctors, writing in The Lancet in November, announced they were stumped and asked for help worldwide in diagnosing a man's infected hand that has for five years carried an incredibly putrid odor. A finger was nicked while the man was dressing chicken carcasses, with the cut yielding an "overpowering" odor that is "almost intolerable" in a closed examination room.

— China's Xinhua news agency reported in September that Ms. Lui Yuxue, 16, had successfully undergone tongue-reduction surgery to snip off several inches' worth that extended outside her mouth.

— German physicians from Eberhard-Karls University in Tubingen reported in a November New England Journal of Medicine that a 53-year-old surgeon accidentally transplanted a patient's malignant tumor cells into his own hand when he nicked it during surgery on the patient.

UPDATES

Knoxville, Tenn., dentist Stephen Cobble, who made News of the Weird a year ago when patients and former employees described alleged unorthodox treatments (such as transferring C-section scar tissue to treat a jaw disorder and prescribing a diet of beef, salt, and at least two eggs and a quarter pound of butter daily), had his license revoked in November by the state Board of Dentistry after protracted hearings over whether his unconventional anesthesia methodology might have contributed to a patient's death. And retiring U.S. Rep. Wes Cooley of Oregon, who made News of the Weird in March 1996 over accusations of serial lying, was indicted in December for falsely claiming on his official state voter's guide biography that he had fought in Korea during the Korean War. Cooley apparently was done in when he offered as verification the name of his Army supervisor who he thought was dead but who turned up alive and revealed that Cooley spent the war in Georgia.

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

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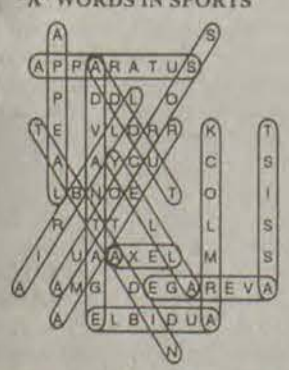
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TIME OUT

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Howdy Y'all

by John Frazier
Times Outdoor Writer

I have been asked several times, where I get my ideas for articles. Most of the time I don't go get ideas. They come to me. When I talk to people on a daily basis, I try to understand what interests them, and that is what I write about. Take today's feature for example. As everyone was celebrating the new year, talk eventually led to New Year's resolutions. As the conversation continued, I realized that many of the people who were promising to lose weight or get in shape were going about it all wrong. Therefore, I took it upon myself to gather the advice of doctors and other fitness professionals, and write an article to assist these people in achieving their goals.

I've said it before and I'll say it again. If there is a subject that interests you, and you would like to read about it in Time Out, write to me at:

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We can discuss nearly any topic. There is only one restriction upon our subject matter. I will not write about anything related to work. Currently, my job is to go out and have fun and write about it. I don't want that to change.

Coming Soon...

January 24-25, I plan to attend Crawlathon at Carter Caves State Resort Park. This adventurous weekend is devoted to the wonders of caving. For those of you who would like to join me, you can obtain more information by calling (606) 286-4411. Hope to see you there.

Last But Not Least...

As we begin a new year, I would like to ask one favor of my readers. Let's all pitch in to keep the great outdoors great. If every person that visited a state park or wildlife refuge would pick up one piece of trash and take it with them when they leave, we could have the wonders of nature looking wonderful again in no time.

OUTDOORS



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How to Keep a New Year's Resolution

With the new year, comes New Year's resolutions.

Every year millions of well-intended people attempt to lose weight and get in shape. About half will call it quits after the first week, and only a select few will last more than two or three weeks.

Many will try exercise, while others regulate their diet. The problem is not a lack of willpower. The problem is these individuals are making the wrong changes in their lives. Diet and exercise are the keys to getting in shape. However, improper diet and exercise can do more harm than good.

Exercise can come in many shapes and forms. It is important that you are aware of what exercise is.

Cardiovascular exercise refers to exercising your heart and lungs.

Your cardiovascular health is the most important step to getting in shape. If you become winded easily during simple activities you could use a good cardiovascular workout. It is also important if you have other areas you want to work on. Without good cardiovascular conditioning you will lack the stamina to perform the other exercises you desire.

As people exercise their heart rate increases. Your optimal heart rate will rise to around 120 beats per minute, though it will vary from person to person. The object is to reach your optimal heart rate and keep it there for 20 minutes, at least three times a week.

Many people lose interest in an exercise program because it feels too much like work. They get tired of stair climbers and treadmills.

Who wants to walk for 30 minutes and never move an inch? Any activity that will raise your heart rate and keep it raised for twenty minutes can be considered exercise. Exercise can be anything from a brisk walk to waxing your car. The key is you must raise your heart rate and keep it raised. Stopping for frequent breaks will decrease or



eliminate any benefits you may have received. A good brisk walk is great exercise, but not if you walk to the dairy bar for a banana split. If you plan to walk during the colder months, it is important that you learn to breathe in through your nose and out your mouth when your breathing becomes heavy and rapid.

Many people claim they don't have time to exercise. That excuse is totally worthless. If you are a housewife and have too much cleaning to take time off for exercise, try using your work as exercise. Remember, the key is to raise your heart rate and keep it there. Try washing all the windows in your house without stopping. Keep track of your time and try to better it each time. Not only will

you get more work done in less time, you will be getting a good cardiovascular workout and exercising other muscles. These same principles can be applied to your duties at work. In addition to some good exercise, your increased production will no doubt earn you a few bonus points with the boss.

A proper diet is essential if you're planning on getting in shape, unless you want that shape to be a circle. Dieting does not mean that you don't eat. It means that you eat the proper foods and reasonable amounts. Every year millions of people are disappointed to see that when they stop eating they don't lose weight. In fact, some may even gain weight. Countless others eat low-fat foods, but to no avail. A serving of pasta may only contain two grams of fat, but if you eat four servings that makes eight grams of fat.

Metabolism is the term used to describe the rate at which your body burns energy. Naturally, increased activity will increase your metabolism, but only temporarily. To increase your metabolism on a more permanent basis you should eat more often. If your body becomes accustomed to receiving only one large meal a day, it will decrease metabolism to conserve energy. By eating more often, but in smaller portions, your body will increase metabolism once it has become accustomed to receiving energy (food) more often and has no need to conserve energy.

What you eat is equally important to when and how much. Eliminating fat from your diet is essential. Your

body will use some fat, but by decreasing fat intake your body will be forced to use the fat it has stored in your hips.

When altering your diet be careful not to eliminate protein and other nutrients that your body needs. Your body needs protein to build and maintain muscles,

and carbohydrates for energy. If you plan to exercise frequently, carbohydrates will be essential for maintaining the energy levels necessary for exercise. It is virtually impossible to completely eliminate fat from your diet, but it should be limited as

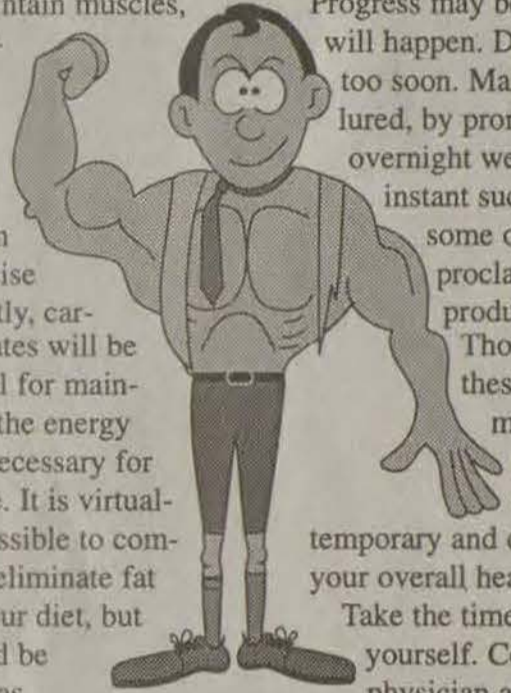
much as possible if you want to lose weight. Cutting back on dairy foods such as milk and cheese will eliminate a large amount of the fat from your diet. Read the labels carefully when selecting your foods. Many so-called low-fat dishes are not. Low-fat ice cream may have six grams of fat. That is low-fat compared to other ice creams, but not low enough.

Don't become obsessed with the scales. Pay more attention to inches and don't worry yourself with how many pounds you've lost. With proper diet and exercise you will not only lose

fat, you will gain and strengthen muscles. Muscle weighs more than fat and, for this reason, weight is not the best way to judge your progress.

Regular exercise and proper diet is the only proven method of losing weight and keeping it off. Progress may be slow, but it will happen. Don't give up too soon. Many people are lured, by promises of overnight weight loss and instant success, to try some of the self-proclaimed miracle products available. Though some of these products may produce results, they are generally temporary and detrimental to your overall health.

Take the time to educate yourself. Consult your physician and local fitness experts before beginning a program. Most will be glad to sit down with you and design a program that is suitable to your abilities and will produce the results you desire. The rest is up to you. Once you've begun your program, stick with it. Give the program time to work and you will begin to see results soon enough.



Don't Let The Cold Keep You Pinned Down

It's cold outside and you've had all you can stand of video games and monopoly. If you're looking for a new hobby you might want to take another look at bowling.

Bowling can be as entertaining or as challenging as you make it. At first, rolling a ball down the floor to knock over ten little pins may seem more like a carnival game than a sport, but once you've tried it you will see, it's not quite as easy as it looks.

For starters, you are 60 feet from those ten little pins. Those little pins weigh three and a half pounds each, and are spaced about a foot apart. Your ball is only nine inches in diameter.

One of the biggest deterrents to bowling is the cost. Bowling averages about \$2 per game plus shoe rental. One game, depending on the number of bowlers, lasts about 15 to 20 minutes. That adds up to about \$6 or \$7 per hour. Compare that to a video game. One game costs 25 cents and lasts about two minutes. Total cost \$7.50 per hour.

If you wish to purchase your own equipment, the expense can really add up. Bowling balls range in price from \$40 to over \$200. For beginners, you can purchase a quality ball for around \$50. That may seem expensive to some but consider how long that ball will last.

If you decide to make bowling one of your permanent hobbies, I strongly recommend purchasing your own ball. A ball drilled specifically to fit your hand will make this a much more pleasant experience. Balls not drilled to your specifications can cause blisters, sore fingers, and ruin what should be an enjoyable day. Your own ball will also keep you from sorting through dozens of house balls to find one of your liking.

Balls can vary in weight from six to sixteen pounds. You should try several house balls to determine the weight that is right for you.

Bowling shoes are a lot like any other shoes. If you want to spend a lot on a pair, you can, but considering that they will only be worn indoors for short periods of time, I recommend not paying extra for the name brand.

As with any other sport, there are dozens of companies that offer more accessories than most people can carry. Bags, towels, shirts, wrist supports, and rosin bags are just a few of the multitude of extras you may decide to purchase. For those of you just starting out, you will need a ball and a pair of shoes.

Given that you decide to purchase a bag to carry your ball and shoes, you will spend about \$100

to \$150 total. Your equipment should last a minimum of three years, which breaks down to about \$45 per year. I believe that is considerably less than membership fees to most fitness centers. You do have the option of renting house shoes and using house balls if the cost seems too high.

Many bowling centers have obtained bad reputations. Most people picture a bowling alley as a dirty, smoke-filled, slum full of rude, beer guzzling slobs. Nothing could be further from the truth. To begin with, bowling is not free, and that in itself tends to deter vagrants. In addition, a good used bowling alley will set you back about \$250,000. The owners have an obvious interest in protecting and maintaining their center.

As for the rules, they are simple. Scorekeeping may seem complicated at first, but I'm sure the center's employees will be more than happy to help. Most of the centers operating today have automatic scoring. A computer records your score, and all you have to do is bowl.

Bowling is not a strenuous sport. It can be fun for men, women and children of all ages. You can bowl alone or with friends, and best of all, it's indoors. If you've never tried it, I highly recommend you do.



This recipe comes to us courtesy of Mark Sohn, chef, teacher, and author of *Mountain Country Cooking*. The easy-to-use format, coupled with Sohn's love of Appalachian cuisine and a savory array of home-grown recipes make it the perfect source for adventurous cooking, be it for holiday meals or any occasion.

With nine ingredients and one hour of stovetop cooking, this recipe is moderate in difficulty.

Mount Rogers Venison Chili

- Ingredients**
- 2 pounds venison, cut in 1/2-inch pieces
 - 2 cups tomato juice
 - 4 cloves garlic, minced
 - 2 tablespoons McCormick's Hot Mexican Chili Powder
 - 2 teaspoons cumin
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
 - 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
 - 1 pound ground venison
 - 1 six ounce can tomato paste

In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine the venison pieces and tomato juice. Bring to a boil, add the garlic, chili powder, cumin, salt, and pepper. Simmer, covered, for one hour. Stir in the ground venison and tomato paste (this thickens the sauce). Return to a boil, and then simmer five minutes. Serve. Makes about 10 servings.

Beef may be substituted for the venison if desired.

REALTREE OUTDOORS TIPS



Bill Jordan

GET A JUMP ON NEXT SEASON

I far prefer to do my deer scouting for the next season immediately after the current season's end. This is the best time to specifically find bucks and to identify individual trophies.

Post season scouting is relatively easy. The woods are open and old scrapes and rub lines are easy to see. Even if the resident buck was harvested, a prime breeding territory won't stay vacant for long when the next rut starts. Later on, you can find sheds. These are proof positive that the buck survived the season and if the cast antlers are big, you have a trophy buck's home address.

The other great advantage is that you can really see a buck's home-range pattern without spooking the area up just prior to hunting. Just before the next season, I will lightly scout the general area to make sure "big boy" is still around. Already knowing where he spends the late season, the pre-season look shows me both ends of his season-long pattern.

Watch "Bill Jordan's Realtree Outdoors" on TNN Outdoors



A Look At Sports

Pikeville tournament continues while others are dropping invitationals

The Pikeville boys invitational basketball tournament is in its 43rd season and is second only to the Ashland Invitational in longevity.

The tournament began back in 1954 in the old T.W. Oliver Memorial Gymnasium

and was a by-product of the legendary John Bill Trivette, a KHSAA Hall of Fame coach.

Pike County Central won last year's tournament and have been the winners two of the last three seasons. Magoffin County won it in 1995.

Host Pikeville hasn't won the tournament since 1990 and surprisingly has won it only twice since 1980. The Panthers won back-to-back titles in '89 and '90 under then coach Ken Trivette, son of John Bill Trivette and the current athletic director at Pikeville High School.

Since 1980, when the tournament became an eight team affair, Betsy Layne has three tournament titles, '85, '87, and '88. Junior Newsome coached the Bobcats in '85 while Craynor Slone was at the Bobcat helm in '87 and again in '88.

In 1980, Lexington Byran Station under then coach Bobby Barlow, won the Pikeville Invitational. Bobby Osborne has the most titles as a coach with five. He guided the old Virgie Eagles to three championships ('81, '82 and '84). His Shelby Valley Wildcat team won it all in '91 and '93.

Other one time winners of the tournament include: Maysville ('83), Hazard ('86), Elkhorn City ('92) and Magoffin County ('95).

One of the "Mr. Nice Guys" of the region is Randy Jones. Randy has been behind the public address mic at Pikeville High School now for his ninth Pikeville Invitational, not counting all the Class A regionals he has worked. He is very professional in his job and keeps the crowd informed of all the action around the arena.

Look for Randy at that spot when Pikeville hosts the boys 15th Regional basketball tournament.

Coaches against Cancer: Childers and Venters, Deskins Motors and Bruce Walters Ford are all sponsoring the Kentucky Basketball Coaches Against Cancer Crusade in an effort to raise money for cancer research. The dealerships are contributing \$1 for every three-point basket a Pikeville player makes during the 1996-97 season.

Seems a little bit of confusion held up the opening of the tournament Wednesday night (South Floyd vs Phelps) when the officials were late getting to the gym.

What happened? Seems the officials were told the game didn't start until 7 p.m. Game time was set to tip off at 6:30. Dale Conn says everything has been straightened out now.

The hospitality room at the PIT is great. The school not only puts on a first class tournament, but puts out a first class hospitality room as well. We from the media say thanks Pikeville High School.

Intermountain Cable is televising the entire Pikeville Invitational and has the games on tape delay the same night they are played. No one really knows the cost, the time and effort that needs to be put forth to bring these games into living rooms. The next time you see Dr. Don, P.D. or any of those involved in the games, tell them how much you appreciate them.

Speaking of television programs, I will be hosting a new weekly sport show on Channel 5 beginning January 8 (Wednesday) from 8:30 until 9 p.m. I will have a special guest

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Rebels capture Campbell County Invitational

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Allen Central basketball coach Johnny Martin feels his team is starting to gel as a unit, although he confesses they still have some ways to go. But the Rebel mentor liked the way his team performed in the recent Campbell County Invitational this past weekend in defeating a good Campbell County team 94-70 to bring home the tournament title.

It was a round-robin event where the winners of each pool met in the finals of the tournament. Allen Central finished 2-1 in winning

over a good West Carter team. Their only loss was a 70-68 setback to Bishop Brossart in the first round.

"We gave that one away," said Coach Martin. "We couldn't hit our free throws and we just couldn't stop them offensively. They did not miss a shot in the third quarter and shot 68 percent in the second half."

Senior Thomas Jenkins scored 85 points in the three games and pulled down 20 rebounds for the Rebels. He scored 20 points in the championship game to lead Allen Central. Todd Howard and Gary Hunter each scored 16 points. Edmond Slone netted 14 and Jesse Hall came off the bench to score 13.

Nick Samons had six points. "Nick and Jesse are coming in and giving us some good playing time," the Allen Central coach said. "Both played well the whole tournament."

Beau Tackett had seven points in the win and Steve Hamilton scored two.

Allen Central jumped out to an 18-0 lead before Campbell County could get on the scoreboard.

"We led by 30 at the half," said Coach Martin. "We played real well. We hit about everything we put up."

Jenkins had three three-point baskets in the contest. Howard and

Hall drilled one each. Allen Central led 27-5 after the first quarter and went to the locker room at the half leading 50-20.

The Rebels were in the same pool with West Carter and Bishop Brossart. After dropping the 70-68 loss to Brossart, the Rebels rebounded on Saturday night to win over West Carter 89-73. Jenkins burned the nets for a game high 35 points and Howard continued to be consistent from the outside and finished with 22 points including two three-point baskets.

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Thomas Jenkins

Pikeville Invitational....

Paige's basket at :03 gives Raiders victory over Phelps

Four score in double figures in 64-62 win

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The 43rd Pikeville Invitational basketball tournament got off to a fiery start when Phelps and the South Floyd Raiders played in the opening game before a good crowd on New Year's Day.

South Floyd's Justin Paige, with his back to the basket and time running down in a 62-62 game, turned, leaped and sank a 10-foot jumper off the left baseline with just three seconds left on the scoreboard to give the Raiders a 64-62 win over the Hornets.

The Hornets got a time out with just :00.4 left on the clock and just a tick away from impossibility. Rules have it you can't win a game with :00.3 left to play. Coach Geary Walton got the time out and set a play running Derek Justice down the left side line to take a length of the court pass and hopefully a lay in. But the play did not materialize as the ball was tipped and the clock expired.

The final score was indicative of the way the two teams played on the court. It was a close game that kept the crowd in it. The biggest lead of the game belonged to South Floyd. Twice the Raiders led by nine points — 28-19 and again at 30-21.

"We're playing better basketball," said Raider coach Jim Rose. "I'm proud of this team. They didn't quit down the stretch."

Phelps had their chance to take the lead when Kyle Pugh, who had an outstanding game, stood at the free throw line with 15 seconds to

play. Pugh was fouled as he broke open for a lay up that just did rim off. He missed both free throw attempts with Paige going high for the rebound for the Raiders. Once the ball was at mid-court, Nick Compton signaled for a Raider time out with seven seconds to play.

Once play resume, two passes and the ball ended up in Paige's hands and he did what he needed to do.

South Floyd placed four players in double figures led by Compton's 15 points. Compton hit four three-point baskets in the game. Jason Shannon, who played in early foul-trouble and sat out the second period, added 14 points while Paige finished with 13. Colby Little netted 10.

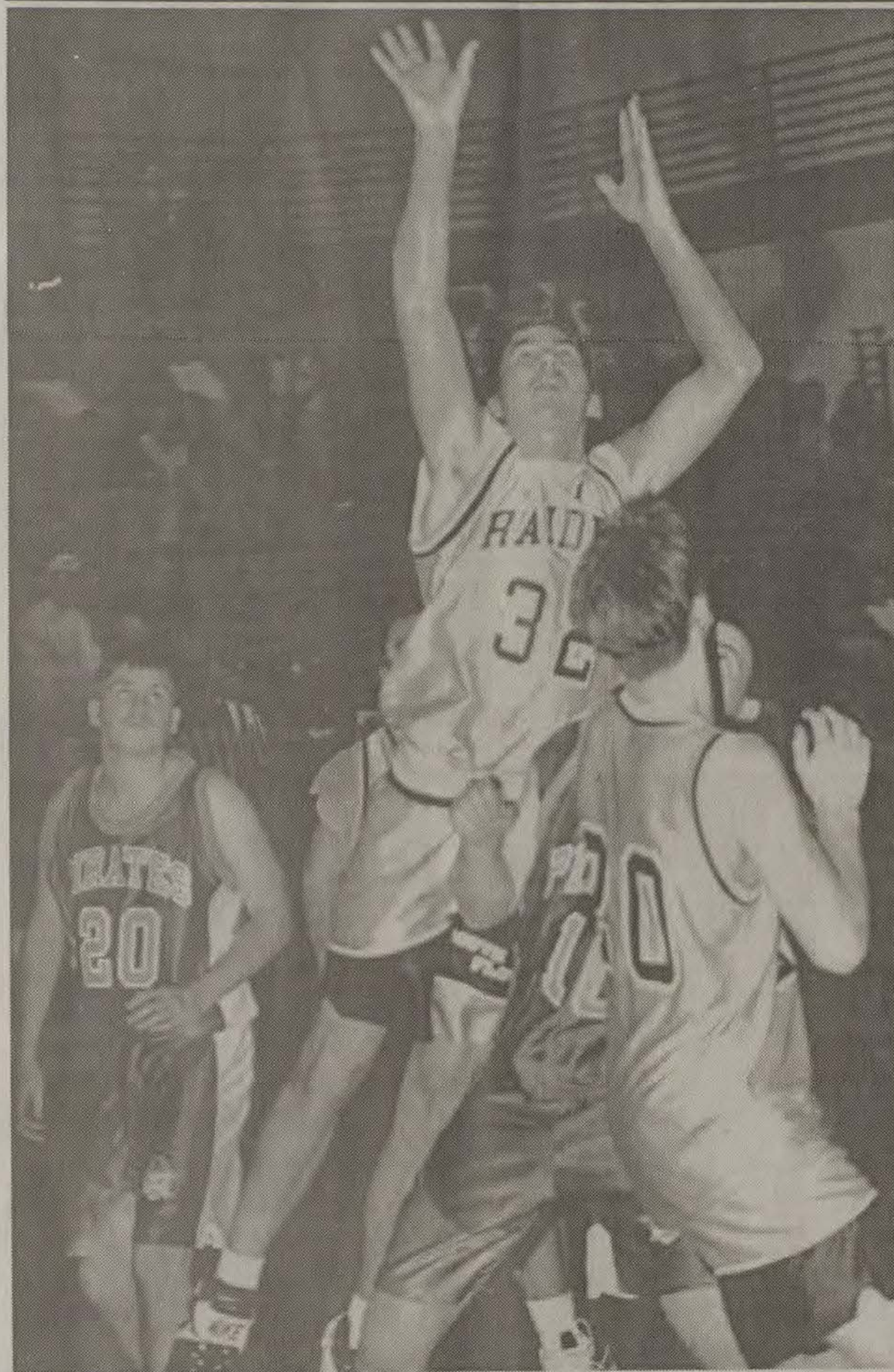
While the stats won't show it, Chris Moore played a strong floor game at point guard for the Raiders and had seven assists to lead the Raiders there. South Floyd had 21 assists in the game. Moore scored four points in the win. Justin Holbrook totaled six points and had five assists. Compton had four assists and six rebounds for South Floyd. Shannon pulled down six boards and Paige finished with four rebounds.

Shannon got the Raiders on the board first with a 17-foot base line jumper as Phelps turned the ball over on their first two possessions. Justice's three-point basket gave Phelps their first lead at 5-4 but baskets by Paige and Shannon netted the Raiders the lead at 8-5.

The game was tied at 12 and 14 before the Raiders went in front on a short jumper and three-point basket by Compton to lead 19-15 after the first quarter.

Compton opened the second

(See Raiders, page eight)



Underneath

South Floyd's Nick Compton (32) scored underneath the basket against Fleming-Neon in basketball play at South Floyd last Monday night. Compton hit two three-point baskets in scoring 15 points to help lead the Raiders past the Pirates 69-58. The win snapped a four game losing streak for the Raiders. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Prestonsburg salvages one game with 65-50 win over Letcher Co.

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The just completed Jenkins Invitational girls basketball tournament was not kind to the Prestonsburg Lady Blackcats as they dropped three of the four games they played. But coach Harold Tackett's ballclub did manage to salvage a win against Letcher County Monday night with a 65-50 win.

Crystal Layne led the Lady Blackcats scoring with 19 points, all in the second half. Shelly Greathouse tossed in 12 and Jessie Burke finished with eight points. Kimi Nunnery was perfect from the free throw line and netted eight points.

Pam Frazier led Letcher County with 13 points and Graceland Cornett scored 11. Amanda Stephens had eight points.

The two teams played to a 28 point tie at the half but Layne became involved in the offense in

the second half scoring eight points in the third period and 11 in the fourth.

While Prestonsburg's leading scorer was being held scoreless, Greathouse, Ladonna Slone and Amber Leslie carried the offense for the Lady Blackcats in the first half.

Leslie had six first half points, while Slone, who has picked up her game, scored four. Nunnery, off the bench, had four points in the second period.

It was from the free throw line that Letcher County stayed close with eight of 10 shooting. Frazier had 10 of her 13 points in the first half. Prestonsburg's defense held her to just a field goal and one of four free throws in the second half. Prestonsburg outscored Letcher 23-13 in the fourth quarter after holding a five point lead, 42-37, after three quarters.

Brandi Slone added five points for Prestonsburg in the win. Brandi Lawson scored two points.

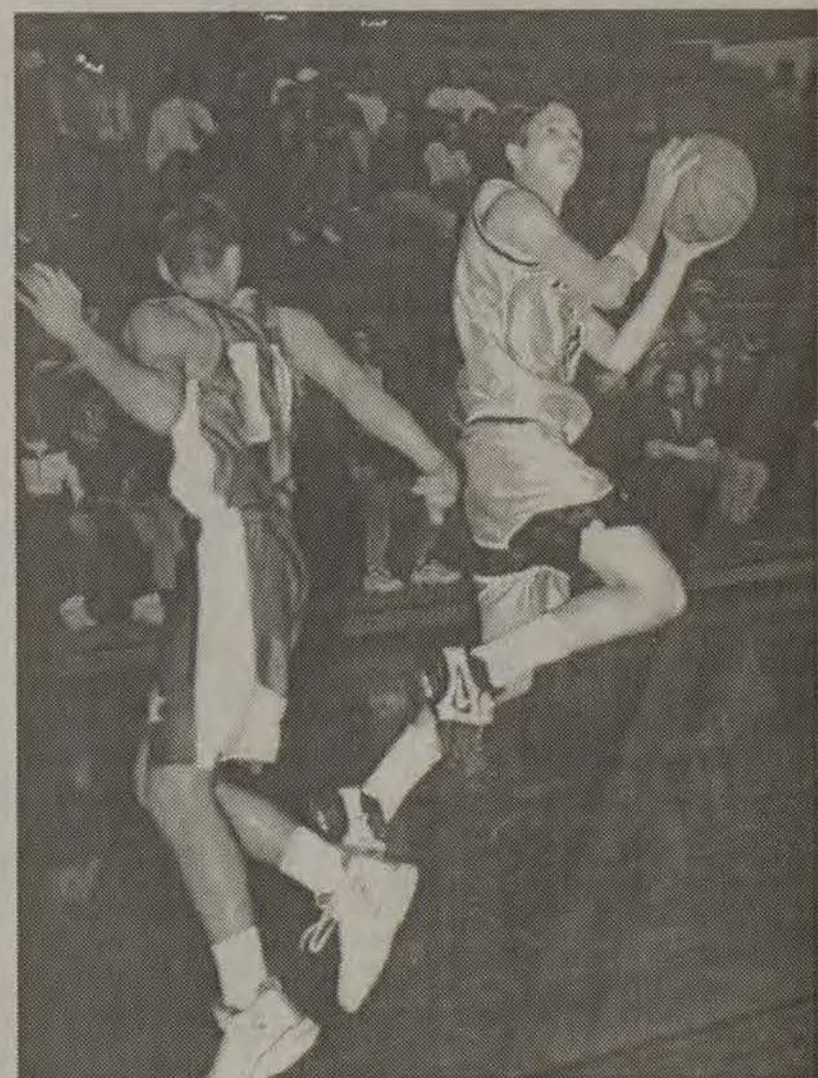
The Lady Blackcats opened the tournament against highly regarded Jenkins, considered the 14th Regions top team. Lashana Coleman scored 22 points and Jennifer Jensen added 18 to lead the Lady Cavaliers to an 81-60 win over Prestonsburg. Kim Reedy was the third Jenkins player to score in double figures with 17 points.

Layne led Prestonsburg with her 18 points, hitting one three-point basket. Brandi Slone added nine while Greathouse and Ladonna Slone netted eight points each.

The two teams played even through the first two quarters but a second half blitz by Jenkins put the game away. Coleman, who had six points at the half and going scoreless in the second quarter, scored 12 points in the third period when Jenkins outscored Prestonsburg 27-12 to lead 61-46 after three periods.

Reedy, one of the better guards in Eastern Kentucky, was held to only two points at the half but

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Sailing along

Justin Holbrook went sailing toward the basket when South Floyd met Fleming-Neon at Raider Arena last Monday night. The Raiders posted a 69-58 win over the Pirates. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Trio lead Raides past Fleming-Neon, 69-58

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Three players scored in double figures to lead the South Floyd Raiders past the Fleming-Neon Pirates and snapped a four game losing streak Monday night.

Amid all the pre-holiday gala, the Raiders were concentrating on righting themselves on the basketball floor as a new year approached. Jason Shannon scored a game high 22 points, Colby Little added 17 and Nick Compton tossed in 15 to lead the Raiders past the Pirates 69-58.

South Floyd did not put the Pirates away until mid way of the fourth quarter as neither team could build any kind of lead.

The Raiders held a 46-44 lead entering the final stanza and a 5-2 spurt netted them a 51-46 lead on a rebound basket by Justin Paige, who played in foul trouble and scored four points.

Two free throws by Compton and one by Colby Little gave the Raiders a 64-53 lead with just 1:33 to play. South Floyd's biggest lead was at 14 points, 69-58.

The Raiders jumped out to a 10-5 lead in the first quarter as Shannon scored eight points in the quarter. It was a 16-14 South Floyd lead after the first quarter.

Kevin Vanover gave the Pirates their first lead of the game when he tied the score at 18 with a lay up and his put back gave Fleming-Neon a 20-18 lead. Shannon's jumper tied the game at 20 and it was tied at 22 when Shannon hit an 18-footer.

Little's three-point basket gave the Raiders a 25-22 lead with five minutes to play in the first half. After a basket by Vanover, Shannon had an offensive rebound to give the Raiders a 27-24 advantage.

Again it was Vanover, as his lay up made it a one point game, 27-26. South Floyd then went on a 5-0 run for a 32-26 lead. Two free throws

by Jarred Lemaster and a three-point basket by David Short cut the South Floyd lead to one point, 32-31, at the half.

Compton's back-to-back three-pointers to start the third period gave his team a 38-33 lead. But the Raiders could not stand prosperity and turned the ball over on their next five possessions as Fleming-Neon raced out to a 40-38 lead.

The game was tied at 40, 42 and 44 until Chris Moore's lay up gave South Floyd a 46-44 lead after three quarters. The Raiders were never headed after that. The closest the Pirates could come was five points.

Vanover finished with 20 points for the Pirates. Lemaster added 15 and Short scored eight.

Compton pulled in 10 rebounds for South Floyd. Shannon had nine and Little had eight.

Little led in assists with five. Moore dished off four as did Compton.

The win improved the Raiders to 2-5 on the season.

FLEMING-NEON (58)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Vanover	7	0	9-6	20
Maggard	2	0	0-0	4
Short	2	1	2-1	8
Lemaster	3	1	6-6	15
Bentley	2	0	5-2	6
Smith	1	1	0-0	5
totals	17	3	22-15	58

SOUTH FLOYD (69)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Shannon	10	0	5-2	22
Butler	1	0	2-0	2
Holbrook	1	0	0-0	2
Moore	2	0	2-1	5
Paige	2	0	0-0	4
Compton	3	2	4-3	15
Shannon	1	0	0-0	2
Little	5	1	6-4	17
totals	25	3	19-10	69

Fleming-Neon.....14 17 13 14 - 58
South Floyd.....16 16 14 23 - 69

Pikeville Invitational...

Powers powers Pikeville past Millard, 82-51

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Pikeville coach Dave Thomas got a chance to play a lot of players in the opening round of the 43rd Pikeville Invitational basketball tournament at the T.W. Oliver Gymnasium Wednesday night as the Panthers routed the Millard Mustangs 82-51.

Doug Powers scored 19 points and Aaron Smallwood added 17 while Jay Ramsey tossed in 12 for the Panthers.

Jesse Bowling, who just rejoined the team, led the Mustangs with 18 points. Bill Bevins added nine. Both Bowling and Bevins added two three-point baskets apiece. Chad Kendrick also had nine points for Millard.

Pikeville's full court pressure defense caused Millard a lot of problems in the first half as the Panthers built a huge early lead. Pikeville led 25-8 after the first quarter and led 37-16 at the half.

In the third period, Pikeville built a 25 point advantage with Coach Thomas using the Pikeville bench early in the second half.

Scott Justice scored six points

for the Panthers. Eric Stepp and John Mims tossed in nine points each for Pikeville. Shannon Potter netted four points as did Josh Justice.

Pikeville improved to 5-4 on the season and will face South Floyd in tonight's first semifinal game at 6:30 p.m.

Floyd County Basketball Standings

MEN		
Team	Overall	Conference
Prestonsburg	5-2	1-0
Allen Central	5-3	1-0
Betsy Layne	4-4	0-0
South Floyd	3-5	0-2

WOMEN		
Team	Overall	Conference
Allen Central	5-1	1-0
Prestonsburg	5-5	2-0
Betsy Layne	1-6	0-1
South Floyd	0-5	0-2

Prestonsburg

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found the three-point circle to her liking in the second half. She hit five three points baskets — two in the third and three in the fourth — to help bury the Lady Blackcats. Jenkins hit nine three-pointers in the game.

Jessi Burke scored six points for Prestonsburg and Amber Leslie netted five. Nunnery finished with four while Crystal Slone scored two.

Prestonsburg could not buy a basket in the first quarter against Fleming-Neon in game two of the tournament as they dropped a 60-43 decision to the Lady Pirates.

Greathouse had the lone two points for Prestonsburg as they trailed 9-2 after the initial period. Fleming-Neon went wild in the second quarter and outscored Prestonsburg 27-10 for a 36-12 half time lead. The Lady Pirates hit 11 of 12 free throws in the second quarter with Brandi Holbrook being perfect with seven of seven free throws in scoring 11 points. She completed a three-point play in the quarter.

Greathouse led Prestonsburg's scoring with 15 points and Layne

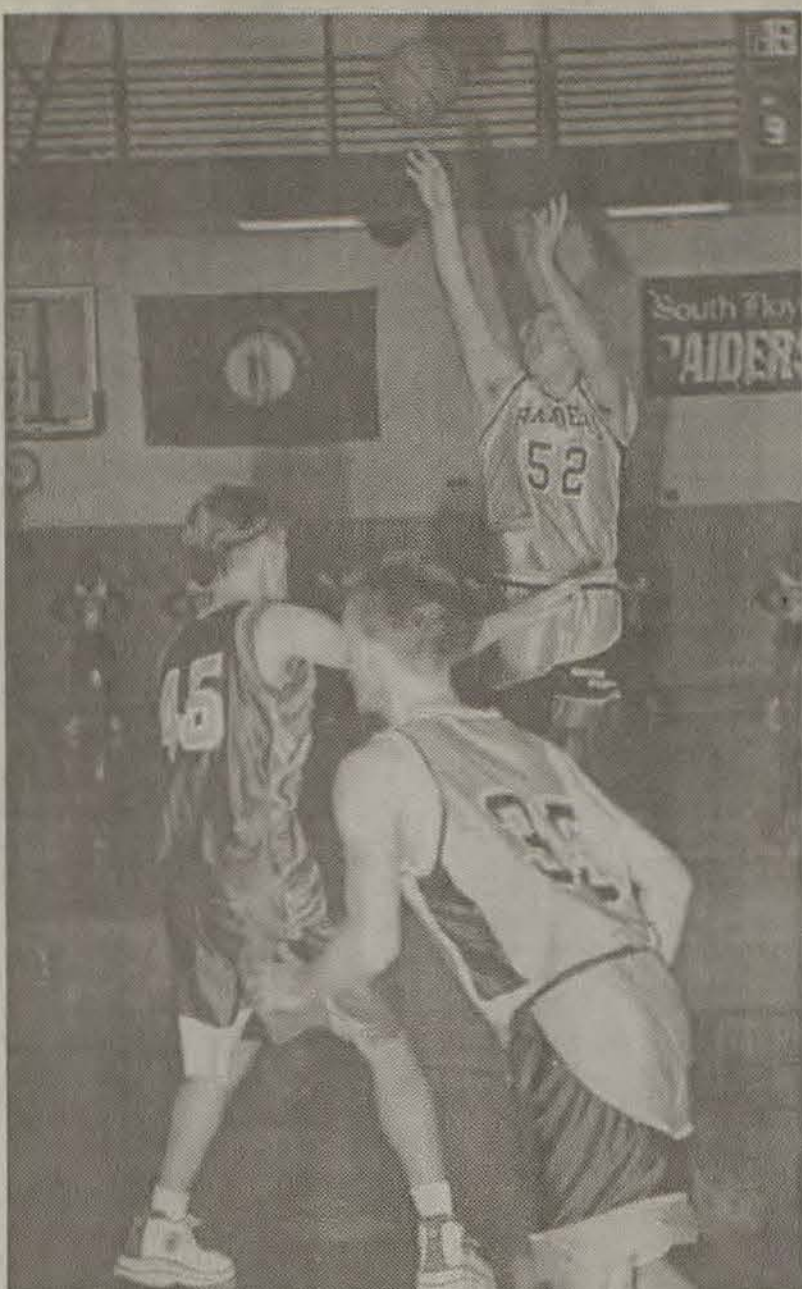
netted 11. Ladonna Slone and Brandi Slone scored four each. Amber Leslie, Brandi Lawson, Brandi Wells and Meredith Jarvis each had two points. Crystal Slone scored one.

Prestonsburg fell to Somerset Tuesday night in the final round of the round-robin tournament. Somerset posted a 14 point victory to drop the Lady Blackcats to 5-5 on the season.

Prestonsburg will travel to Harland for an afternoon game this Saturday and will host Knott County Central at home Monday evening.

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each week on the show but it will be more than just another talk show. We want to spotlight the players in the 15th Region as well as keep you up to date on the news around the sports scene. It will cover basketball, football, baseball, track and field, cross-country, soccer and any other sport we can find time to talk about.



Long jumper

South Floyd's Jason Shannon (52) drilled a long jumper against Fleming-Neon last Monday night in scoring 22 points. The Raiders pulled out a 69-58 win over the Pirates and will entertain Letcher County Wednesday night. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Raiders

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quarter with a trey as the Raiders led by seven. A lay up by Pugh made it a 24-19 game before South Floyd went in front 28-19 on a great move inside by Paige. The Raiders led 30-21 before the Hornets scored the six points to pull to within three, 30-27. Colby Little, on a steal, went solo and hit a short jumper to give the Raiders a 32-27 half time lead.

A free throw by Casey and a quick lay up by Pugh tied the game at 36 with 5:12 to play in the third. Two turnovers and a charging foul hurt the Hornets as Shannon's basket from 18-feet out gave the Raiders a 38-36 lead. Tied at 38, Little drilled a three-pointer at 3:04 and hit another at the 2:01 mark to stake South Floyd to a 44-40 advantage. Moore went hard to the basket for a lay in and was fouled to give his team a 46-40 lead with 1:29 to play in the third. Moore missed the free throw and Pugh hit consecutive baskets to pull the Hornets to within two, 46-44 after three quarters.

Shawn Clusky hit the first two baskets in the fourth quarter to give Phelps a 48-46 lead. The Hornets led 51-48 on a three point basket by Eddie Blackburn at the 6:08 mark. Phelps held their biggest lead of four points, 55-51 on a short-jumper by Jeremy Honaker.

Holbrooks lay up tied the game at 55 and it was knotted at 57, 60 and 62 before Paige's winning basket.

South Floyd's 1-3-1 zone in their half court defense, caused problems for the Hornets in getting the ball inside to Casey. But the Phelps big man finished with 16 points on some strong board work on the offensive end.

Pugh finished with 16 points for the Hornets. Clusky scored 10.

"We had to play in foul trouble early," said South Floyd mentor Rose. "We had Colby and Jason with two fouls in the first quarter. But our younger players came in and gave us a good game."

It was in the second quarter the foul plagued Raiders built their nine point leads.

It was the second straight win for South Floyd who improved to 3-5 on the season. The Raiders will meet the Pikeville Panthers in the semifinals tonight in a 6:30 p.m. tip off time.

SOUTH FLOYD (64)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Compton	3	4	0-0	15
Shannon	6	0	3-2	14
Little	2	2	0-0	10
Moore	2	0	1-0	4
Paige	6	0	2-1	13
Butler	1	0	0-0	2
Holbrook	3	0	0-0	6
totals	23	6	6-3	64

PHELPS (62)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Casey	7	0	7-2	16
Pugh	8	0	3-0	16
Hurley	0	0	1-0	0
Clusky	4	0	2-2	10
Justice	2	0	2-2	6
Honaker	3	0	2-1	7
Blackburn	0	1	2-1	4
Smith	1	0	1-1	3
totals	24	1	20-8	62

South Floyd.....19 13 14 18 - 64
Phelps.....15 12 17 18 - 62

Rebels

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"Todd is playing real well for us," said Coach Martin. "He's starting to play with a lot of confidence. That is all he needed. He just needed to realize he needed to forget all other things and go out and play ball and have a good time."

"A lot of people thought when he came here he would be the next Jeremy Hall. That was an unfair comparison. A Jeremy Hall only comes around once in a great while. There probably will never be another Jeremy Hall. Todd and Jeremy are too different types of players. Todd is an outstanding high school player and he just needs to go out and be himself."

Edmond Slone tossed in 12 points against West Carter. Jesse Hall added eight and Tackett scored six. Hunter and Samons netted two each while Brian Jones and Ryan Owens scored one point.

David Jones led West Carter with his 23 points. Scott Leadingham netted 20 while Eric Berry finished with 14.

Allen Central led 15-6 after the first quarter and led 45-31 at the half.

Coach Martin said his team keeps surprising him with their ability to rebound their opponents despite the lack of size.

"We have rebounded everyone but Brossart," he said. "During the tournament our press was good. We have played good defense. We work everyday on rebounding and I believe that is one of the reasons why we have been so successful."

We block out well."

The Allen Central coach said his team played in foul trouble throughout the tournament.

"We were in bad foul trouble," he said. "But every player played well. Beau (Tackett) had 13 assists in the three games and only three turnovers. That's real good when you get a ratio like that. Nick (Samons) had six assists. When you can get 19 assists and three turnovers out of your point guard position, then you'll take that everytime."

"Edmond (Slone) played a real good tournament for us especially against Brossart where he had 14 points and 10 rebounds against Campbell County. Gary (Hunter) played very well. He just needs more confidence. He is always looking to get the ball to Thomas. He plays better when Thomas isn't in the game."

The Allen Central coach said the way his team was able to run their break was another factor in the success they enjoyed.

"We had some quick breaks. We are doing better in getting the ball out. We moved Gary down under the baskets so he can take the ball out. He's quicker in getting the ball inbounds. I moved Todd back to the shooting guard from last year. That is where I have always wanted to play him."

Allen Central (5-3) will host Betsy Layne next Friday night in a men/women doubleheader.

Players of the Week



Thomas Jenkins
Senior at Allen Central
scored 85 points in 3 games, Campbell Co. Inv.
20 Rebounds

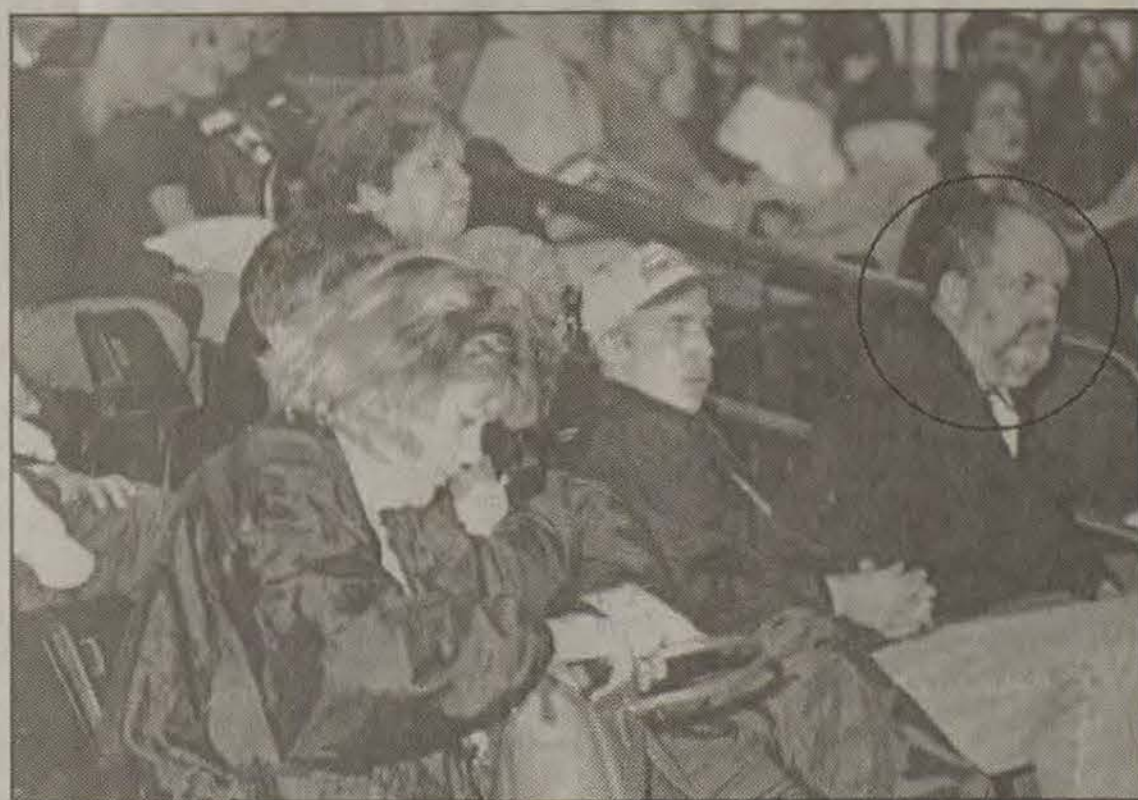


Jessica Johnson
Senior at Betsy Layne
40 points
4 treys,
vs. Lawrence County

The Floyd County Times

(Selected by Floyd County Times Sports Editor, Ed Taylor)

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EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE: High School graduate with at least 2 years of business and inventory experience. College degree preferred. And two years experience in healthcare as respiratory therapist or durable medical equipment preferred.
SALARY: Commensurate with experience and background plus usual and customary benefit package.
LOCATION: Pikeville ARH Homecare Store
69 Weddington Br. Rd.
Pikeville, Ky. 41501

ARH EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER
ARH is a not for profit Healthcare Organization located in Kentucky, Virginia and West Virginia Applications may be picked up at any ARH facility.
Send resume and reference to:
ARH, Homecare Store, P.O. Box 266
McDowell, Ky. 41647
Attn: Daniel Gullett

EARN 1000's WEEKLY stuffing envelopes at home. Be your boss. Start now. No experience. Free supplies, info. No obligation. Send SASE to Mustang, Unit 5, P.O. Box 140008, Orlando, FL 32814-0008.

ADMINISTRATIVE MEDICAL ASSISTANT

Consolidated Health Systems is seeking a full time Administrative Medical Assistant for a physician's office. Applicant must have previous office experience, accurate typing skills, knowledge of basic bookkeeping, and experience with personal computer. Must be able to work normal office hours Monday through Friday.

Excellent benefit package and starting salary of \$5.75 per hour.

Interested applicants should send resume or call:

Consolidated Health Systems
P.O. Box 668
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
606-886-7530
An Equal Opportunity Employer

NEW LOCAL BUSINESS SEEKING

individual with marketing experience. Possible partnership. Call 606-398-2247, leave message.

\$1000's POSSIBLE READING BOOKS.

Part time. At home. Toll free 1-800-218-9000 ext. R-6778 for listings.

FULL/PART TIME.

Flexible schedule. Easy work. No experience. Earn \$300-\$600 weekly at home guaranteed. Call 7 days, 407-875-2022, ext. 0659H01.

NEEDED: Live in housekeeper, caregiver, cook for elderly man.

Call 886-1981.

HAVE YOU HAD individual income tax training?

Are you interested in working this tax season? If so, call 606-478-9437 between the hours of 9a-10a.

WAITRESSES AND COOKS NEEDED:

Apply in person at Hobert's Pizzeria, Lancer. Ask for John.

LPN

Consolidated Health Systems is seeking a full time LPN for a physician's office. Applicant must have experience in pediatrics and able to work normal office hours Monday through Friday. Excellent benefit package and starting salary of \$8.25 per hour.

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Attn: Prestonsburg... **POSTAL JOBS**

\$12.68/hr to start, plus benefits. Carriers, sorters, clerks, computer trainees. For an application and exam information, call 1-800-636-5601, ext. 91, 8a-8p, 7 days.

HELP WANTED: Earn up to \$500 per week assembling products at home.

No experience. INFO 1-504-646-1700 Dept. KY-2276.

VETERANS

Free Job Search Training (CDL, Etc.), Housing Assistance
886-3582 (COLLECT)
VOLUNTEERS of AMERICA

Pets & Supplies

HIMALAYAN CATS. Registered. \$50. Without papers. Call 886-3680.

FOR SALE: Chihuahua puppies.

Ten weeks old. First shots and wormed. Call 886-3078.

FREE TO GOOD HOME:

Male AKC Cocker Spaniel. Six years old. Inside or outside dog. Also, black male mixed breed. Excellent watchdog. Call 886-0981.

Miner Training

ATTENTION COAL MINERS
For electrical retraining, underground and surface, call 358-9953 or 358-9768.

Home Inspection Service

TOP TO BOTTOM HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, INC. Do you know the true condition of the house you are buying or building? Call 606-358-5505 for a home inspection. Timothy Ray Shepherd inspecting new and older homes.

Tree Service

TREE CUTTING AND TRIMMING, topping, brush removal, land clearing, etc. Large or small jobs. Free estimates. Call 874-9271.

ECONOMY TREE SERVICE:

Tree cutting, topping, removal, dead limbing and cabling. Twenty-one years experience. Licensed, insured and bonded. Bill Rhodes, owner. Dump truck, chipper and winch. Call 1-800-742-4188 toll free for free estimates. Local 606-353-9276.

YARD WORK, HILLSIDE CLEANING, TREE TRIMMING.

Also have firewood for sale. Call 874-0257.

Vacuum Cleaner Sales

ELECTROLUX SALES AND SERVICE
Wendell & Teddy Shaw.
Call 606-478-5027.

Taxi Service

NEED A RIDE?
Call Martin City Cab. We accept Medicaid. Long or short trips. 285-0320
Owners: Bill and Judy Barnett

EAST KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION, INC.

Taxi Service. Friendly and courteous service, reasonable rates. Medicaid accepted. Wheelwright: 452-2402 Wayland: 358-9955.

Mobile Home Movers

NEED YOUR MOBILE HOME MOVED?
Call Crum's Moving Service at 886-6665 or 886-5375 (pager). Insured and bonded.

Home Repair

WILL DO INTERIOR/ EXTERIOR PAINTING AND MINOR HOUSE REPAIR. Fifteen years experience. References on request. Call Chris Shepherd at 886-9978 after 5 p.m.

Painting

R.A. TAYLOR CHIMNEY CLEANING SERVICE AND PAINTING COMPANY. Both services available anytime. Call 886-8453.

Driver Training

DRIVER EDUCATION
Save money on car insurance. Check with your agent. Take Driver Education at PCC, Monday through Saturday. Male and female instructors. Cost \$250. Six hours on the road and six hours classroom instruction. Call 886-3863 to register.

Carpentry Work

CARPENTRY WORK, ALL TYPES: New homes from ground up; remodeling or additions; all finish work; drywall; painting (interior, exterior and trim work); all types concrete work, driveways, sidewalks, foundations, etc.; any size pole buildings; garages; decks. Over 20 years experience. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

Contractors

C&B CONTRACTING
Home repairs and remodeling of any kind; room additions; vinyl siding; shingles; deck; porches; etc. For a free estimate call 874-2755 or 478-2791.

HOME BUILDING AND REMODELING:

Decks, roofs. Small and large jobs. Winter rates. References available. Call 606-478-9678 or 606-478-4230, Sonny or Eddie Boyd.

Plumbing

PORTER PLUMBING COMPANY
Allen, KY
Commercial, residential and service work. Licensed and insured. Rotor roter service, drain cleaning, etc. CALL US FIRST! 874-2794.

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WE REPAIR ALL TYPES of sewing machines and vacuum cleaners. We also have used sewing machines for sale. Call 886-6219.

Miscellaneous

VISIT THE LARGEST PANELING CENTER in Eastern Kentucky at Goble Lumber. Over 80 different prefinished panels in stock and as low as \$4.95 per panel. Call Goble Lumber, 874-9281.

Piano Lessons

PIANO LESSONS AVAILABLE. Call David Leslie at 606-886-2167.

Weight Loss Program

THE FIRST PLACE WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM will be starting a new session at Prestonsburg Community College on January 9, at 4:30 p.m. For more information call 874-2873.

Want To Buy

RIVER CITY TIRE & AXLE ALLEN, KY
606-874-9838
Want to buy used mobile home tires and axles. Will pay cash. Call 606-874-9838.

Lost

\$50 REWARD FOR RETURN OF small black/tan beagle. Has collar. Answers to Sparky. Lost in the Mining Branch or Sand Branch area. No questions asked. Call 886-6158 or 874-2625.

LOST: Male boxer. Fawn, mask face, white breast, stocking feet, ears flop. Lost in Martin area. Reward offered for his return. Please call with any information. 886-9461 daytime; or 285-3168 evenings.

Legals

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Koch Victory, a Division of The C. Reiss Coal Company, P.O. Box 417, Oakwood, Virginia 24631, has applied for Phase I bond release on Permit Number 836-9015 which was last issued on September 27, 1996. The application covers an area of approximately 41.15 acres located 0.35 miles east of Martin in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.40 miles west from Old KY 80's junction with Arkansas Creek Road and located 180 feet south of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 34' 44" and the longitude is 82° 44' 18".

The bond now in effect for this permit is a surety bond in the amount of twenty-six thousand dollars (\$26,000). Approximately sixty percent (60%) of the original bond amount of \$26,000 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in July 1996.

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, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 24, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 24, 1997.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Upon and on this date after publication of this notice, I will no longer be responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than myself.

Matthew Henson
General Delivery
McDowell, KY 41647

NOTICE OF PERMIT CONFERENCE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-5110

In accordance with the provisions of 405 KAR 8:010, Section 11, notice is hereby given that a permit conference is scheduled for January 17, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office for the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653, concerning the above application filed by FDCD Coal, Inc., 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The application is for a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation approximately 1.5 miles southeast of Teaberry, Kentucky, in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.90 mile east from State Route 979's junction with Tinker Fork Road and located 0.90 mile east of Big Mud Creek. The latitude is 37° 24' 41" and the longitude is 82° 38' 05". The surface area is owned by Turner Elkhorn Mining Company. The operation will underlie land owned by Ellis & Roxie Keathley, Dora

Keathley, Stephen Hamilton, Tila & Emory Ray, Turner Elkhorn Mining Company, John Jack Adkins, Walter & Orna Keathley, Homer and Wanda Hamilton, Edgar & Myredia Howell and the Casey Newsome Heirs. The proposed operation is located on the McDowell and Pikeville U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The operation will use the underground method of mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Any person whose interests are or may be adversely affected by the issuance of the proposed permit may present information relevant to the permit, in oral or written form, at the time of the conference.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-0249

Amendment No. 1
In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Costain Coal, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 mile northeast of Ivel in Floyd County. The amendment will add 1.00 acres of surface disturbance making a total area of 185.37 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 1.0 mile northeast from Ivy Creek Road's junction with U.S. 23 and located 0.8 mile northeast of Ivy Creek. The latitude is 37° 36' 02" and the longitude is 82° 39' 36".

The proposed amendment is located on the Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Don Trimble and Hatcher Trimble Trust. This amendment is proposing to add an off-permit disturbance.

The amendment application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be received within 30 days of this date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application Number 836-8036, Renewal

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Martin Coal Processing Corporation, 452 Town Mountain Road, Pikeville, KY 41501, has applied for renewal of a permit for a loading facility, crusher and washer coal processing facility, affecting 12.0 acres located 0.15 miles East of Hite in Floyd County.

The proposed facility is approximately 0.67 mile Southeast from KY 122's junction with KY 80 and located 1.0 mile southeast of Martin. The latitude is 37° 33' 19" and the longitude is 82° 44' 58". The proposed facility is located on the Harold and Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by Turner Elkhorn Mining Company and CSX/Chessie System. The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface

Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, KY 40601.

This is the final advertisement of this application. All comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be received within thirty (30) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Under the terms of a security agreement dated July 17, 1995, between Jennifer Mayo and Morris Isaac and Trans Financial Bank, the undersigned will on January 15, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in an "as is, where is" condition, the following:

1989 Ford Probe, Serial # 1ZVBT20C2K5103669. The sale will be held at Trans Financial Bank Lot, behind Dairy Cheer on South Mayo Trail, Pikeville, Kentucky.

For further information contact Roger Bentley at 606-437-2613. The undersigned has the right to bid.

Trans Financial Bank
P.O. Box 852
Pikeville, KY

Note: All sales tax and transfer fee is to be paid by the buyer.

ADVERTISEMENT

The City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, through the Prestonsburg Properties Advisory Committee, is requesting Statements of Qualifications from Architects, Engineers, and/or Planners to provide professional services and assist the committee in the planning, design and implementation of a major recreational and residential development, including a championship golf course. The site for this development will be approximately 700 acres of reclaimed mine lands created by a mountain top removal project currently in process.

The deadline for the submission of Qualification Statements is Monday, January 20, 1997, at 4:30 p.m., EST. Requests for program documents shall be made to: Attention Edward Naim PE, Chairman, Prestonsburg Properties Advisory Committee, c/o City of Prestonsburg, 90 North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; Telephone or Fax 606-886-6946.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that N.A.L.R. Coal Corporation, P.O. Box 330, Ivel, KY 41642 has applied for Phase I bond release on Increment Numbers 1, 2 & 3 of permit number 836-0236 which was last issued on 12-2-96. The application covers an area of approximately 104.61 acres of surface disturbance and overlying an additional 33.80 acres for a total of 138.41 acres located 1 mile southeast of Honaker in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.1 mile east of KY Route 979's junction with Daniel's Branch Road and located 0.6 mile southeast of Spruce Pine School. The latitude is 37° 30' 45" and the longitude is 82° 37' 44".

The bonds now in effect for Increment No. 1 are 0196-836-023601MR2 for \$30,500 and BP-90032-16 for \$15,000. The bonds now in effect for Increment No. 2 are 0196-836-0236-02MR2 for \$1,000, BP-90032-9 for \$79,600, BP-90032-17 for \$8,300, BP-90032-11 for \$5,000, SUI587348 for \$19,500, BP-90032-22 for \$4,500 and Check No. 03720 for \$500. The bonds now in effect for Increment No. 23 are SUI587349 for \$1,500 and BP-90032-10 for

\$500. Approximately 60% of the original bond of \$300,900 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes backfilling, grading, seeding, mulching and establishment of the post-mining land use.

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 February 10, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 11, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 10, 1997.

NOTICE

On December 4, 1996, Ed Walters Broadcasting, Inc., filed an FCC assignment of license application for WPRT 960-AM and WXKZ 105.5 FM to Adam Gearheart d/b/a WXLRFM. The shareholders of Ed Walters are Jeff and Arnold Meek. A copy of the application is available for public inspection at 81 Right Fork of Shop Branch, Stanville, KY 41659.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549, has applied for Phase II bond release on Permit Number 836-0234 which was last issued on May 23, 1996. The application covers an area of approximately 112.22 acres located 0.8 mile northwest of Osborne in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.8 mile southeast from KY 1426's junction with Left Fork of Toler Creek and located 0.25 mile southwest of Toler Creek. The latitude is 37° 28' 49" and the longitude is 82° 37' 38".

The bond now in effect for this permit is a surety bond in the amount of one hundred seventeen thousand, one hundred dollars (\$117,100.00). Approximately twenty-five percent (25%) of the original bond amount of \$117,100 is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, mulching and trees planted.

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, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 24, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for Tuesday, February 25, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. This hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by February 24, 1997.

Dear Diane by Diane Van Arsdale

DEAR DIANE:
I am writing in response to the letter you printed from STRESSED and your response to it. I am a regular reader and I generally find your responses reasonable. However, I feel you missed the boat with STRESSED. I think that STRESSED

was saying that her problem was a nagging, picky, unhelpful husband who fails to recognize and appreciate that caring for a baby is a lot of work. You told her that her problem was a lack of organization on her part.

Fathers have a right and responsibility to be directly involved in the care, feeding and changing of their babies. Men need to accept some responsibility for the care and upkeep of the environment in which they live. Yes, I am saying that men need to learn to do (some) dishes, laundry, vacuuming, mending/sewing, cooking and cleaning. The care and upkeep of one's environment is not "women's work," it is people's work.

I suggest to STRESSED that the next time her husband complains, she tell him that she would be happy to give the house a thorough cleaning from 9 to noon on Saturday or Sunday while he kept the baby occupied, or she would show him how to do part(s) of the job of maintaining their household.

DISAPPOINTED DEAR DISAPPOINTED:

I had to edit the original letter for space. To clarify, the husband is working 16-hour days in order for the wife to be able to stay home with the baby. On Saturdays, the wife stated that "her day off" and she sleeps until noon while the husband does all the laundry (piled up from the entire week), takes care of the baby and the housework, as well as the yardwork. The wife admitted she does nothing but take care of the baby and watch television all day. I guess that's why I was so hard on her. She's not contributing at all, and I felt a schedule would help both her and her marriage.

Send letters to Diane c/o King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Coupon Corner by Marla Armbrust

If you're tossing around New Year's Resolutions, why not make one to become more fiscally responsible this year?

I read something the other day which really floored me: The average American has only about \$2,000 in savings! Is it any wonder that people live in dreaded fear of being laid off? If they are laid off, with no savings to tide them over, they're liable to lose their homes and worse!

Granted, some people have no choice but to live from paycheck to paycheck and that's a fact of life for them. However, many people get themselves in hot water by abusing their credit cards. If you're one of those people drowning in a sea of debt, make a plan now to pay this off.

Instead of merely paying the minimum each month, which in itself is self-defeating, try to pay just \$10 more. Also, put those credit cards away and declare a moratorium on their use. Take them out only in dire emergencies. If you see something you really want to buy, wait a week before purchasing it. Chances are, you'll change your mind and realize you don't really need that item.

It may take a while, but eventually, you'll pay those cards down to a zero balance. Once this is achieved, vow to pay your credit card bills in full every month, maintaining that zero balance. Sounds impossible? I'm here to tell you it's not! Best of all, you'll be able to save money at the same time!

Here are this week's offer: LINDEMANS \$2 MAIL-IN REBATE, Disposable Camera Offer, P.O. Box 52999, Dept. 8349, Phoenix, AZ 85072-2999 (receive \$2). Send in your dated, store-identified cash register receipt from the purchase of any brand disposable camera.

Airplane hijackings

Since 1931, airplane hijacking has been a popular way for terrorists and dissidents to voice their demands. Here are some of the world's most noteworthy hijackings:

1931: First recorded airplane hijacking took place in Peru	1960: First reported hijacking in the Soviet Union; data not released	1985: Palestinians hijacked an Egyptian plane. The plane was stormed and 59 people died	1994: French Airbus hijacked in Algiers for release of jailed opposition leaders. Hijackers killed
1930s	1940s	1950s	1960s
1958: "Cuban Shuttle"; hijacked Cuban plane flown to Mexico, starting a flow of hijacked planes between Cuba, U.S., Mexico	1978: Two Arab guerrillas seized a plane in Cyprus. Egyptian commandos stormed the plane; 15 killed	1988: Two Siberians pulled shotguns from musical instrument cases. Nine died as the plane was stormed	1996: Sudanese airplane bound for Amman, Jordan, diverted to London. Iraqi hijackers seek political asylum

SOURCE: News reports

YOU CAN by JOK CHURCH

Dear Beakman, What causes the water to swirl clockwise when it goes down the drain?
Jeffrey Bean, Santa Rosa, California

Dear Jeffrey, People fall in love with ideas and have a hard time giving them up. This is one of those times. People love the idea that the spin of the Earth is what makes water swirl down the drain. Another part of this beloved idea is that in the Northern Hemisphere the water swirls in one direction, and that it swirls the other direction south of the equator. Even though people love that idea, it's wrong.

Beakman Place

experiment #1

WHAT YOU NEED: Globe - Imagination

WHAT TO DO: With one hand spin the globe counterclockwise. Hold your finger on the support arm at the equator and touch the globe. Lift your finger straight to the North Pole as the globe spins. Notice its path will be like the black arrow - curved.

WHAT IS GOING ON: The straight line your finger made was curved on the Earth's surface because of the Earth's spin. You just showed how the Coriolis force (cor-ee-OL-is) works. This affects big things like winds and ocean currents. It's the reason why hurricanes spin counterclockwise in the Northern Hemisphere and clockwise in the Southern Hemisphere.

SO WHAT: A sink or bathtub is too small to be affected by the Coriolis force. Something else is swirling their waters.

experiment #2

WHAT YOU NEED: To take a bath

WHAT TO DO: After you bathe, sit in the tub as it drains. Notice the direction of the swirl. Put your finger in the water at the edge of the swirl and stir it in the opposite direction. Stir a lot. You've changed the direction of a drain swirl.

WHAT IS GOING ON: The water swirled at the drain because the water already had motion in it. You were bathing in it and the water was moving all around. When the water drained out, the motion had to go somewhere because it can't just disappear. So the motion in the water was concentrated in the swirl. That's why it swirls - it was already moving.

P.S. from Jax: A swirl is a vortex. A vortex concentrates motion and force, like in a hurricane.

YOU CAN by JOK CHURCH

Dear Jax, How does the Internet work?
James Coates, Windsor, Ontario

Dear James, It's important to remember that the Internet is only computers talking to each other on telephone lines - the same phone lines you use to talk on. In fact, just about any time you use the phone, you're sharing the phone line with computer data. More than 10 million computers share phone lines by converting the data into lots of little chunks called **data packets**. Stuff like your e-mail or the pictures on the Web move from computer to computer in thousands of little chunks - all like little cars sharing the same roads.

15 milliseconds of fame

Each packet is a self-contained unit with enough information to move through the phone lines all by itself. Once done traveling, packets join up with their brother-and-sister packets and become e-mail, World Wide Web pictures or other files.

Alphabet soup

URL <http://www.beakman.com/interact/demo.html>

URL Uniform Resource Locator - World Wide Web address

http: Hyper Text Transmission Protocol - The way www data is sent over phone lines

www World Wide Web - Millions of Hypertext files linked together

.html Hyper Text Mark-up Language - The code that's used to build a www page. A kind of file to transfer.

.com A kind of domain. .com means it's commercial - a business.

.org This domain is for nonprofit organizations.

.edu Colleges or universities

.ca Canadian domains (.uk-England, .de-Germany, .nl-Netherlands, etc.)

/ This separates directory names. The file **demo.html** is inside a directory called **interact**.

jok@nbn.com

jok The user's log-on

@ The "at" symbol

nbn Domain where user is at

.com Kind of domain

Internet addresses must be 1 word only, so periods are used as place-holders. They're called **dots**.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Alan Whicker, Mayor and the City Council
City of Martin, Kentucky

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the City of Martin, Kentucky, as of June 30, 1996, and for the year then ended. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the City of Martin, Kentucky's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, 'Audits of State and Local Governments.' Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the City of Martin, Kentucky as of June 30, 1996, and the results of its operations and changes in financial position of its proprietary funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplemental information listed in the table of contents is presented for purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the City of Martin, Kentucky. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Slone & Sumpter, CPA, PSC
December 3, 1996

	Governmental Fund Types				(Memorandum Only)
	General	Capital Project	Proprietary Funds	General Fixed Assets Account Group	
ASSETS					
Cash.....	\$89,845	\$14,013	\$22,246	\$	\$126,104
Investments.....	-	-	-	-	0
Accounts receivable.....	202	33,318	22,867	-	56,387
Due from other funds.....	67,192	5,121	92,562	-	164,875
Interfund receivables.....	-	-	-	-	0
Restricted assets:					
investments.....	-	104,302	-	-	104,302
Water system.....	-	-	1,616,703	-	1,616,703
Sewer system.....	-	-	347,389	-	347,389
Accumulated depreciation.....	-	-	(759,410)	-	(759,410)
Land.....	-	-	28,834	-	28,834
Prepaid insurance.....	12,858	-	926	-	13,784
Prepaid interest & bonds.....	-	-	10,654	-	10,654
Bond discount.....	-	-	1,602	-	1,602
Vehicles and equipment.....	-	-	-	234,227	234,227
Buildings and improvements.....	-	-	-	165,701	165,701
Construction in progress.....	-	2,607,337	-	-	2,607,337
Total assets.....	\$170,097	\$2,659,789	\$1,488,675	\$399,928	\$4,718,489
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY					
Liabilities					
Accounts payable.....	\$15,698	\$48,065	\$10,617	\$-	\$74,380
Payroll taxes payable.....	2,994	-	1,849	-	4,843
Customer deposits.....	-	-	16,121	-	16,121
Accrued interest payable.....	-	-	557	-	557
Due to other funds.....	-	-	157,362	-	157,362
Other payables.....	-	-	-	-	0
Deferred revenues - MAP.....	13,172	-	-	-	13,172
Deferred revenues-LEGA.....	44,418	-	-	-	44,418
Revenue bonds payable.....	-	426,000	315,000	-	743,000
Note payable-KIA.....	-	540,670	-	-	540,670
Total liabilities.....	76,282	1,016,735	501,506	0	1,594,523
Fund equity					
Reserves.....	-	-	104,302	-	104,302
Contributed capital.....	-	1,643,054	1,396,387	-	3,039,441
Retained earnings (deficit).....	-	-	(513,520)	-	(513,520)
Investment in general fixed assets.....	-	-	-	399,928	399,928
Fund balance.....	93,815	-	-	-	93,815
Total fund equity.....	93,815	1,643,054	987,169	399,928	3,123,966
Total liabilities and fund equity..	\$170,097	\$2,659,789	\$1,488,675	\$399,928	\$4,718,489

	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES			
Property taxes.....	\$54,000	\$58,635	\$4,635
Licenses, permits and fees.....	15,000	155,104	140,104
Intergovernmental programs.....	47,000	75,369	28,369
Other.....	35,000	15,116	(19,884)
Total revenues.....	286,000	304,224	18,224
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government.....	132,000	104,752	27,248
Public safety-police.....	127,000	122,194	4,806
Public service - fire.....	25,000	12,909	12,091
Parks and recreation.....	10,000	7,949	2,051
Red, white, & blue.....	150,000	9,592	140,408
Enterprise.....	30,000	13,700	16,300
Intergovernmental programs.....	91,500	23,319	68,181
Capital outlay.....	10,500	8,318	2,182
Total expenditures.....	441,000	302,733	138,267
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures.....	(155,000)	1,491	156,491
Fund balances, beginning.....	155,000	133,518	(21,482)
Residual equity transfers.....	-	(41,194)	(41,194)
Fund balances, ending.....	\$-	\$93,815	\$93,815
Totals (Memorandum Only)			
OPERATING REVENUES		Enterprise Funds	
Charges for services.....		\$286,983	\$286,983
Total operating revenues.....		286,983	286,983
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Amortization.....		216	216
Auto expense.....		4,724	4,724
Depreciation.....		45,979	45,979
Insurance expense.....		10,387	10,387
Maintenance and repairs.....		528	528
Miscellaneous.....		2,824	2,824
Office expense.....		2,751	2,751
Operating supplies.....		11,165	11,165
Other contractual services.....		3,383	3,383
Salaries and benefits.....		71,467	71,467
Sales tax.....		3,298	3,298
Utilities.....		13,480	13,480
Water purchases.....		83,421	83,421
Total operating expenses.....		253,623	253,623
Operating income (loss).....		33,360	33,360
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Interest income.....		4,171	4,171
Interest expense.....		(15,953)	(15,953)
Operating transfer from primary government		0	0
Net income (loss).....		21,578	21,578
Retained earnings (deficit) July 1, 1995		(515,238)	(515,238)
Residual equity transfer from General fund		28,834	28,834
Residual equity transfer to Capital Projects fund		(16,160)	(16,160)
Transfers to reserves.....		(32,534)	(32,534)
Retained earnings (deficit) June 30, 1996.....		\$(513,520)	\$(513,520)
STATEMENT			
1. That a complete copy of the auditor's report is on file at City Hall and available for inspection during normal business hours:			
2. Personal copies of the complete auditor's report are available at duplication costs which shall not exceed 25 cents per page.			
3. Copies of the financial statement as required by KRS 424.220 are available to the public at no cost at the business address of the official who prepared the statement.			

ALAN R. WHICKER, Mayor

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AUXIER

Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby Joe Spencer; Assistant, Southie Fannin, Jr.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Rd.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Paul Aiken.

ABBOTT

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, J.J. Wright.

ALLEN

Allen First Baptist Church, Allen; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship at 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. French Harmon.

Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.; Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster.

BANNER

Prater Creek Baptist Church, Prater Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Kids for Christ Club meets; Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Jr. and Beginners Church meets; Independent Fundamental Baptist Church; Pastor, Gary Fish.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 7:00; Tuesday Bible Study, 6:30; Everyone Welcome. Pastor, David Shepherd.

BEAVER

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist Fellowship, Beaver, Rt. 979; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Philip T. Smith.

BETSY LAYNE

Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night family training hour, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Judith Caudill.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Night Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tracy Patton.

BLUE RIVER

Middle Creek Baptist Church, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.; Independent Fundamental; Pastor, Vernon Stone.

BONANZA

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Herb Arms.

BUFFALO

Endicott Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth Service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. and the first Saturday each month at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, James Smith.

CORN FORK

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Roger Music.

COW CREEK

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Prayer Meeting and Youth Group, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Nathan Lafferty.

Benedict Baptist Church, Slick Rock Branch of Cow Creek, (half mile up Cow Creek on left); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Youth Service, 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Evening Service, 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

DANA

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hammond.

DAVID

Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Fourth Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kilmer Lambert.

DRIFT

Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

Drift Independent Church, Drift; Thursday, 6:30; Sunday, 11:00.

Drift Freewill Baptist Church, Drift; Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Turner.

Drift Presbyterian Church, Route 1101, Drift; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Part-time minister, Mary Alice Murray.

DENVER

Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Merle Little.

DWALE

Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale, Ky.; service Saturday night, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday night, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Woodrow Crum.

EAST POINT

Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

EMMA

Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

ESTILL

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

GARRETT

Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett; 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Stone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brodey Ambergue.

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

Garrett Community Christian Church, Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30

GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul D. Coleman.

GRETHEL

Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David L. Givens.

HI HAT

The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, invites you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday night is family night! Everyone welcome! Pastor, Don Fraley, Jr.

United Christian Church, Meade Bottom, Hi Hat, Ky.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Brother, Bill Stone, Pastor.

HUEYSVILLE

United Community Baptist Church, Hwy. 7, Hueysville, Ky.; Service each Friday night, 7:00 p.m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Come worship with us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville, Ky.; Service each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

IVEL

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LANCER

Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tom Biddle.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Lancer-Water Gap Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Service Wednesday, 6:30; Pastor, Joe Coleman.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer-Watergap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

LANGLEY

Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Green.

MARTIN

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Martin House of Worship, in Martin on Old Post Office St. Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Rt. 80, Martin; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Relief Society/Priesthood, 9:30 a.m.; Sacrament Service, 11:20 a.m.

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorie Vannucci.

Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Main Street, Martin; services: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights,

MAYTOWN

Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Varney.

MCDOWELL

McDowell First Baptist Church, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7 p.m.; individual counseling and family counseling by appointment. Pastor, Harry Hargus.

MIDDLE CREEK

Spurlock Bible Church, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Dan Heintzelman.

MOUNTAIN PARKWAY

Free Pentecostal Deliverance Church, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Patricia Crider.

PRESTONSBURG

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway, Sabbath School, 9:15; Church Service, 10:30; Pastor, Mike Foraker, 886-3459.

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Saturday evening mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.

Community United Methodist Church, 141 Burke Ave., (off University Drive), Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m.; classes for adults, youth and children; choir practice, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Sam Knox.

Morning Star Ministries Full Gospel Church, Rt. 1428 (Old Rt. 23), between Allen and Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Hamilton.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, David L. Blackburn.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, Rt. 1428, beside the old Slimway Building; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Clinton (Buddy) Jones.

First Christian Church, 429 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg; Sunday: Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Hondel Adams.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David Garrett.

PAINTSVILLE

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bayes Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Rolland Bentrup.

PRINTER

Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.

WATER GAP

Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 80, Water Gap, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00; Wednesday youth meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Joe Coleman.

WEEKSBURY

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

WHEELWRIGHT

Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Bobby Isaac.

Bypro Church of God; Sunday School Services, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Howard Goins.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrari.

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

Lighthouse Temple, Hall Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Cosby.

WEST PRESTONSBURG

Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 184, West Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Stephen Whitaker.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.

Family Worship Assembly, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Thursday night, Bible Study and Youth Power Hour; nursery provided; Pastor, Scott Lish.

The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Arner B. Whitaker.

Free United Baptist Church, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Midweek Prayer Service, 6:30 pm.; Pastor, Dr. Jimmie N. Hall.

WAYLAND

Zion Deliverance Church, Wayland; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Ada Mosley.

Wayland United Methodist Church, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Robert Green.



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