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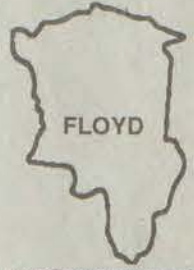


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Poll says college plan unpopular, but governor is not backing off

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Governor Paul Patton's plan to take the administration of community colleges out of the hands of the University of Kentucky evidently isn't meeting with the approval of citizens around the state, according to a poll by the Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Courier-Journal's Bluegrass State Poll indicates that 62 percent of the 802 adults surveyed who said they knew about Patton's proposal oppose it.

Patton's proposal to change Kentucky's post secondary education sys-

tem will put the administration of community colleges under the control of a board that will also oversee the state's vocational and technical schools.

At a town meeting in Northern Kentucky Tuesday, Patton told reporters that he is getting approval from people who take a close look at his proposal.

"You, the people of Kentucky, have elected me to study the issue in depth and to exert leadership. Those who have studied this issue agree in overwhelming numbers that this is the best thing for Kentucky," Patton said.

Patton's press secretary, Melissa Forsythe, said the governor's plan is

endorsed by the Prichard Committee for Academic Excellence, the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, 19 private colleges, eight regional universities, and members of the Kentucky Education Advocates.

"One of the problems we've been combating is that people decide where they stand before they have all the facts," Forsythe said. "The Governor always listens to the people."

Forsythe said Patton has been traveling to communities around the state to explain his education plan. The governor visited Prestonsburg Community College March 27 to discuss his pro-

posal. Patton met with a hostile audience at PCC and criticism that educational quality will suffer under his plan.

Patton said the quality will not deteriorate under his plan but will make education more responsive to students' needs.

"Community-based education needs to be responsive and it needs to be independent," Patton told the audience at PCC.

The governor's plan to separate the community colleges from UK is the only element of his proposal to overhaul the state's higher education system to draw consistent criticism.



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Press Secretary to
Governor Paul Patton

Kentucky's per capita personal income is 81 percent of the U.S. average. Research clearly indicates that the major share of the difference between economic opportunity and standard of living in Kentucky and that of the nation is the state's low level of educational attainment, according to Governor Paul Patton's office.

The research shows:
• 40-44 percent of Kentucky's adult population has minimal literacy skills.
• Kentucky ranks last among competitor states in its percentage of population with less than a high school diploma.
• Only 13 percent of the state's adult population has completed a baccalaureate degree compared to the national level of 20 percent. That ranks Kentucky 48th in the nation.
• Kentucky ranks high among competitor states in post secondary enrollment, but near the bottom in successful student completion.

Tennessee murders may have Floyd tie

by Scott Perry
Times Editor and
Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Tennessee authorities are searching for as many as six suspects, including three reportedly from Floyd County, for questioning in connection with the murders of a man, woman and child Sunday night.

Kentucky State Police are also involved in the investigation, but declined Tuesday to provide any information related to the probe.

Vidar Lillelid, 34, and his wife Delphia, 28, were found shot to death on a gravel road near Greeneville, Tennessee. Their daughter, Tabitha, 6, died later and their son, Peter, 3, was also shot but survived and is listed in critical condition.

The Lillelids were apparently returning to their home in Knoxville after attending a conference for Jehovah's Witnesses in Johnson City.

Police found a blue Chevrolet Citation at the murder scene which was registered to Mary Castle, of Paintsville. Mrs. Castle told police that she had loaned the car to her son, Joseph Risner, 20, over the weekend.

The family's cream colored Dodge van was seen leaving the scene of the murders and police are searching for that vehicle in Kentucky and Tennessee. It reportedly has a scratch on the right side.

Risner is also being sought by police as is Natasha Wallen, a Floyd County woman reportedly picked up by Risner during the weekend.

Two other Floyd Countians, a young man and a young woman police have not identified, are also being sought for questioning.

All of the suspects are in their late teens or early 20's.

Police have also declined to comment on reports that the suspects, some from the Betsy Layne and Toler Creek areas, are members of a "vampire cult" which wore white makeup and black clothing.

Another connection to Floyd County was made when Tennessee authorities apparently found papers at the murder scene from the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center.

Times editorial assistant Dean na Spears contributed to this story.



Children in the Praise Assembly of God congregation participated in groundbreaking ceremonies held Sunday, April 6, near the Route 80-U.S. 23 overpass on Water Gap. Funds for a project to build a new church were raised entirely through donations, yard sales, bake sales, and dinners. The first building phase of the project is expected to be completed within two months. (photo by Mike Burke)

Martin meeting action differs from agenda

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The Martin City Council apparently violated state open meetings law Monday night at a special meeting by taking action on an issue which was not on the original agenda.

The city of Martin provided *The Floyd County Times* with notice

and an agenda for the special meeting, as required by state law, however, the council used a different agenda at the meeting.

State Open Meetings laws require notice of a special meeting to include the date, time and place for the meeting plus issues on the agenda.

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Wheelwright commission puts a freeze on utility rate increases

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Wheelwright City Commissioners put a freeze on gas, water and sewer rates at a special meeting Monday, while admitting that the city's utility department could be taken over by state officials because of its financial problems.

The commission voted unanimously to approve the rate freeze.

"Let me tell you all something," Mayor David Marlee Sammons told the audience. "It may get down to where the state comes in here

and makes us raise the rates."

Commissioner Luther Johnson Jr. said state officials could come in and levy a substantial rate increase, while commissioners want to gradually implement a rate hike.

Members of the audience were very vocal in opposition to a rate hike and applauded when the freeze was announced. One woman said she felt there were other ways to offset costs in the utility department and she felt those should be investigated.

Since January, commissioners have been looking into the utility

For Floyd County School System:

State predicts a year-end deficit

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Floyd County school officials did not fare well before a committee of the Kentucky Board of Education Tuesday in Paintsville with news that the district could end the school year almost \$400,000 in the red.

And, Craig True, chairman of the state board's Management Support Committee, said he would not recommend approval of Floyd County's revised deficit reduction plan and to let the chips fall where they may at the end of the school year.

State Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody said he will oust the entire board and its superintendent if the district ends the year with a budget deficit.

State education financial officer Tom Willis said at Tuesday's meeting he was informed that Floyd County's unmined mineral tax bills for the year 1996 were being held by the Revenue Cabinet and may not be mailed before the end of the school year. Willis said he did not know why the tax bills were being held.

If those tax bills are not mailed, the school may not count the money owed to offset any deficit. Willis said the taxes were expected to generate in excess of \$400,000.

"As of yesterday, our best estimate was that even with these reductions there is a possibility of ending the year with a \$400,000

deficit," Willis said. "If that bill is out there, they may collect some of it, but it is still a receivable. They could possibly balance out."

True said it looked like a no-win situation for the board.

"Even if the best happens, your best estimate is, at best break even and perhaps still deficit," True said.

True said the district could end

the year with a \$972 budget surplus if the tax bills are mailed before June 30.

Compounding the problem in Floyd and several other districts is that two unmined property tax bills have already gone out, Willis said. "That won't happen again,"

(See Deficit, page two)

Cost savings from job cuts are open to debate

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Schools officials are uncertain of the cost savings of 14 job cuts approved Friday because four new positions are to be created in the district's central office.

At special school board meeting Friday, the board voted to eliminate jobs, plus cut some programs to generate almost a half million dollars in savings.

Positions eliminated were director of instruction; director of spe-

cial education; coordinator of professional development; two special education consultants; three talented and gifted resource teachers; four teaching positions at Floyd Technical High School; and a maintenance supervisor.

Also, the board voted to discontinue an all-day program at Floyd Technical High School, making it a half-day program, and to move the district's alternative school into the technical high school building.

(See Job Cuts, page two)



Waiting their turn

Floyd County school officials and former interim superintendent Louie Martin talked with state officials prior to appearing Tuesday before a Kentucky Board of Education committee meeting in Paintsville to talk about the district's financial problems. Local officials found out Tuesday that they will most likely face a budget deficit by the end of the school year. (photo by Chris McDavid)

(See Freeze, page five)

Job cuts

The job cuts will not produce savings for this school year.

Davis told the board Friday that the job duties of the administrative positions eliminated would be combined into other positions, which will be announced later.

Davis said this week that four new posts will be created to combine those jobs, but there is no estimate what those job salaries may be. He added that the expected cost savings could be reduced once those positions are more clearly defined.

"That's looking at it right now," Davis said Tuesday of the projected savings. "Some of those people will have the opportunity to apply (for the new positions). There will be a savings in some of the extended days cut. Right now, I don't know."

The school board and its superintendent must finish this school year with a budget surplus or face ouster proceedings by Education Commission Wilmer Cody.

Davis said Friday the cuts are part of an effort to reduce central office staff.

"I think it's going to help us,"

Davis said. "One of the big criticisms in the past is that the central office is loaded up with too many people. This will get those people out in the schools to serve the children."

The exact number of affected employees is not known, Davis said, but the biggest impact from central office reassignments will most likely be felt among non-tenured teachers. Those currently serving in the positions abolished will be reassigned and their duties will be combined with other positions. Davis said their pay would be reduced to reflect their new positions, especially for those returning to the classrooms. He did not identify those persons.

After announcing the job cuts, two board members asked that personnel be added to an agenda item for a closed session discussion of litigation.

Ray Brackett and Jody Mullins, apparently distressed with some of Davis' personnel actions, asked that personnel issues be added to the closed session.

Board attorney Jerry Patton warned the two that only a public

discussion of the entire plan could be held and it would not be legal to discuss the matter behind closed doors.

Davis agreed with Patton and said any discussion on the reorganization plan as a whole had to be done in public.

Mullins commented he disagreed with cutting the position of maintenance supervisor, saying "maintenance has been cut to death."

Davis explained that some cuts had already been made, but they were not reflected in meeting minutes, and that personnel in those positions would still be employed in the school system.

Brackett seemed satisfied with Davis' explanation.

Davis added that he would be bringing back a model plan which would detail the reassignments.

Mullins said he would rather vote on the proposal position-by-position.

"I have a problem with this plan as a whole," Mullins said. "I can't vote for it. If you can break it down position by position, I'll vote. As a whole, I can't vote."

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Mullins said he didn't see how the plan would work and how the district could continue to provide services to the schools.

Davis again explained that the services would be provided in different ways and that he would bring back a detailed plan to the board which would show that.

After Friday's meeting, Davis was asked if board members tried to discuss individual personnel matters during the closed session, which was called to discuss litigation.

"There was no discussion on personnel issues except right out here where everybody (could) hear it," Davis said.

During the meeting, board member B.J. Newsome asked about the continuance of the district's technology program with the retirement of director Harold Burchell. Newsome wanted to know if Burchell's assistant would maintain the program, and if Burchell would assist with the transition.

Davis said Burchell's assistant would keep the program going and that the retiring director agreed to assist.

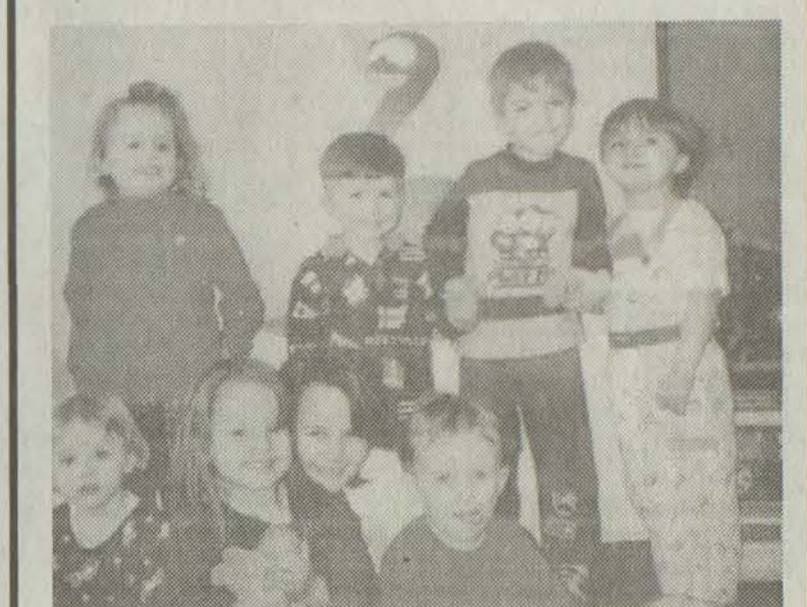
Davis also noted that the district expects to lose 150 students by the beginning of the 1997-98 school year.

The board also approved the reduction of extended employment days for all administrative employees who are not reassigned to other jobs and to reduce the number of extended days from 35 to 10 for the director of the alternative school.

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Willis said. "So even if they get this next tax bill out, the most they can have next year is one. Those other two are one-time monies. They could balance at the end of the year but it's going to be on one-time money."

True said he did not understand why state education staff would recommend the state board approve the deficit-reduction plan because it is so precarious.

Willis said their recommendation was based on conditions which existed almost a month ago.

"It seems to me that if we're not certain if this would in fact result in a surplus, it's difficult for this committee to recommend it to the entire board," True said.

True said if the committee approved the deficit-reduction plan, it would indicate that it supported the deviation from the original plan. He said he would recommend letting the school system finish out the school year and see if a deficit exists at the end of the year. True added that deputy education com-

missioner Randi Kimbrough said she would recommend the board and its superintendent be ousted if the system ends the year in the red.

State board member Tom Gish brought up the propriety of a contract between the board and Floyd County Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson to provide security services for the school. The contract was signed by former superintendent John Balentine and approved by the board. "I would love to know why we should believe that if we approve this particular agreement, we wouldn't pick up *The Floyd County Times* three months from now and find that they have entered into another contract for \$300,000 or \$400,000 with somebody else in a private agreement...The total irresponsibility we have seen over and over and over from the Floyd County Board of Education, the central office and the superintendent, is almost beyond any rational discussion."

Superintendent Gene Davis responded to Gish's comments,

saying, "I can assure you that there will be no more deals like that made as long as I'm superintendent."

Board vice-chairman B.J. Newsome said the sheriff has only billed for \$10,000 in security services and would not seek the entire amount which was estimated at close to \$75,000.

The sheriff's total contract was about \$200,000 which included a two percent fee for tax collections.

Gish wanted to know if the school system was obligated to abide by the contract and if those costs were figured into the projected budget deficit.

Willis said he had never officially received a copy of the sheriff's contract and that it was not approved by state officials. Willis said he spoke with Thompson and the sheriff said he would not pursue the contract.

Board members B.J. Newsome, Jody Mullins and Ray Brackett and many of the central office staff attended Tuesday's meeting.

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A matter of choice

by Scott Perry

There are few rights more precious to parents of school-aged children than that which guarantees school choice.

Truth is, though, there is no such right...at least none spelled out in our constitution.

In Kentucky, parents must send their children to schools within the districts they reside in order for those schools to obtain state per-pupil funding.

They may send their children elsewhere...to private schools or other districts...if they choose, but they may also face hefty tuition costs by doing so.

The law does, however, provide one other option for school choice.

Reciprocal agreements. Put simply, those are contracts between public school districts that allow state funds to follow students wherever they go...except to private schools.

More times than not, reciprocal agreements between school districts are approved as routine matters, but occasionally they

become the sources of irritation.

School boards don't always want their students going to other districts.

When more transfer out than transfer in, they lose money and they lose face.

But while parents choose schools for their children for a variety of reasons, the most prevalent is educational quality or, at least, the perception of educational quality.

And their choices should not be held hostage by funding formulas or potential political embarrassment.

They should be allowed to choose the school they think is best for their child without interference and without worrying they'll have to settle for less.

No, there is no constitutional guarantee for school choice.

But there should be. It's not the money, it's the principle...really.

Parents should have the first say in what they think is best for their children...not the state, not the politicians and certainly not the bean counters.

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.

Expresses outrage at court's actions

Editor:

This letter is to express my outrage at watching the Floyd Fiscal Court attempt to embarrass, harass, and intimidate the citizens of Floyd County. Upon watching Mr. Elmer Lee Johnson approach the court on March 21, with a valid complaint, and then watching them ridicule him, and call into question his moral character, for the first time in my life, I was ashamed to have this government represent me.

This type of "Gestapo"-style behavior is totally unacceptable in a Democracy, and if our elected officials can't control themselves in a civilized manner, then they need to either step down or be brought down by the people.

The only person at the court meeting who behaved in the manner appropriate to his position was the county attorney, Keith Bartley. Unfortunately, one calm, reasonable, sensible person does not always make a majority.

Lavina Morrison
 Prestonsburg

Expresses thanks to Floyd foster parents

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Floyd County Foster Parent Association and all the foster parents in Floyd County for all the wonderful things they are doing for the children who are placed in their homes for care. They are not only providing excellent care for these children; they are collecting donations, raising funds and setting up events to help the children during the times they have to be removed from their homes.

For the annual Christmas party, they raised funds for each child to have presents, and recently, an Easter egg hunt/picnic was held with all children receiving Easter baskets and enjoying a fun-filled day outside, hunting eggs. They have many more fund-raising events planned and activities for the children.

We are truly appreciative of our foster parents in Floyd County, who include, Roy and Patty McBride, Frank and Judy Bentley, Charles and Carolyn Wallen, Alan and Edwina Blair, Rodney and Tammy Frasure, William and Karen Stephens, Kenneth and Deborah Hall, John and Charlotte Crum, DeWayne and Cynthia Crum, Gregory Conn, Anita and Wayne Gravitt, Stevie and Phyllis Hall, and Mellissa and Larry Hall.

All are very dedicated, loving and wonderful people. Thanks again.

Rose Meek and staff
 Department for Social Services
 Floyd County

EDITORIAL DEADLINES

WEDNESDAY EDITION:

Lifestyles, Business, all pictures
 2 p.m. Friday
 Obituaries, Calendar items
 10 a.m. Tuesday

(Calendar items, reunions, meetings, special classes, will appear in the Wednesday and Friday editions only prior to the event)

FRIDAY EDITION:

News copy, all pictures
 5 p.m. Wednesday
 Obituaries, Calendar items
 10 a.m. Thursday

Note: News articles of events more than three months old will not be published. All copy will be edited for clarity and length.

Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

This business of springing forward for Daylight Savings Time is easier said than done.

You can't just turn the knobs on the clocks anymore, because clocks don't have knobs.

They've got instruction booklets, printed in a variety of languages that, for the technologically disadvantaged like us, might as well all be in Chinese.

We spent the better part of Sunday morning hunting for the manuals that go with all the various and sundry appliances we have around the house that have clocks.

By the time we figured each one out, the one clock we can't reset with a touch of a button—our body clock—was signalling for a time out.

Fortunately, the time change always arrives on Sunday...our designated day of rest...when nap-attacks can strike without warning.

Makes no difference if we're on "fast" time or "slow" time when "couch" time arrives.

And, we need no instruction booklet to respond.

There are few things worse in this world than being all alone, away from home, and sicker than a dog.

During a business trip south last week, we were awakened in the middle of the night by a virus, which recommended strongly that we spend the next six hours on our hands and knees on our motel bathroom floor with our head in the commode.

We complied without question, cursing our misfortune.

Not necessarily at falling ill, but at doing so when there was no one around to feel sorry for us.

Sympathy is no cure, we

know, but it does have its medicinal values.

And, there's no place like home for having that prescription filled.

We don't like to complain...well, not all the time...but there's no place like home for contradiction.

How can a place be so blessed with natural beauty and so cursed with roadside rubbish at the same time?

Tossing trash out car windows and over creek banks is not a problem unique to Eastern Kentucky, that's for sure, but it does seem extraordinarily persistent here.

Where is that proud heritage we're supposed to be famous for?

Over the river and through the woods, no doubt, where the rest of the garbage has been strewn.

While we appreciate the effort, we can't escape the irony of these situations where jail and prison inmates are out cleaning up roadside dumps.

One group gets out of jail to clean up after others who ought to be in jail.

Those of us who obey the laws get to pick up something, too.

The check. Thanks to civic-minded folks like those at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, who are underwriting the costs of guards for some of these clean-up crews, the burden on taxpayers for litter control is lessened.

The responsibility for solving the problem is not, though.

As long as there are law-breakers, the law-abiding will pay.

That is the greatest irony of them all.

Spring is on the verge of busting out all over.

The dogwoods are blooming, the rebuds are budding and our eyes are watering...not necessarily because it's hayfever season, but from the sorry sights of destruction left on our hillsides by loggers.

Some areas are so plowed up you'd think giant moles had taken up residence in our hills.

The trees will hide the scars soon, but they won't repair the damage caused by irresponsible loggers.

Did the early days of stripmining teach us nothing about the need to extract our natural resources with consideration for Mother Nature?

From the looks of things, you have to wonder.

Sizemore exhibit at MAC

Original oil paintings by Tim Hawk Sizemore are on exhibit at the Mountain Arts Center Gallery through April 30. Works on display are a reflection of life in Eastern Kentucky and cover a variety of human conditions. Sizemore, a historian, writer, storyteller and actor, in addition to being an artist, presents his perspective on life in the mountains and hopes to dispel myths about the region in the process.

"Art is about the artist, not the subject. My paintings are personal and sometimes disturbing, but they fulfill an inner need to create, not from empirical knowledge but from the soul," Sizemore said.

Sizemore, described by artist and art instructor, Tom J. Whitaker as a "primitive genius," powerfully uses the impact of color and composition to create for the viewer a sense of the artist's private world.

Sizemore's "Job's Turkey" exhibit is only the second exhibit to be

shown at the Mountain Arts Center since its opening last October. The MAC's premiere exhibit featured more than a dozen of East Kentucky's prominent artists.



Sizemore poses with his tribute to a Floyd County musician, the late Dewey Shepherd.

Following the large multi-media display, the Mountain Arts Center wanted the next exhibit to focus on a single artist. Floyd County native Tim Sizemore was a unanimous choice.

"Tim Sizemore's use of powerful and even satirical images in portraying mountain people, makes his work truly singular, and we wanted to recognize him," Misty Daniels, the gallery's coordinator explained.

Sizemore is currently working on a Masters of Arts degree at Morehead State University, where he serves as a graduate assistant in the art department. When not attending MSU, Sizemore resides on Middle Creek, Floyd County, with his wife, Vickie.

Those interested in a group or school tour of the gallery should contact Misty Daniels at the Mountain Arts Center, (606) 889-9125.

Freeze

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the commission after he made his report.

Prior to Monday's special meeting, Johnson said the department had been operating at a \$2,000 per month loss for the past several months, due in part to the department's selling natural gas to customers for less than it costs the city to purchase it.

A long, heated discussion was expected on the rate issue, but commissioners cut it short by voting for a rate freeze.

In other action Monday, commissioners voted to contact the federal Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) agency about a complaint received on the police department.

After the meeting, Commissioner Andy Akers explained that city officials wanted the agency to look into the matter because police chief Tommy Engle had responded to a complaint

involving moonshine and weapons. A complaint was made to the city regarding Engle's actions and Akers said the commission would act on the ATF's findings.

Also Monday:

- Commissioners voted to lay off auxiliary policeman David "Boo" Little because Engle could not supervise him at the present time. Johnson said Little was appointed as an auxiliary officer based on his being supervised by Engle. Commissioners Akers and David Boyd voted no.

- Commissioners voted to look into having two trees cut which are located near the city's pool, which is to be renovated this summer. Akers said the trees were too big and needed to be cut out of the way so work could begin.

- Commissioners voted to authorize city workers to use a blazer donated to the city by Sheriff Paul

Hunt Thompson. Boyd said the blazer had been used by certain individuals as their own personal "toy." He first recommended giving the vehicle back to Thompson, but commissioners agreed it could be used for any city business. Commissioner Jimmy Little said that a jack was missing from the front of the vehicle and the starter had to be replaced. No one knew what happened to the jack.

- Commissioners voted to take back a vehicle being used by utility department employee Gary McCoy.

- Eddie Hall was appointed to serve on the utility commission, replacing Bill Meade.

- City clerk Mary Ann Slone told commissioners that bids for the swimming pool renovation would be opened at 4 p.m. on April 17.

- Commissioners voted to lease an old carpenter shop to have space to repair various city vehicles. Commissioners Akers and Boyd voted against the lease, saying the city would have to pay to make repairs on the building.

Agenda

(Continued from page one)

Public agencies may not discuss any items not included in the special meeting notice.

After being questioned about the difference in the agendas, city attorney Tim Parker said there was an amended agenda and *The Times* should have received a copy of it.

The amended agenda consisted of an additional issue, entitled "personnel matter," but that agenda was not provided to the media until a request was made during the meeting for a copy of it.

When the council addressed the issue, a motion was made to go into executive session.

After nearly an hour of closed door discussion on the personnel matter, the council unanimously voted to put Martin police officer Fred Mynhier on leave of absence with pay for one week.

Mynhier was reportedly injured while opening a door.

In other action Monday night, the council:

- approved a \$500 donation to the Pee Wee team; \$300 each to three Little League teams, the girl's softball team and the Babe Ruth League; and \$300 to Martin Middle School for the purchase of flowers for the beautification of the school grounds;

- accepted an agreement with the county to help maintain the

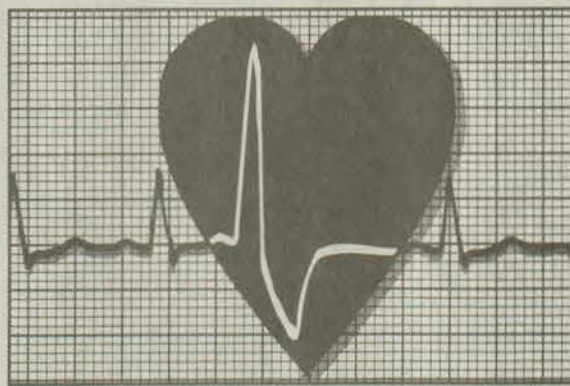
baseball field in Martin;

- approved the county E-911 resolution to participate in the county's 911 system; and
- tabled a Mountain Christian Academy proposal about a sewer dispute between the academy and the city.

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Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5273, Renewal

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc., 16232 U.S. 23, Catlettsburg, Kentucky 41129 has applied for renewal of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 0.6 mile west of Hueysville in Floyd County. The operation will disturb 8.20 surface acres and will underlie 843.70 acres and the total acres within the permit boundary will be 851.90 acres.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.3 miles East from Salyers Branch Road junction with SR 7 and located 0.07 mile south of Sattlick Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 25" and the longitude is 82° 51' 56."

The proposed operation is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Chester Neeley and James Martin Heirs. The operation will underlie land owned by Chester Neeley, Norman Allen Heirs, Mae Turner, Lacy Shepherd, Rebecca Martin Estate, Hailt Chaffins, Catherine Chaffins, David Chaffins, Gary Rister, James Combs, Harlen Shepherd, Ben Combs, Kelly Howard, Stewart Howard, Ambrose Slone Heirs, Dallas Cox Estate, Gorden Howard, Garnet Moore, Albert Green, Golda Castle, Dallas Kilgore, Billie Hughes, Thelma McAskill, Douglas Gearheart, Harold Allen, Devert Owens, Buster Duddleson, Stewart Banks, James Martin Heirs, J. Osborne Drilling, Evelyn Horn, Adrian Bentley, Jack Osborne, Chester Bailey, Talmadge Allen, Hargus Martin Jr., Vesta Martin, Roy Duncan Estate, Fraley Gunnel, Curtis Knox, Martha Gibson, Harless Howard. The operation will effect an area within 100 feet of public road SR 7 Road. The operation will not involve relocation of the public road.

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

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-6007, Major Rev. #1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc., P.O. Box 3428, Pikeville, Ky, 41501 has applied for a permit for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.25 mile southeast of Eastern in Floyd County. The major revision will add 0.0 acres making a total area of 4.43 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.07 mile south from Ky. Route 80's junction with Ky. Rte. 550 and is located along Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37-30-49. The longitude is 82-48-30.

The proposed major revision is located on the Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Coal-Mac, Inc. and CSX Transportation, Inc.

The major revision proposes to change the approved postmining land use to industrial/commercial. This revision also proposes to revise the sediment control plan to allow removal of on-bench ponds following final grading.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director of the 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 thirty (30) days of today's date.

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Back to back Goose Creek at the MAC April 11, 12

by Chris McDavid
 Staff Writer

Gooseheads will flock to the Mountain Arts Center this weekend for two Goose Creek Symphony concerts.

Floyd County native Charlie Gearheart, who is the leader and founder of the Goose Creek Symphony, said last week that he is excited about returning to his hometown for another concert.

"Being from here, if you go away — it's still home in my heart," he said. "We're a different breed."

Gearheart said he gets an emotional feeling about coming home to Floyd County. "I get a high from coming home to play," he said. "It's neat to bring my music home."

In November 1996, Goose Creek Symphony performed a one-night, sold out concert at the Mountain Arts Center. The group is scheduled to perform again at the center on April 11 and 12.

Originally scheduled to perform only on the 12th, Gearheart said the group decided to add Friday night because of the amount of requests for tickets.

Reminiscing about his childhood days in Floyd County and the changes which have occurred in the area, Gearheart recalled that he got

his start with music on a trombone in the fourth grade at Maytown Elementary.

He said the area has changed drastically since he was a young boy in the area.

"It took 45 minutes to get from Goose Creek to Prestonsburg," Gearheart said, noting that it took four-and-a-half hours to get to Lexington.

Aside from the advancement with highways in the area, Gearheart said it was a "lifetime dream" to return to his hometown and play at a facility like the Mountain Arts Center.

"I never envisioned (a facility like the MAC in Floyd County) in my life," Gearheart said. "We've played everywhere and it's a good facility for anywhere. I've played in some a lot bigger, and (the MAC) is as good as any I've ever played in."

Gearheart first performed on American Bandstand in 1959. In the late '60s, with his guitarist Paul "the Pearl" Spradlin, Gearheart moved on to form Goose Creek Symphony.

Gearheart created a unique style of music with Goose Creek that was as true to his Appalachian upbringing as it was to his experiences playing jazz and rock.

"The basis of (my music) is

about the hills," Gearheart said. "I'm a home-family person."

Goose Creek Symphony has appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show and has shared stages with famous names such as Jimi Hendrix and The Allman Brothers at the Atlanta Pop Festival, Stevie Wonder, and Alice Cooper.

Gearheart said when the group performs at other places they always strive to put on a good show, but when returning home, he wants everything to be perfect.

The Goose Creek Symphony concerts this Friday and Saturday night are sponsored by radio station WQHY, Prestonsburg.

Floyd County residents will be among MSU concert performers

Morehead State University's Concert Choir and Chamber Singers will appear in concert on Thursday, April 17, at 8 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall, and three Floyd Countians will be among the performers.

Christopher Lafferty at Martin; Valeria Boyd of Banner; and Jimmy Shepherd of Prestonsburg, will perform during the concert. Lafferty, a senior, is a member of the Chamber Singers. Boyd, a freshman, and Shepherd, also a freshman, are members of the concert choir.

Under the direction of James Ross Beane, MSU associate professor of music, the ensembles will present works by several composers. The Chamber Singers will perform choral compositions by such writers as Samuel Barber and Maurice Ravel as well as three madrigals. The Concert Choir, with organ accompaniment by Larry Keenan, MSU professor of music, will present J. S. Bach's "Cantata No. 4" (Christ Lay In Death's Dark Prison).

The program is free and open to the public.

Orthopedic Clinic for children set for Friday, April 18, in Salyersville

An Orthopedic Clinic for children under the age of 21 is scheduled for Friday, April 18, at the Big Sandy District office of the Commission for Children with Special Health Care Needs in Salyersville.

The commission's program provide diagnostic evaluation, clinical follow-up, x-rays, hospitalization, surgery, medical equipment, supplies and therapy services for certain disabling conditions whether they are congenital or acquired.

Examinations will be conducted by Dr. David Stevens from the Shriners' Hospital in Lexington. X-

rays will also be taken and read on clinic day.

For information on how to apply for services, call Monday through Friday at 349-7411 or toll free 1-800-594-7058.

In addition to the orthopedic clinic, ear, heart and eye clinics are also available through the Big Sandy District office.

Anyone can make a referral to one of the clinics. Patients will be seen by appointment only.

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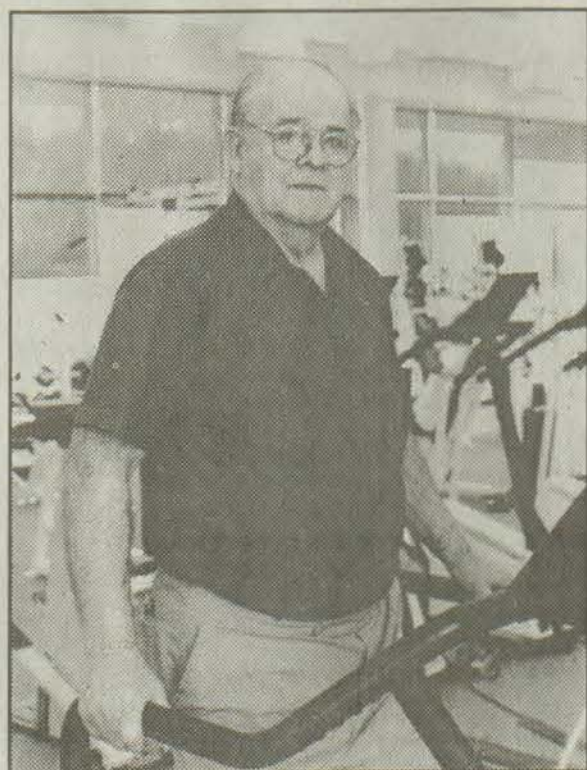
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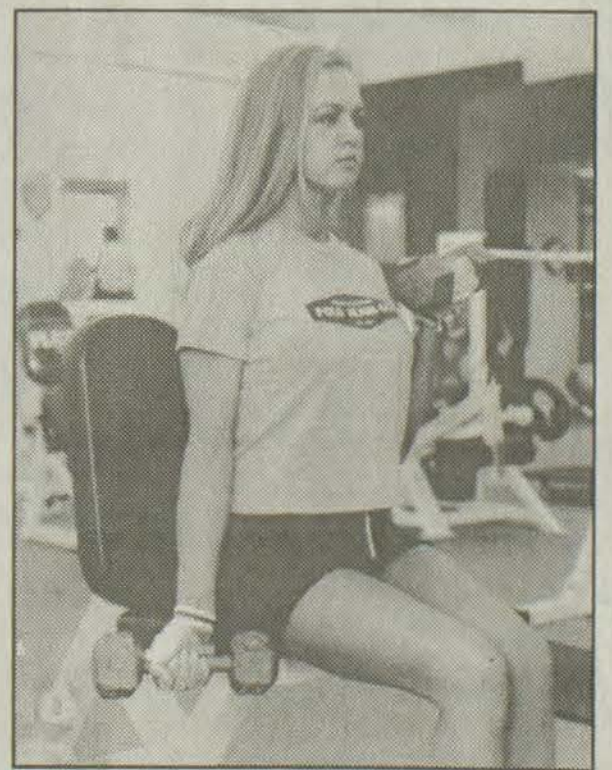
Howard Ramey, Wittenville resident and retired Johnson Central Math teacher and Assistant Basketball Coach, had great difficulty walking after having a stroke in 1993. Howard joined **Highlands Wellness Center** in June of 1996. At that time, 3-4 minutes on the treadmill was the most he could endure. Today, Howard is staying mobile — he averages 70 minutes on the treadmill, does free weight exercises, uses the weight machines and works out nearly every day in the **Wellness Center**.

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Denice Music, Prestonsburg resident, had a weight problem—she was too thin. After years of peer pressure about being "skinny," Denice decided to do something about it. She joined **Highlands Wellness Center** in April 1996 and began a personalized strength training program to develop muscle mass. Now days, Denice works out regularly lifting weights and says that not only has she developed muscle and shape, but her self image and confidence have greatly improved.



Child abuse prevention

Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale signed a proclamation declaring April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Watching the signing were, from left, David Bentley with the Department of Social Services (DSS); Linzie Hunt, Sheriff's Department chief deputy; Rose Meek, supervisor DSS; Kathy Lafferty, victims advocate; Darrell Conley, Prestonsburg police chief; Dee Dee Griffith, DSS; Angela Baldwin, DSS; Dawn Cokley, DSS; and John Earl Hunt, Commonwealth Attorney. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month; protect children, report suspected abuse

Child abuse is defined by the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse (NCPCA) as an injury or pattern of injuries to a child that is non-accidental. There are four types of abuse: physical, sexual, emotional, and neglect.

In 1995, over 3 million (3,111,000) children in America were reported for child abuse and neglect with almost one million (996,000) cases being substantiated.

Approximately three children per day die as a result of abuse and neglect, and it appears these figures continue to rise according to National Incidence Studies of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Child abuse and neglect has a tremendous impact on society as juveniles delinquents, prostitutes, drug addicts, and adult criminals often report having positive histories of child abuse and neglect. Adults abused as children often have difficulty with interpersonal relationships, anxiety and/or depression, substance abuse/dependence, low self-esteem, sexual

problems, and other signs of trauma. Effective parenting and maintaining employment is difficult for adult survivors of child abuse, and this is a tremendous loss in human potential. Long-range costs are exorbitant as we look at monies spent on child welfare services, housing juvenile offenders, foster care, medical care, counseling, and special education. Prevention is certainly the key as recent estimates support that we save at least \$6.00 spent on social problems vs. \$3.00 spent on prevention.

What to do?

- Participate in the Blue Ribbon Campaign in remembrance of victims of child abuse and neglect and to raise awareness in others.

- Get involved in parenting classes in your community.

- Practice time-outs for yourself to ensure you are in control before punishing your children.

- If you are feeling out of control or overwhelmed, call a support person.

- Listen to your children when they talk to you.

- Share personal safety with your children.

- Support local schools and agencies who are educating your children about abuse and neglect.

- Spend time doing something fun with your children and try to involve the entire family when possible.

- Report child abuse or neglect any time you suspect it.

For more information on child abuse, call Nancy Hunt, at Mountain Comprehensive Care Center, 886-8572. If you suspect abuse or neglect, contact your local Cabinet for Families and Children at 886-8192. The Kentucky State Police Hotline number is 1-800-222-5555, and the Child Abuse Hotline number is 1-800-752-6200. All information is confidential and reports can be made anonymously.

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Obituaries

Tracy Johnson

Tracy Johnson, 61, of Melvin, died Monday, April 7, 1997, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born December 17, 1935 at Bevinville, he was the son of the late Andy and Florence Isaac Johnson. He was a disabled coal miner. He was preceded in death by his wife, Merline Johnson.

Survivors include his stepfather, David K. "D. K." Newsome of Melvin; two sons, Allen Ray Johnson of Lenoir, North Carolina, and Michael Todd Johnson of Wheelwright; one daughter, Cathy Lynn Johnson of Wheelwright; one grandchild and three step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, April 10, at 11 a.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church at Bypro, with Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Anderson Cemetery on Jacks. Creek, Bevinville, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Visitation will be at the church.

Lester Counts

Lester Counts, 75, of Bypro, died Sunday, April 6, 1997, at Mountain View Health Care Center in Elkhorn City, following an extended illness.

Born October 3, 1921 in Haysi, Virginia, he was the son of the late Ezra and Bertha Rose Counts. He was a retired coal miner.

Survivors include his wife, Orbie Robinson Counts; three sons, Harold Counts of Bypro, Eugene Counts of Wheelwright and Dean Counts of Belleville, Michigan; one daughter, Donna Johnson of Taylor, Michigan; one brother, Frank Counts of Bevinville; one sister, Mable McCulloch of Virginia Beach, Virginia; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 9, at 11 a.m., at the Rebecca Old Regular Baptist Church at Kite, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Martha J. Goble

Martha J. Goble, 69, of Prestonsburg, died Friday, April 4, 1997, at King's Daughters' Medical Center in Ashland, following a brief illness.

Born May 29, 1927 in Floyd County, she was the daughter of the late Malcolm and Sally Hughes. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Goble.

Survivors include one son, Don Goble of Princeton; two daughters, Elizabeth Spears of Banner and Barbara Baker of Nicholasville; two brothers, Dewey Hughes of Prestonsburg, Leonard Hughes of Lima, Ohio, and Charlie Hughes of Silver Lake, Indiana; one sister, Maryellen Poe of Prestonsburg; four grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, April 7, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. David Garrett officiating.

Burial was in Richmond Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Eli Hall

Eli Hall, 61, of Topmost, died Sunday, April 6, 1997, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, following a short illness.

Born April 27, 1935 in Knott County, he was the son of the late Seland and Cora Hall. He was disabled.

Survivors include two sons, Celand Hall and Gary Wayne Hall, both of Willard, Ohio; one daughter, Deborah Sue Kidd of Willard, Ohio; three brothers, Joe Hall of Topmost, Orville Hall of Ohio, and Ellis Hall of Thornsville, Ohio; three sisters, Emma Hall of Topmost, Alberta Triplett of Galion, Ohio, and Anna Louise South of Williamsburg, Ohio; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, April 8, at the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church at Topmost, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Hall Family Cemetery at Dry Creek, Topmost, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Andrew Jack Hayes

Andrew Jack Hayes, 75, of Terre Haute, Indiana, formerly of Floyd County, died Friday, April 4, 1997, at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis, from injuries sustained in a fire.

Born April 11, 1921 at Maytown, he was the son of the late Rich and Susan Resnake Hayes.

Survivors include his wife, Lea Nell Hollingsworth Hayes; three sons, Douglas Arthur Hayes, Richard Otis Hayes and Andrew Jack Hayes Jr.; three daughters, Judith A. Stroot, Debra K. Sears and Colleen Michelle Gray; 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, April 9, at 2 p.m., at the DeBaun Idaho Chapel, with Rev. Stanley Howell officiating.

Burial will be in Highland Lawn Cemetery, under the direction of DeBaun Funeral Home, DeBaun Idaho Street Chapel, in Terre-Haute, Indiana.

Virgie Jane Bray Shepherd

Virgie Jane Bray Shepherd, 57, of Drift, died Thursday, April 3, 1997, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, following a long illness.

Born September 24, 1939 at Drift, she was the daughter of Virginia Cooper Bray of Drift and the late John Bray. She was a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Jack Shepherd; three sons, Jackie Darryl Shepherd of McAndrews, Gary Shepherd of Hueysville, and Greg Shepherd of Drift; two daughters, Virginia Shepherd of Drift and Betty Sue Craft of Calfax, Illinois; one brother, J. B. Bray of McAndrews; five sisters, Helen Walters of Drift, Mary Shepherd of Hunter, Betty Shepherd of Printer, Sharon Owens of McAndrews and Bobbie Sue Fish of Mt. Sterling; and nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, April 6, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the clergymen Abe Vanderpool and Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Drift Cemetery, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Daniel Johnson

Daniel Johnson, 47, of Bevinville, died Thursday, April 4, 1997, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born March 3, 1950 in Knott County, he was the son of Lillie Hall Johnson of Bevinville and the late Has Johnson. He was a disabled coal truck driver and member of the Little Rock Old Regular Baptist Church at Bevinville.

Survivors include three brothers, Bailey Johnson and Otis Johnson, both of Bevinville, and Ell Johnson of Teaberry; and three sisters, Annie Gessel of Bevinville, Thelma Quillen of Dwale, and Bessie Keltner of Lima, Ohio.

Funeral services were Monday, April 7, at 11 a.m., his residence, with ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

Burial was in the Ben Hall Cemetery on Arnolds Fork at Kite, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Eugene Moore Sr., would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers, or spoke comforting words. A special thanks to Reverend Don Fraley Jr., and Rev. Atha Johnson for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The family of Eugene Moore Sr.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Sarah A. Pack wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to Clergyman Louis Ferrari for his comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The family of Sarah A. Pack

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Larry Moses Tackett wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent flowers and gifts of love. We especially want to thank the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

The family of Larry Moses Tackett

Card of Thanks

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair, Perhaps you sent a funeral spray, if so, we saw it there.

Perhaps you spoke the kindest words as any friend could say, Perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day.

Whatever you did to console our hearts, We thank you so much, whatever the part.

THE FAMILY OF WILDA HUBBARD

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Melvin Frasure Jr., wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors upon the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words, We are especially grateful to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

The family of Melvin Frasure Jr.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of Martisha Davis would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help upon the loss of our loved one; those who sent food and flowers or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their comforting words, the Little Rosa Regular Baptist Church, the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control and the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.

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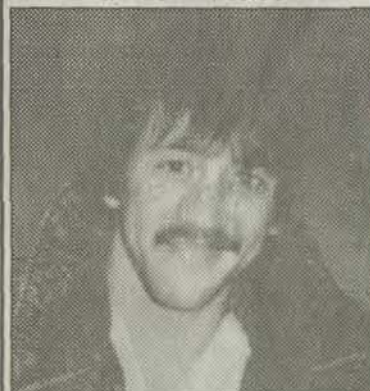
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Then find the memories and fill with joy.

A loved one shared, a laugh, a kiss.

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I wish you the light of tomorrow.

My life has been full, I've had so much.

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Alumni Weekend planned at ECU

The approximately 370 Eastern Kentucky University graduates residing in Floyd County are encouraged to visit their alma mater April 25-26, when ECU hosts its annual Alumni Weekend.

Special reunions are planned for the classes of 1922, 1927, 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972 and 1977, but all Eastern alumni and other families are welcome.

"Alumni Weekend is a rekindling of the spirit of Eastern," said Larry Bailey, director of alumni affairs, "and we hope that our graduates will make a special effort to join us for what is a special day for the University community."

A 6 p.m. reception for alumni

and faculty (both current and retired), followed by the option of an "Early Bird" Alumni Dinner or Casino Night are scheduled for Friday evening, April 25, at Arlington. The Casino Night, which includes a dinner, costs \$21. Each person will then be given \$2,000 of play money to gamble, and winnings can be used to purchase ECU paraphernalia. The cost for the "Early Bird" dinner is \$15.

Activities continue Saturday, April 26 when, in addition to the special class reunions and class photographs, several graduates will be honored with induction into the Hall of Distinguished Alumni, and ECU National Association's Outstanding Alumnus will be rec-

ognized. Also to be recognized are ECU Pioneers, those who graduated from Eastern at least 50 years ago. The cost for the class brunch/meeting at 11:30 a.m. is \$9. The Alumni Awards and Recognition Banquet at 7 p.m. costs \$12. All the day's activities, beginning with registration at 9:30 a.m., are in the Keen Johnson Building.

Any graduate from 1947 and earlier who would like to be recognized as a Pioneer this year should contact the alumni affairs office to make reservations. For reservations, registration or additional information, call the ECU alumni affairs office, 606-622-1260, or toll-free in Kentucky, 1-800-262-7493, ext. 1260.

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This year the corps hopes to set a record in the number of volunteers. Any organization or individual who would be interested in volunteering may contact Park Ranger Shirla Wells for additional information at (606) 886-6709 or (606) 789-4521.

Birthdays



Casey Adkins

Fourth birthday

Casey Randall Adkins celebrated his fourth birthday on March 18, with a party at the Pikeville YMCA.

Casey is the son of Randall and Alma Adkins of Harold. He has one sister, Amber, who will be 16 on April 24.

Those attending Casey's party were Phillip, Judy, Lisa Joe and Margie Stevens, Padra, Jodie and Cody Spears, Chris, Greg and Elizabeth McKinney, Teresa, Stacy and Matthew Stevens, David Rogers, Patty, and Austin Case, Lindsey Rogers all of Toler Creek, Angel Lawson of Harold, Aron Prater of Grethel, Joyce, Greg and Joey Adkins of Pikeville, Fredia, Connie, Stevie, Carrie and Keshia Hall of Dorton, Dawn and Devin Maynard of Pikeville, Barry, Shelia and Megan King, and Ashley Crum of Pikeville, Jason Huffman of Brushy, Davin Adams of Pikeville and Mason Hall of Beaver. He is the grandson of Hillard Hall of Harold.

Celebrates 90th birthday

Osey Crawford, of Hi Hat, will be 90 on April 11. Her birthday was celebrated over the Easter weekend. Due to a recent illness a smaller family gathering was held rather than the larger one that had been planned.

Those in attendance were her children and their spouses from Michigan, Charles Crawford, Bob and Ecie (Crawford) Stewart, Willis and Frankie Crawford, Jake and Jean Crawford, and those close by, Ledford and Wanda (Crawford) Ross, Ray and Zetta (Crawford) Hamilton and daughter-in-law, Dimple (Rose) Crawford, have been by her side during the Eastern weekend.

Osey, her children and several

Brother, sister celebrating birthdays

Kaitlyn Spears and her brother, Ryan Spears, recently celebrated their eighth and ninth birthdays. Katie was eight years old on March 10, and Ryan will be nine years old on April 9. His birthday was the same day as his maternal grandparents', Homer and Mary Hall, 50th anniversary.



Paige Meadows

First birthday

Paige Maddison Meadows celebrated her first birthday, March 8, at her grandparents home in Auxier. The theme of her party was Rocking Horses-N-Teddybears.

Paige is the daughter of James and Kristy Meadows of Prestonsburg.

Celebrating her first birthday were her parents; her sister Whitney Danielle Grace Meadows; Carla, Rick, Rikki Hughes, Nickki and Cory Jenson, Joell Hall, Tracey, Katie and Brant Smith, Emmel Wallen, Wilma Leslie, Jennifer and Jordon Bishop, Della and Crystal Halbert, Charlene, Cory, Travis, Kyle Welch, Clara and Haley Akers, Lowanna, Michelle Stevens, Morgan Wallen.

Paige's maternal grandparents are Thelma and Chuck Moore of Auxier, and Richard Bishop of Corbin. Her paternal grandparents are Jim and Flo Meadows of Greenup.

Paige is the great-granddaughter of Ollie and Emmel Wallen of Prestonsburg. Amanda Bishop of Flat Gap, and the late John Bishop and John and Bethal Bays of Old Town.

grandchildren and great-grandchildren both from Michigan and Kentucky also celebrated her birthday over the holiday. Those include: Mark, Pam (Stewart), Lilly and Adam Bye, Jerry, Kim (Stewart), Joe and Jackie Marker; Stormy (Crawford) and John, Keith and Aaron Crawford, Kenny Crawford, Phyllis (Crawford) DeVasier and David, Brenda (Hamilton), Colby and Taylor Newsome, Dylan Maldonado, Debbie (Crawford) and Paul Neal, Chris and Renna Ross, Mona Lisa (Hamilton) and Paige, Rusty and Reba Hamilton, and Melissa (Ross) Little.

Many other family members and friends were also there, including Zelfa Johnson and Ocelene and Sharlene.

Name of brother omitted in article

A recent article announcing the first birthday party for Billie Ann Adams, inadvertently omitted the name of her brother, Brian Scott Adams. Billie Ann and Brian Scott are the children of Jimmy and Michelle Adams of Grethel. Billie celebrated her birthday at her home on March 25.

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by Beverly Carroll



Senior citizens, as I was driving in to work this morning I was lamenting the fact that I had lost an hour's sleep last night. Why, twice a year must we go through this ritual? I asked myself. I didn't dwell on this time-change nuisance for long. The mountains and valleys budding with an array of fresh colors caught my attention. Spring had sprung! What a beautiful sight to behold.

In Eastern Kentucky we've experienced an extremely mild winter. Some are worried about the possibility of flooding. Those who lived through the devastating floods of '57 and '77 (if the dates I've heard are correct), are predicting that this is the year for the "Big One."

Now that thawing is beginning in the North and Northeastern parts of the US where they have had record breaking snowfalls this winter," and with the Appalachian rains that fall so freely in the springtime, perhaps we should all heed the advice of the old-timers, listen to them and share in their concerns. Some who live in low-lying areas, designated floodplains and even relatively safe places where flooding is not normally a problem, but where flash flooding could occur, are preparing to move to "higher ground" if they are threatened by high waters.

In spite of the beauty that surrounds us at the moment, and regardless of the countless advise we might hear from those who have lived through the devastation, should flooding become a problem in Eastern Kentucky this year, many of us will not be prepared for it, or will not want to leave our homes to seek safety. In an effort to protect what we have sacrificed a lifetime to accumulate, many of us will "hang on," hoping to survive and salvage what we can. The last thing many of us will want to do is to abandon our homes for the dishonest to come in with their boats and help themselves to our treasures and possessions.

It seems, while the clock ticks away, as a people, we are reluctant to heed sound advice. We are not only guilty of failing to make preparation for the changes that each season might bring, but we are guilty of doing this with the aging process as well.

I've yet to meet a person who is certain that he or she will never die. Yet, I've met countless people, some far into advanced years who either feel they have plenty of time to take care of critical business that could affect them for the rest of their lives, or could affect the distribution of their personal belongings and real estate after their deaths, or who feel this business of living wills, advance directives and wills is taboo. "We didn't have those things when my parents died forty or fifty years ago," they reason, "and I don't need to be bothered with such things today." Well, unfortunately today things aren't as they were during our parents' lifetime.

For one thing, they didn't have Medicare then. And there wasn't such a thing as Medicaid, or the availability of Medicaid beds, or the Medicaid reclamation rule. There wasn't modern medicine as we

know it today, and there wasn't life-support systems where we could live in a vegetative state indefinitely. Families lived in clusters then and were not scattered to all ends of the earth as they are today. The family lived together, or in close proximity to each other, and they knew the wishes of their aged parents. The homestead was automatically passed on from one generation to the next. It's not necessarily that way today!

We should not take for granted that these things will automatically care for themselves. We should heed advice from those who have experienced a host of legal problems and build some safeguards for ourselves, for our future and for our loved-ones, should the time come that we can no longer make decisions for ourselves. We should not take for granted that our personal medical wishes, our homestead and/or our personal belongings will go to whom we want to get them. We should heed advice now, as we witness springtime blossom into the full bloom of summer. None of us know, but this could be the year of the "Big One," where we depart this world and leave our loved one's flooded with an array of messy, costly legal battles.

Gruesome possibilities? Perhaps. Possible? Yes. Probable? Most definitely. I invite you to ask any lawyer, Judge or family who is working through a deluge of problems because these things were not cared for properly until which time a loved one became medically eligible for some services, incompetent, or died. Just don't assume your mobile home, in a peaceful setting down by the river, will be going to your children. And don't assume that your mansion on the hilltop will automatically go to your heirs. Times have changed, just as we changed the clocks, and laws governing these things have changed, too!

On behalf of the Kentucky Benefits Counseling Program for Senior Citizens I strongly urge you to heed the advise of a trusted attorney, knowledgeable in these matters. Your peace of mind alone will be well worth the fee your attorney

might charge. For more information about today's article, contact you Benefits Counselor for the Big Sandy Area, Charles Slone, at 886-3876 or toll-free at 1-800-556-3876. Mr. Slone will not be able to recommend an attorney by name, but he can provide you with information that you will find helpful in dealing with situations that could influence your future and that of your loved ones.

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Census Bureau to gather vital employment data

The nation's basic data on employment, and characteristics of the labor force will be collected the week of April 13, when employees from the Commerce Department's Census Bureau will be in the area to conduct the Current Population Survey (CPS).

Conducted monthly since 1942, the confidential CPS data provide Americans with up-to-date information on the nation's work force.

"Findings from the CPS are invaluable because they help local, state, and national policy-makers make informed decisions affecting many of us," Susan B. Hardy, director of the Census Bureau's Charlotte regional office, said.

On May 2, the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., will release labor force statistics for the United States based on the data provided by local households in the April CPS.

Local households selected for the

survey will receive a letter from Martha Farnsworth Riche, director of the Census Bureau, informing

them of the survey.

Census Bureau interviewers carry an official identification card with

their photograph and signature.

The map shows an example of data collected from Dec. 1996 CPS.



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

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

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950 plans educational meeting

Donald McGarey, a member of the John W. Hall Lodge, No. 950, F&AM, Martin, will present an educational program at the meeting of the lodge to be held on Saturday, April 12, beginning at 7 p.m. Clifford Blanton, master, urges all master masons to attend.

Field visit to Floyd

A member of the staff of Congressman Hal Rogers will be at Prestonsburg City Hall on Tuesday, April 18, at 10 a.m. The purpose of the visit will be to assist individuals who have a problem with the federal government.

If you know of anyone who may have a problem with Social Security, Black Lung, the Veterans Administration or any other agency of the federal government, tell them about the visit.

EMT basic class

There will be a Kentucky Emergency Medical Technician basic class held at Paintsville Fire Department, Station No. 2, beginning April 15, every Tuesday and Thursday, from 6-10 p.m. For more information, contact the Paintsville Fire Department Station No. 1, at 789-3517, or Jennifer Boyles at 789-9049, after 6 p.m.

Public hearing on aging services

The Big Sandy Area Agency on Aging will hold a public meeting regarding area plans for aging services programs under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended, the Kentucky Homecare Program, and the Adult Day Care

Program.

The hearing will be at 10 a.m. at the Johnson County Senior Citizen Center, Thursday, April 17.

The public is invited to attend. For more information, call Doug Lawson at 886-2374 or 1-800-737-2723.

Special day set for senior citizens

Camp Nathanael will host its fifth annual Senior Citizens Day for all area seniors on Thursday, April 17. There will be special music, singing, activities and a dinner served at noon.

The day begins at 10 a.m. and concludes at 1:30 p.m. There is no charge for the event. Expenses will be covered by a free will offering. For more information, call (606) 251-3231.

Rev. James Stratton, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Pikeville, will share a devotional.

Special Duff council meeting

There will be a special site-based council meeting, Thursday, April 10, at 4 p.m., in the James A. Duff Elementary School library.

National teleconference at PMH Education Center

Pikeville Methodist Hospital and the Hospice Foundation of America will provide a national teleconference, Living with Grief: When Illness is Prolonged, on April 16, from 1:30-4 p.m. The teleconference will be held in the PMH Education Center in the Wallen and Cornett Building.

Bereaved individuals and families as well as health care professionals are welcome. Health care professionals can obtain three contact hours. Call 437-3525 for price information or to register.

ACHS council to meet

Allen Central Youth Service Center will hold an advisory council meeting on April 24, at 6 p.m.

CPR renewal class

Our Lady of the Way Hospital will offer a CPR renewal course for the public on Friday, April 18, at the Seton Complex in Martin. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the class will start at 9 a.m. Instructors for the class are certified through the American Heart Association and

the National Safety Council.

Pre-registration is required by Friday, April 11. To register, call (606) 285-5181, ext. 301 or 342.

Auxier Historical Society to meet

The Auxier Historical Society will meet Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the basement of the Methodist Church in Auxier. Everyone is invited.

Masonic Lodge to hold meeting

The East Point Masonic Lodge will meet April 12, at 7 p.m. This meeting is very important, it will affect all members.

All members are urged to attend. All master masons are welcome.

Clark council to meet

The SBDM council at Clark Elementary School will have its regular meeting on April 9, at 6 p.m. in the school library. All concerned parents and citizens are welcome.

OLW presents program on eating disorders

Kim Blocker of Our Lady of the Way Hospital will give a presentation on Eating Disorders April 11 to the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade girls at Martin Middle School.

Parents may contact the Martin Middle School Youth Service Center at 285-26666 if they would like to attend the presentation with their children.

Bradley-Vanderpool reunion

A Bradley-Vanderpool reunion will be held June 15 at Archer Park, near the ballfield, for all friends and family of the late Parish and Polly Vanderpool Bradley, former residents of Dock.

Bring a covered dish and non-alcoholic drinks. The reunion begins at 11 a.m.

Decorative wooden birdhouses

Brenda Cockerham, Johnson County extension agent for home economics, will be the guest speaker for "Decorative Wooden Birdhouses." Friday, April 25, from 10:30-1 p.m., at the Floyd County Extension Office.

Cost is \$15, which includes supplies.

The event is sponsored by the Floyd County Homemakers. For more information, call 886-2668.

Job skills training

Job skills training will be held at McDowell FRYSC. The program will be presented by Nyoka from U.K. Extension Office. Topics and times to be presented as follows: resumé writing, April 10, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.; and ways to succeed in seeking a job, April 17, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

F.O.R.C.E. meeting

Fathers On Rights for Custody Equality (F.O.R.C.E.) monthly meeting will be held April 10, at 7 p.m., on the second floor in the law library, of the Floyd County Courthouse.

For more information, call 349-6862, 358-9927, or 874-2214. The group meets the second Thursday of every month.

Street rally

A street rally, Floyd County For Jesus, will be held April 13, at 7 p.m., in the Municipal Town Center Parking Lot. The event will be held rain or shine.

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Future of community colleges is topic of April 9 teleconference held at PCC

United States Vice President Al Gore is expected to present his views on the future of community colleges during an hour-long teleconference Wednesday, April 9, sponsored by the University of Kentucky Community College System.

The public is encouraged to view the teleconference at Prestonsburg Community College. It will be broadcast at PCC from 3 to 4 p.m. Those attending the broadcast

Citizens invited to comment on future budget

The Cabinet for Health Services and the Cabinet for Families and Children will hold public meetings to hear from citizens on funding human services programs in Kentucky.

One of these meetings will be held in Prestonsburg, Thursday, April 17, at the Big Sandy Area Development District building from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The regional hearings, which have been held every two years, are the first step in the budget planning process for the 1998-2000 biennial budget. The hearings are opportunities for citizens to express concerns and make recommendations regarding programs which affect them. Testimony may be either written or verbal.

Advanced registration for MSU April 14-17

Advance registration for Morehead State University's two summer sessions and the fall 1997 semester will be conducted Monday through Thursday, April 14-17, on the main campus, at extended campus centers and other selected regional sites.

Current students and those planning to attend MSU this summer or fall, may register during this period, according to Gene Ranvier, MSU registrar.

Course directories containing trial schedule forms are available from academic departments and the off-campus registration sites. The course schedule is also available on the University's web site through the registrar's office. MSU's home page address is www.morehead-st.edu.

On Monday, April 14, only graduate students, current seniors and juniors may register. On Tuesday through Thursday, April 15-17, the registration process will be open to all other students.

Main campus students advance register in their major department from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students without a declared major will register in the Office of General Studies, 233 Allie Young Hall.

Windows 95 class to be held at PCC

At last, a Windows 95 class!! The Office of Continuing Education and Community Services at Prestonsburg Community College is offering an introduction to Windows 95. All you need is a familiarity with Windows and how to use a mouse and this is the class for you.

The class will be Thursday, April 17 or Tuesday, April 22 from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

For more information or to register, call 886-3863, ext. 240.

will be invited to remain afterward for a brief informal discussion of what they have seen and heard.

Education expert and futurist Rick Smyre of North Carolina will set the mood for the teleconference with opening comments that take a close look at current trends and their ultimate outcomes in the 21st century.

The teleconference not only will paint a picture of the future, but also is designed to demonstrate the latest technological advances in distance learning at UK's community colleges.

The teleconference will be broadcast live via Kentucky Educational Television's Star satellite network. The 14 community colleges in the UK system will have opportunities to ask questions via interactive television and/or via FAX.

"This technological partnership between Kentucky Educational Television and the Community College System makes it possible for us to host a statewide interactive conference where all parties may actively participate," said Dr. Ben W. Carr Jr., chancellor of the UK Community College System. "It is exciting to know that the vice president of the United States can walk down the hall of the White House and talk one-on-one with educators and students at 14 locations across Kentucky."

Mindy Shannon, project coordinator for the 1997 Jimmy Carter

Work Project and executive director of Kentucky Habitat for Humanity, will moderate the three-member panel.

Shannon is a former news anchor from a Lexington television station and was press secretary to former Kentucky Governor Brereton Jones.

Members of the panel include Carr, Smyre, and Judge Sarah

Combs. Judge Combs is the wife of the late Bert T. Combs, who served as Governor of Kentucky when the community college system was founded.

A video that combines the statewide telecast with excerpts from each of the local community college sites will be produced and made available to local cable channels and all interested parties.

County unemployment rates fell in February

Unemployment rates fell in 84 Kentucky counties, including some counties in the Big Sandy area, between January and February, increased in 25 counties and stayed the same in 11, according to the Department for Employment Services in the Workforce Development Cabinet.

In the Big Sandy district, the unemployment rate fell slightly from 10 percent in January to 9.8 percent in February. Unemployment rates ranged from 8.7 percent

in Pike County to 16.3 percent in Magoffin County. In Floyd County, the rate stayed the same, 9.7 percent.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and compiled to measure employment trends rather than actually to count people working.

Martin County's rate dropped from 12.1 percent in January to 11.5 percent in February. Johnson County's rate rose slightly from 9.1 percent in January to 9.4.

Search on for Miss East Kentucky 1997

Plans are underway for the second Miss East Kentucky USA Pageant and contestants are needed! If you are: 1) female, 2) unmarried, 3) a high school graduate, and 4) between the ages of 18 and 24, you could be the next girl to wear the crown!

Set for May 24, in the Mountain Arts Center Auditorium in Prestonsburg, The 1997 Miss East Kentucky USA Pageant will feature the reigning Miss East Kentucky USA Veronica Hayes.

Hayes is the daughter of Debbie and Ron Hayes of Paintsville and is currently a student at Eastern Kentucky University. She was crowned last May.

Could you be her successor? If you feel you have what it takes, call for an application today. You may contact Pageant Director Don Lowe at 889-9767. The application fee is \$10 and the entry fee is \$200. Contestants are encouraged but not required to obtain corporate sponsors to pay part or all of their entry fees.

Competitions include: 1) interviews; 2) swimsuit; 3) evening gown; and 4) onstage questions. In

those competitions, contestants will be scored by a panel of five judges using a 10-point scale. They will receive a score from each judge ranging from 0.1 to 9.9. Those scores will be combined to determine the finalists and then the new Miss East Kentucky USA.

The winner's prize package is valued at over \$1,000 and includes complete entry fees and expenses to the state level pageant.

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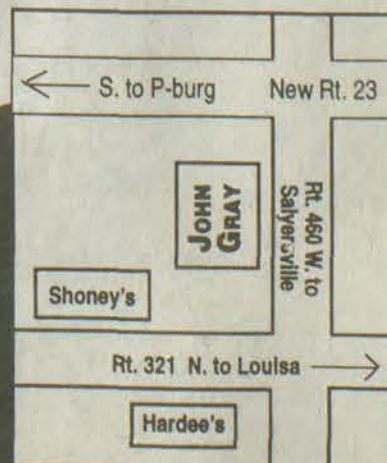
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Young asthmatics can safely enjoy medically-staffed summer camp

Summer camp is typically a place where kids can experience nature and have fun as they gain independence and self-confidence outside the confines of their family. Yet, for asthmatic children, camp is also a place fraught with triggers—heat, high humidity, pollen, animals, and physical activity—that could set off a suffocating attack and keep them from breathing.

As Kentucky's only medically-staffed overnight camp especially for asthmatics, Camp Superkids makes summer camp possible for 7-13-year-olds whose asthma is severe enough to keep them from attending a regular camp. The one-of-a-kind program is staffed round-the-clock by doctors, nurses, pharmacists and respiratory therapists.

Applications are now being taken for this year's camp, which will be held June 15-20, at the YMCA's Camp Piomingo facility in Otter Creek Park, 25 miles south of Louisville. Because the program aims to serve young asthmatics

statewide, children from Floyd County are particularly encouraged to apply.

In addition to offering all the fun and physical challenges of a regular camp, Camp Superkids teaches young asthmatics valuable asthma management skills. For example, campers learn how to identify and avoid common triggers, how to use breathing and relaxation techniques, how asthma medications work, and how to use inhalers and other devices properly.

Education is a critical part of Camp Superkids because although there is no cure for asthma, with the right medication and education, this serious and sometimes deadly chronic lung disease can be controlled. Camp director Joan Varner, who is a respiratory therapist, explains, "Our goal is to help these kids learn there are a lot of things they can do to take control of their asthma. We want to debunk a lot of the old myths and misconceptions and help them understand that with

the right preparation and precautions they can lead a full active life."

According to the American Lung Association about 4.8 million children nationwide have asthma, including nearly 70,000 in Kentucky. A 1996 report by the National Center for Health Statistics estimates more than 800 children in Floyd County alone have asthma.

The Centers for Disease Control report that between 1982 and 1994, the prevalence rate of pediatric asthma—the rate per 1,000 persons—increased from 40.1 to 69.1 percent, representing a 72.3 percent increase. The CDC also reports that between 1979 and 1993 deaths from asthma nationwide almost doubled, jumping from 2,598 to 5,167.

The American Lung Association of Kentucky and Kosair Children's Hospital co-sponsor Camp Superkids as an affordable community service for children statewide.

The cost of the camp, which includes a T-shirt, arts and craft supplies, and all meals is \$50 per child. Camp scholarships underwritten by individuals and businesses are readily available upon request.

Because of the limited availability of staff and space, only 100 campers can be accepted. For more information or a set of application forms, which includes a medical form to be completed by each child's doctor, call the American Lung Association of Kentucky at 502-363-2652 or 1-800-LUNG-USA, toll-free from anywhere within the state. The deadline to apply is May 7.

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Individuals, organizations to be honored at leadership conference

Three individuals and two organizations will be honored with awards at the 10th Annual East Kentucky Leadership Conference to be held April 25 and 26 at Morehead State University.

Representative Greg Stumbo will receive the public individual award, Dr. Mary Fox, of Pike County, will receive the private individual award, and Frontier Housing and Tom Carew will be awarded for the organization serving the human needs of the region. The arts and culture award goes to Lee Sexton, a banjo player from Ulvate, and The Kentucky Explorer Magazine, editor Charles Hays, published in Jackson, will receive the media award.

The conference will begin on Friday, April 25, at noon. There will be two early bird sessions Friday afternoon, and a dinner and awards show Friday evening. Saturday's events will begin with an opening session at 9:00 a.m. There will be three concurrent sessions on Saturday morning followed by lunch and the closing session.

Friday's and Saturday's session will cover a variety of subjects.

The conference has a \$25 registration fee that includes meals. To register, or for more information,

contact Cindy Howard, Morehead/Rowan County Tourism at (606) 784-6221 or Annette Kern, Kentucky River Area Development District at (606) 436-3158.

Floyd resident to appear in MSUs 'As You Like It'

A Floyd County resident will appear in Morehead State University's theatre student production of "As You Like It," Tuesday through Sunday, April 15-20, on the campus.

Shawn Slone, the son of Paul and Carol Slone of Prestonsburg, will play Duke Senior in the production. A junior history and theatre major, he is a member of MSU Players.

Showtime for the presentation,

which will be held in Kibbey Theatre, is 8 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and high school students, and free to MSU students with a valid I.D. card.

Because of limited seating, reservations are necessary. Additional information is available by calling MSU's theatre box office at (606) 783-2170.

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Public invited to forum on developmental disabilities

Area citizens can help develop the council's three-year plan for 1998-2000 at a series of public meetings throughout the state.

"We want to hear ideas about changing the system to better serve people with disabilities and their families," said Bob Glass, executive director of the Kentucky Developmental Disabilities Council. "We hope to bring people together in an informal atmosphere to evaluate the current programs and suggest how improvements can be made."

A meeting will be held April 22, at 6 p.m. in the Carriage House, at Paintsville.

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A Look At Sports

Odom chooses UNLV over UK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH...

A big happy birthday wish goes to South Floyd's Jo Jo Pack, who celebrated her 17th birthday today. Jo runs track, plays softball and basketball for the Lady Raiders.

Happy birthday, Jo Jo. While waiting for spring break to end....

• The UK Wildcats will not get the big man they had hoped to land when the spring signing period begins today in college basketball. Lamar Odom, 6' 9" and an academic casualty, choose UNLV over UK and Connecticut.

One has to wonder, why?

UNLV has been nothing but a troubled program and appears to be going nowhere as far as the NCAA tournament goes. Odom figures he is two years away from turning pro but still holds open the chance he will opt for the NBA draft in June.

• Virtual unknown NASCAR driver Jeff Burton pulled out a big victory on a big speedway winning a big purse when he won the big (everything is big in Texas) Interstate Batteries 500 in Fort Worth, Texas, the opening of the Texas Motor Speedway. The new facility was supposed to hold 260,000 fans.

Not that Burton is a rookie or anything, but his previous top finishes in the NASCAR series have only been a couple of third place finishes. After Burton won the race, he had to ask his crew chief, Buddy Parrot, where he went from there, speaking of the winners circle.

• One thing the series in Florida proved for the Cincinnati Reds this past weekend, they haven't forgotten how to give away the close games. Twice the Reds blew one runs leads in the final inning. Oh, well!

The Marlins have the best manager in the business today, in Jim Leyland. If you remember, Leyland left Pittsburgh because the Pirates could not win and the organization, much like the Reds, refused to spend any money on players.

I like Leyland, and I hope the Marlins bring home a winner this year.

• Defending National League Central Division champion St. Louis is off to their worst start in 106 years. The Cardinals have yet to win a game this season, losing their first six games. But look for the Cards to repeat in the Central Division.

• Eric Davis is off to a great start for the Baltimore Orioles. Davis said he intends to give Baltimore an injury free

(See A Look at Sports, page two)

Thunder Ridge's first night goes "smoothly"

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Stock car racing returned to the Thunder Ridge Racing and Entertainment Complex this past Saturday night as racing fans were greeted by the familiar sound of revving engines and flying dirt for the newly surfaced track.

Only three divisions ran this past weekend with the Late Models and Modified's taking the track April 19. The Road Hogs, Bombers and AMRA Stock Cars made the trip around the oval track with the Modified's and Late Models scheduled to get the green flag on April 19.

Barry Proffitt, Thunder Ridge promoter, said the start of the new season went as he had hoped.

"We had an excellent car count for the three divisions we ran Saturday night," he said. "Of course, some of the AMRA stock cars were not ready, but I was tickled with the way things went."

Prestonsburg's David Clifton won the Road Hog feature in his number five car. Randall Lester drove his number 33 racer to the winners circle in winning the Bomber feature over Jeff Ratliff (#124) of Allen and Lost Creek's Paul Hensley (#37H).

The newly surfaced track held well in the first night of racing, according to Proffitt.

"I thought the new surface held up perfectly," he said. "I was real impressed with it. We had a great turnout for the first night. Things

went real smooth for us."

Tim Moore (#69) of Mt. Gay, W.Va., took first place in the Stock Car feature. Inez's Matthew Jude (#74) chased Moore but had to settle for second place. Billy Stumbo (#000) of McDowell placed third in the AMRA Stock Car division.

A fence was added to the track this year and the Thunder Ridge promoter said it was for a reason.

"People just don't understand why we did it," said Proffitt. "We did it for the safety of the fans in the pit area and the drivers. We put the fence there to keep the cars from going through and objects flying from cars and hitting someone. If they take the fence out, that's all right, that's why we put it there."

Proffitt said \$50,000 was spent on the facility for improvement and safety.

Also, this year the staff at Thunder Ridge is hoping to keep the events moving in an orderly manner in order to get fans home at a respectable hour.

"We finished everything and was out of there by 9:30 Saturday night," said Proffitt. "I was shooting for 9 o'clock but we had our speakers go out on the back stretch."

The speaker problem resulted in a late staging of the Bombers when the drivers could not hear the announcements, which accounted for some delay time. Proffitt said that situation has been corrected.

"We also had two red flags, but that is to be expected," said Proffitt. "Our main goal this year is to keep things on schedule, speed things up

and we feel it went real good."

All three divisions will run again this Saturday night with points awarded in all three classes.

Racing gets underway at 6:30 p.m. with a drivers meeting at 6 p.m.

The pit gates will open at 4 p.m. and the grandstand gates at 5 p.m.

admission is \$20 for entrance in the pit area and \$10 for the grandstand.

Season passes may be purchased at Thunder Ridge that will cover the entire regular racing nights but do not apply to special nights.

Season passes may be purchased for \$275 for the pit area and grandstand passes sell for \$150.



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor



Practice run

While the Late Models were not scheduled to run this past Saturday night at Thunder Ridge, Brandon Kinzer, last year's points champion, turned out to take his number 18 racer around the track for some practice runs. Late Models and Modifieds make their season debut April 19 (photo by Ed Taylor)



Close at first

Sizemore just did beat the throw to Shelby Valley first baseman Tonya Casebolt. Allen Central scored a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to pull out a 13-12 win over the Lady Wildcats after trailing 12-4 in the game. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Allen Central overcomes Shelby Valley in extra inning 13-12

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Central Lady Rebels had two strikes against them as a team when they hosted a good Shelby Valley team this past Friday night at the Stumbo Park.

Strike one was trailing 12-6 in the late innings and strike two was the time limit was about to expire.

But Natalie Cooley's RBI double in the bottom of the seventh inning beat both Shelby Valley and the clock as Terry Mullins scampered home with the winning run to give Allen Central a 13-12 win over the Lady Wildcats.

Mullins, a grade schooler, pinch hit for Angie Green and drew a lead off walk to open the bottom of the seventh inning. She moved up to second on a wild pitch and Cooley then lined a pitch over the head of the left fielder to send Mullins home with the winning run.

Misty Scott, pressed into service and on the mound for the Lady Rebels, went the distance for the win. She had to work out of a scoring threat in both the sixth and seventh inning.

In the sixth, Shelby Valley put their first two runners on base with Thacker singling and moving to third on Johnson's single. Johnson stole second.

Scott got the next three batters

on a pop out, grounder to the mound and a fly ball to Cooley in center field.

In the top of the seventh, an error allowed Williams to reach to lead off the frame for Shelby Valley. Scott again retired the next three batters on three fly balls, two to Cooley in center.

Shelby Valley scored eight times as 12 batters paraded to the plate in the first inning for an 8-0 lead. Three errors in the inning made four of the runs unearned.

The Lady Rebels made it an 8-5 game with four runs in the bottom of the first. Cooley lead off the inning with a walk and Shanna Howell singled. Stolen bases put both runners in scoring position for Scott as she lined a double to the out field to drive in both Cooley and Howell.

Vylinda Turner walked and Karen Wallen's double scored

Scott. Eighth grader Jennifer Risner roped a double and picked up two RBI's as Turner and Wallen scored for the 8-5 game.

Shelby Valley pushed home two runs in each of the second and third innings for a 12-5 game. Allen Central added their sixth run in the second when Howell walked, stole second and came around on errors.

The Lady Rebels scored twice in the third for a 12-8 game. Both runs scored after the first two batters had been retired. With two out, Shannon Sizemore, an eighth grader, singled and moved to second on a passed ball. Green walked and both runners trotted home on Brandi Hall's two run double.

Scott shutout the Lady Wildcats in the fourth inning, but Allen Central plated two more runs in the bottom of the inning for a 12-10

(See Allen Central, page seven)

Castle's 5 hits, 7 RBI's leads Betsy Layne past Millard, 27-2

Bobcats collect 20 hits in massacre of Mustangs

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Senior Brandon Castle had a "career day" for the Betsy Layne Bobcats Monday evening against an undermanned Millard Mustang team. All Castle did was collect four hits, three doubles, a triple and drive in five runs to lead Betsy Layne to a 27-2 shellacking of Millard.

It was the first game for the Bobcats since returning from Florida where they played nine games over the spring break.

Shawn Deskins picked up the victory working four of the five innings. He allowed just two runs on three hits, walking two and strik-

ing out six.

Brad Reynolds continued his hot pace with a first inning home run, driving in two runs. Matt Kidd, the designated hitter, homered in the first inning, a three run shot over the right field fence in the first. Kidd hit the round tripper in his second at bat in the first as Betsy Layne sent 18 batters to the plate in scoring 15 runs to lead 15-0. Kidd had a two-run double in his first at bat and collected five RBI's in the inning.

Castle doubled in his first two at bats in the first and had four runs batted in. He had a second inning triple, and a run producing double in the third to complete his day. Aaron Swiger entered the game for Castle in the fourth inning and kept the spot active with a two-run double.

Bill Josh Kidd replaced Brent Tackett, who had an RBI double in the first, and he lined a double to

left center to score two runs. Tyler Puckett had two hits in replacing Reynolds in the fourth. He doubled and singled in the fourth inning, picking up one RBI.

Betsy Layne collected 13 hits in the first frame in scoring 15 times. Millard got on the scoreboard in the second on a ground rule double by Nick Baldrige and Brian Justice's RBI single. Betsy Layne added two runs in the second on an error and Castle's triple. Castle scored on a bases loaded walk to Chris Holbrook.

The Mustangs made it a 17-2 game, pushing home a run in the top of the third. Mark Tackett fanned but the ball was dropped for an error on the catcher allowing Tackett to reach first. He scored on a base hit by Brian Coleman.

The Bobcats added three more runs in the third inning and plated

(See Betsy Layne, page two)



From the mound

Allen Central pitcher Misty Scott fielded a ground ball and threw to first base against Shelby Valley last Friday afternoon at the Allen Park. Scott picked up the extra inning 13-12 win for the Lady Rebels (photo by Ed Taylor)

A Look At Sports — (Continued from page one)

season. Not if history holds true.

The Prestonsburg Blackcats basketball team held their annual basketball banquet yesterday at the Holiday Inn here in Prestonsburg.

Jeremy and Jason Osborne, former Prestonsburg Blackcats, signed letters-of-intent with Alice Lloyd College. The "twin towers" will play for the Eagles in order to stay close to home, according to their father Rodney. Both played three seasons at June Buchanan High School.

I understand that the baseball Betsy Layne Bobcats enjoyed a successful spring break in Coca-Coca Beach, Florida. Betsy Layne played 11 games, winning nine while losing two.

The Prestonsburg 10 year old AAU All-Stars completed a perfect season going 16-0 this season. The team will be playing in the state tournament later this month.

A note to all AAU coaches: If you will call me and let me know what your state tournament schedule is we'll get it in sports for you.

A new Little League division is forming in the county as Bambino baseball makes its debut this summer. The new league is now organizing with a meeting scheduled for this Saturday, April 12, at the Martin ball park. Anyone interested in registering for the new Little League division may do so on this date beginning at noon.

The new league is for

ages 9-12.

Kenny Conley is organizing his men's softball league at Archer Park with sign up's set for April 16 at Archer Park at 6 p.m.. The league is open to all teams.

Be sure to watch the 15th Region Sports Forum this Wednesday night at 8:30 p.m (WPRG, Channel 5). Sports Forum is an hour long live call-in show where we talk about sports. The program is simulcast over WKKZ/WXLR, the Double X.

Hopefully, this week we will have some of the regions AAU coaches on the program.

WARD WILL NOT RETURN TO GREENUP CO.

Long time Greenup County basketball coach Randy Ward will not be back next season at the helm of the Musketeers. Ward was notified that his contract will not be renewed by the school, leaving the veteran coach confused as to what is happening.

Ward, one time assistant to Wheelwright coach Don Wallen, compiled a record of 312-198 at the school he guided to four regional championships.

Ward had coached at Greenup County 17 years.

His teams were best known for their more deliberate play and not the up tempo game. I always felt he was one of the better coaches in this part of Kentucky and always posted a winning season.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

Yates tosses three-hitter in 11-7 win over Paintsville Lady Tigers

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

Allen Central starter Tish Yates overcame some early control problems in the first inning and limited the Paintsville Lady Tigers to just three hits in an 11-7 win on the road for the Lady Rebels.

Yates, in going the distance, struck out seven batters, but issued eight walks. Four of those came in the first inning, when Paintsville pushed home six runs to take a 6-4 lead. Yates issued eight walks in the game allowing seven runs on three hits. Paintsville's final run came in the second inning. She shutout the Lady Tigers in the third, fourth and fifth innings for the win.

Natie Cooley collected three hits and drove in two runs. Vylinda Turner had two RBI's.

Allen Central took a 4-0 lead in

the first inning with Scott picking up one RBI and Turner driving in two with a double. As the Allen Central first unfolded, Yates walked and Cooley singled. Yates scored on Scott's base hit with Cooley and Shanna Howell coming home on Turner's two-run double.

Paintsville struck for six runs in their half of the first to assume a 6-4 lead. Yates got the first batter on strikes but lost the strike zone walking the next two batters to load the bases.

An error in left field off Osborne's bat scored two runs. Holbrook walked to reload the bases and with two out, Martin singled home two runs. Two more crossed the plate on an error at first base. Twelve batters went to the plate for Paintsville in the first inning.

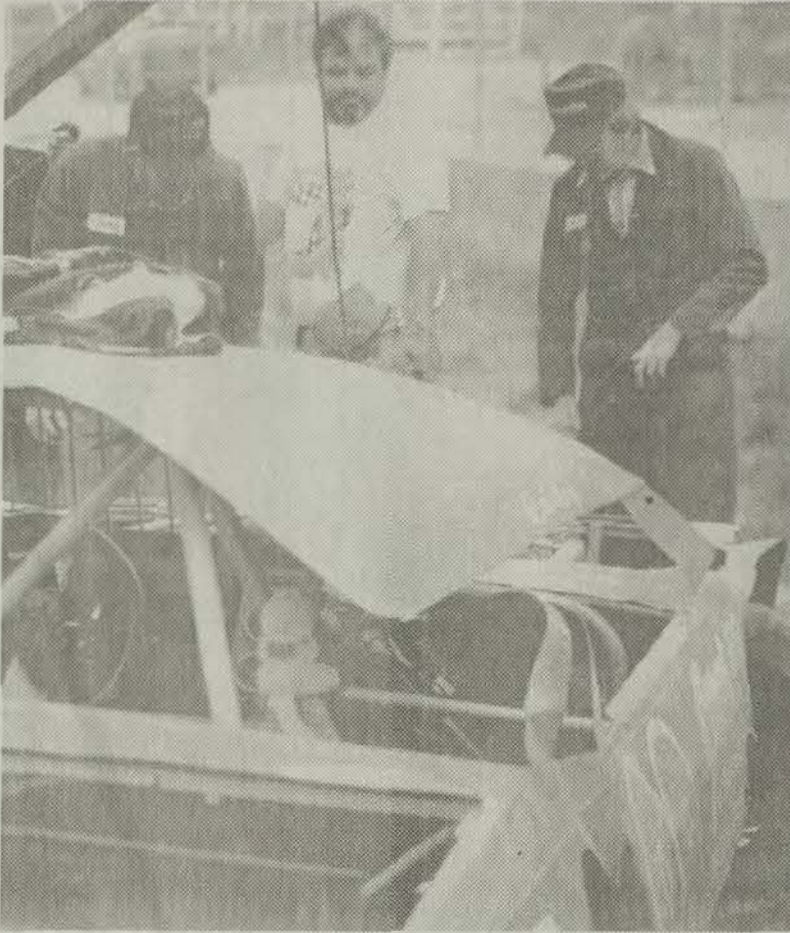
Allen Central scored a lone run

in the top of the second when Yates drew a one-out walk and scored on Cooley's RBI single to make it a 6-5 game.

Paintsville added their final run in the second for a 7-5 advantage on a walk, single and an error.

Yates settled down after the second and did not allow a hit over the final three innings.

Jenny Russell suffered the loss for Paintsville in going all the way. She struck out four batters while walking six.



Ended before it began

Even running the "hot laps" can be costly for stock car drivers at Thunder Ridge. This car left the track and sailed over an embankment, crashing into a concrete wall and putting an end to a night of racing that never really began. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Betsy Layne — (Continued from page one)

seven in the fourth. Craig Johnson, who had two hits in the game, doubled home a run in the third and Castle had an RBI two-bagger.

In the Betsy Layne fourth, 11 batters paraded to the plate against reliever Daniel May and touched him for five hits in scoring seven times. Puckett started the rally with a lead off double and Josh Kidd walked. Justin Bartley drew a walk to load the bases for John Howell. Howell walked on four pitches forcing home Puckett. Swiger, batting for Castle, doubled home both Kidd and Bartley. Bill Josh Kidd then delivered his two run double. Puckett and Case had RBI singles to complete the scoring.

Josh Carr suffered the loss for Millard. Carr worked just the first inning allowing 15 runs on 11 hits. May came on in the second inning and worked three frames giving up

12 runs on nine hits. Carr struck out two batters. May fanned three.

Betsy Layne improved to 10-2 on the season and will travel to Knott County Central tonight.

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Howdy Y'all

by John Frazier
Times Outdoor Writer



I have an announcement to make. Due to circumstances beyond our control, Time Out magazine will not be published April 11. Don't panic. The magazine will be available April 16. Believe me. No one is more excited about the premiere issue of Time Out than I am, but sometimes these things happen.

Being the superb fisherman I am, I immediately began creating excuses for the delay of the magazine. We could blame it on computer problems, scheduling differences, or the ever-popular "supplies are on back-order," but I like the sound of circumstances beyond our control. It has a nice, official ring to it, and it doesn't really put the blame on any particular person.

Congratulations... It has been brought to my attention that Oscar Rice has rolled a 700 series in the Tuesday night men's league at Evergreen Bowling Center. This was Oscar's first 700 series, 708 to be exact, a goal he has been chasing for 31 years. Congratulations Oscar.

Speak up... Our friends at the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) are currently reviewing various methods of increasing revenues. The department currently does not receive any general tax fund dollars, and is supported through the sale of licenses and federal taxes on hunting and sport fishing equipment. Kentucky is one of only twenty states that do not receive general tax fund dollars to support conservation activities.

Department officials are working now to avoid a projected deficit. Several ideas, including higher license fees, increasing boat registration costs, and user fees for wildlife management areas, have been discussed. The Task Force on Funding for Wildlife Conservation has held public hearings and is currently gathering information and public opinion to develop methods of avoiding a future deficit.

Concerned sportsmen should contact their representatives and voice their concerns over the future of Kentucky's great outdoors. You may also contact your Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commissioner at (502) 564-4336.

Another project for which the KDFWR is currently gathering public opinion is the possibility of the restoration of elk to Kentucky. Kentucky's wild turkey restoration program has been an overwhelming success, and the elk restoration promises to be equally successful. The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation and other supporters are currently raising funds for the project. Public support is the only factor preventing the project from proceeding. To voice your opinion call the KDFWR at (502) 564-4336.

Be sure to check out Time Out Magazine, April 16, for more information on the elk restoration program and federal legislation being discussed to fund wildlife conservation efforts.

Anytime is a good time to go fishing

Spring has sprung. The sun is shining. It is time to go fishing. As lake temperatures around the region begin to climb, anglers should be taking to the waters for some of the best fishing opportunities of the year.

Recent flooding and continued rainfall has left most area lakes muddy and difficult to fish. The sunshine and dry weather of the past week have begun to warm lake waters and allowed waters to clear. The clear waters and warmer temperatures have combined to provide some of the best fishing days of spring.

If you prefer to fish by the moon, the best fishing days should be when the moon is between new and full. This month, those dates are from April 7 to the 22.

Regardless of your methods, now is the time to catch big bass. Bass will begin spawning soon. Shortly before the spawn begins, which is now, bass will feed heavily to prepare themselves for spawning. All indications show that bass are moving into shallow waters in preparation of the upcoming spawning season.

Anglers should concentrate their efforts in areas where bass are known to spawn. Generally, bass prefer warm shallow water with smooth bottoms for spawning. Small tributaries and shallow coves should hold some large hungry bass this time of year.

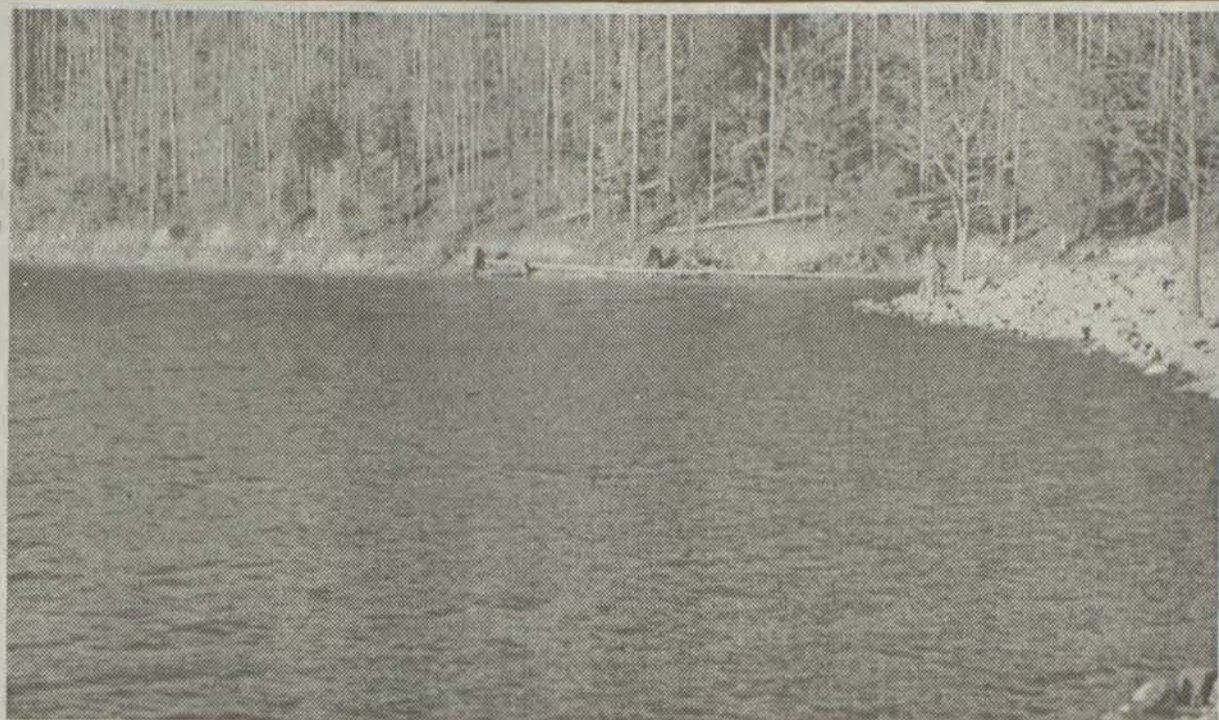
If the water remains clear, and forecasts predict it should, brightly colored baits, such as chartreuse, should work well.

In addition to the clear waters and warmer temperatures, lakes in

the area are beginning the draw up for summer pool. As water levels rise, coves and hollows previously exposed will become flooded. Look for bass to move into these areas as the water rises.

Though bass prefer smooth bottoms for spawning, fish will still cling to cover or around ledges and dropoffs. Keep in mind bass are only preparing for the spawn, they are not spawning yet. Fish standing timber and other structure near the edges of coves or hollows where bass are expected to spawn.

If I had to choose only one time of the year to fish for bass, it would be the next two weeks. So, grab your rods and reels. Now is the time to catch big bass.



Gone fishin'

Anglers take advantage of the spring weather and the pre-spawn feeding frenzy to fish for bass at Paintsville Lake. Local fishermen reported fishing to be excellent for both largemouth bass and crappie. Bass were being taken off rocky points with spinnerbaits, while crappie were caught on live minnows near standing timber at depths of six to ten feet. (photo by John Frazier)

The countdown has begun, 5 more days

Only five days remain before the opening of the 1997 spring turkey season. The incredible success of the wild turkey restoration program in Kentucky has more hunters than ever venturing into the great outdoors each spring in search of beards and spurs.

With the season opening less than one week away, now is the time to check and double-check your strategy, location, and equipment.

Perhaps the most important factor of a successful hunt is the location. Many hunters take for granted that if they have seen turkey in a particular location before, the turkeys will be there when the season begins. Unfortunately, turkeys often travel, and especially in the spring. As new vegetation begins to appear, turkeys will relocate. Turkeys often return to food sources used the previous year, but if those food supplies aren't available, the turkeys will find food elsewhere.

Another factor confronting the spring turkey hunter is the breeding season of the wild turkey. As breeding season approaches, winter flocks will begin to break up into smaller groups. Large flocks located on scouting trips only a few weeks earlier will have dis-

persed by the opening of the hunting season.

The problem is further increased when you consider that this all takes place almost immediately before hunting begins. Winter turkey flocks begin to break up near the end of March. The actual dates can vary depending on weather, and geographic location. New vegetation and food sources also begin to emerge only weeks or days before the April 14 season opening. Although it is illegal to call turkeys before the season begins, a trip to the woods at the edge of daybreak to listen for gobblers coming off the roost is permitted and highly recommended.

Hunting tactics should also be thoroughly reviewed prior to the season. A typical strategy is to use a locator call just before daybreak and set up to call any responding gobblers. This strategy works well and is used by most turkey hunters. However, it is important to know the land you will be hunting. Once a gobbler is located, you must determine where you will begin your calling. Wandering aimlessly through unfamiliar woods is no way to spend a morning. Have in mind an idea of where you expect the gobbler to be and pick out several locations

from which you can set up to begin calling. Once the bird responds to your locator call, if you know there is a small clearing roughly 100 yards above him with a large fallen tree for cover, then you can move to set up quickly and begin your calling.

Last but definitely not least, hunters should take the time to inspect all their equipment prior to the hunting season. A trial run in your backyard may even be helpful in determining the readiness of your gear.

Clothing is of the utmost importance. Camouflage from head to toe is a must. Eliminate red, blue and white from your outfit. Even a red boot lace may cause another hunter to inadvertently fill your boot with buckshot. Weather conditions will also play a part in selecting your outfit. If you expect it to be cool in the morning but warm up quickly, wear a long sleeve camouflage shirt under a camouflage jacket. As the temperature rises, you can remove your jacket but remain totally camouflaged.

Double check game calls and other accessories. Make certain you have everything you will need, and that everything is in good working order. If you haven't

used your calls since last season, take the time to practice a little and refresh your memory.

Your firearm should also be inspected. Many hunters make the mistake of grabbing their old faithful 12 gauge and heading for the woods. Test fire your weapon using the same ammunition you plan to use for hunting. Clean your firearm thoroughly, and if necessary, fire a few shots at a target to accustom yourself to the pattern of your turkey loads. The magnum shells you will use for turkey hunting could hold a considerably different pattern than the shells you fired during last squirrel season.

Double check everything, but remember to keep safety first. Stuff an orange vest in your pocket, and wear it when moving through the woods, especially when transporting a harvested bird. Good luck, and I'll see you in the woods. I'll be the big camouflage tree wearing glasses with the branch that looks like a shot-

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Joe Drake
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This is something of a desperation move and it's an "all or nothing" gamble. Run amongst them and really bust 'em up. You must really scatter the flock for this play to work. If they just run off in a group, you haven't accomplished anything.

Fisheries actions to be considered

At its March meeting, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources Commission gave the Fisheries Division approval to file an Intent to Promulgate two regulation changes.

The first change would involve decreasing the size limit on largemouth bass at Carter Caves Lake from 20 inches to 15 inches. The current creel and possession limits for bass would remain at one fish.

The second regulation change would be to remove the special restrictions on largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, crappie, white bass, yellow bass and striped bass

and their hybrids from Barren River above the impounded waters of Barren Lake.

Anyone having any comments or concerns about either of these regulation changes should write to Pete Pfeiffer, Director of Fisheries, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, #1 Game Farm Road, Frankfort, KY 40601, no later than June 1, 1997.

If no unsolvable issues occur over the next three months, the Fisheries Division will request that the above regulatory changes be approved by the Commission at their June meeting.

Rescue Squad Bass Fishing Tournament to be held at Dewey Lake

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad will be holding its Second Annual Bass Fishing Tournament at Dewey Lake. The tournament will take place on Saturday, May 10, 1997 from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the swimming pool hollow.

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Betsy Layne Bobcats find Florida to their liking with seven wins

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

While most folks head to the sunshine state of Florida to bask in the sun and work on their tan in the early months of spring, the Betsy Layne Bobcats went to get better as a baseball team and they accomplished that with seven victories in nine games.

Coach Junior Newsome's ballclub returned to Floyd County this past weekend much satisfied with what they accomplished at Coca-Cola Beach.

Betsy Layne carried a 2-0 record into their first game when facing Caledonia, New York in the first game. Brent Tackett and Matt Kidd collected two hits apiece and Brandon Castle blasted a fifth inning home run to lead the Bobcats to a 6-2 win over the northern team.

Chad Case picked up the win working the full seven innings. He struck out nine batters while walking no one. He allowed just the two runs while scattering three hits.

Betsy Layne scored twice in their half of the second inning to take a 2-1 lead. Tackett started the inning with a double and Doug Keathley singled him home. Keathley came around to score on Matt Kidd's RBI single.

The Bobcats added their third run in the third inning on a single by Case, a stolen base and Castle's RBI single.

Caledonia scored a single run in the fourth inning for a 3-2 game.

The score remained 3-2 until Betsy Layne batted in the fifth inning and took a 5-2 lead on Castle's two-run home run with Craig Johnson on base. Johnson had tripled in front of Castle.

The Bobcats got their final run in the sixth inning on a base hit by Chris Holbrook, who stole second and scored on an error in left field.

Coach Newsome's ballclub

dropped a heartbreaker to Tappan Zee, New York in their second game. Tappan Zee scored a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to post a 5-4 win over the Bobcats.

Chris Holbrook collected two of Betsy Layne's nine hits, both doubles. Chad Case had three hits and Castle finished with two.

Craig Johnson suffered the loss for Betsy Layne after working four scoreless innings with Betsy Layne leading 3-0. Tappan Zee scored an unearned run in the fifth and plated three in the bottom of the sixth to tie the game at four. Betsy Layne had went in front 4-1 with a single run in the fifth inning. But in the seventh, Tappan Zee pushed home the winning run. Johnson struck out seven batters.

Matt Kidd went seven strong innings for Betsy Layne against Rock Hill, Ohio in the third game of the southern trip. Kidd stopped Rock Hill on three hits in hurling a 6-0 shutout. He struck out six batters and hit one.

Betsy Layne collected only two hits in the game and all six of their runs were unearned.

The Bobcats led 2-0 after the first inning with the help of two Rock Hill errors. Matt Kidd had a double in the opening inning. Betsy Layne made it a 3-0 game in the second and scored three times in the fifth inning.

Castle tripled in the third but was left stranded.

Kidd allowed singles in the second and fourth innings and gave up a fifth inning double. Rock Hill put two runners on base in each of the second and fourth innings, but could not get them home.

Castle hurled the fourth game of the trip and was sharp, not only on the mound but at the plate. He hit a three-run home run to stake his team to a 3-0 lead in the third inning and went on to shutout Lockland, Ohio 6-0. Castle struck out 14 batters in going the distance.

He had two hits in the contest, singling in the first inning.

Castle fanned the first five batters he faced and did allow a hit until he gave up a one out double in the third inning. Lockland collected but four hits off Castle in the game.

Case, Tackett, Kidd, Reynolds, Holbrook and Jake Carroll collected hits in the game. The win improved Betsy Layne to 5-1.

Case came close to picking up the third consecutive shutout for the Bobcats when they faced Morgan County in game five. Case hurled no-hit baseball through four innings but did not lose his shutout until the bottom of the seventh when Morgan County scored twice but fell 9-2 to the Bobcats.

He went the distance striking out batters. He gave up a fifth inning single and a two-run single in the seventh inning. Brent Tackett collected two hits with Holbrook, Keathley and Case finishing with one apiece. Castle had two hits including a first inning triple.

Castle tripled home a run in the first inning and scored on a bases loaded walk as Betsy Layne led 2-0. Four runs scored for the Bobcats in the second on three base hits and two Morgan County errors.

It wasn't a good defensive outing for Betsy Layne as they committed seven errors in the game. They left seven runners stranded on base.

Betsy Layne faced Caldeonia Academy for the second time in the round robin tournament, and came away with a 10-1 win. Craig Johnson picked up the win in going the distance. He fanned five batters and just missed a no-hitter, giving up two hits in the seventh inning when Coldeonia scored their lone run.

Doug Keathley had his best game of the road trip with three hits including a two-run home run in the seven inning. Jake Carroll col-

lected two hits and Justin Bartley had a seventh inning double.

Chad Case collected three hits in his first three at bats as Betsy Layne rolled to a 7-3 win over Casey County. Case had three stolen bases in the win.

Matt Kidd got the win for the Bobcats as they gave up the most hits in a single game for the trip. Casey County collected nine hits but left 12 runners stranded on the base paths.

Kidd had a triple in the fifth inning when the Bobcats scored four times.

Castle went the distance and collected four hits in Betsy Layne's 10-6 win over Caldwell County as the trip ended. Caldwell County looked to upend the Bobcats with four runs in the first inning to take a 4-0 lead.

Betsy Layne swung silent bats until the fifth inning when they pushed across seven runs to assume a 7-4 lead. The Bobcats had eight consecutive singles in the fifth. Chris Holbrook reached on an error and Brad Reynolds started the barrage of hits that ended with Matt Kidd's two-run single.

Caldwell County added two runs in their half of the fifth to trail 7-6. But in the sixth, Betsy Layne plated three runs on four hits for a 10-6 game.

The road trip ended on a sour note as they could not solve the offense of South Laurel in dropping a 12-4 decision to finish the trip with a sparkling 7-2 mark.

The game was tied at two after two innings, but South Laurel exploded for four runs in the third and added three more in the fourth to lead 9-4. Keathley and Kidd each had two hits in the game as did Brad Reynolds.

"It was a good trip for us," said second baseman Chris Holbrook. "It was the best trip we could have made because it made us a better team. We seem to be closer now than we were before we went."

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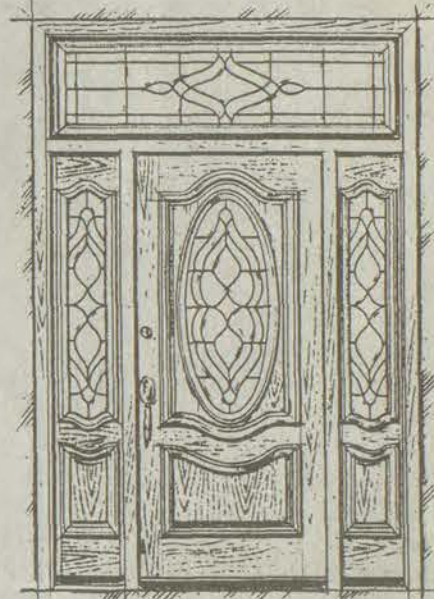
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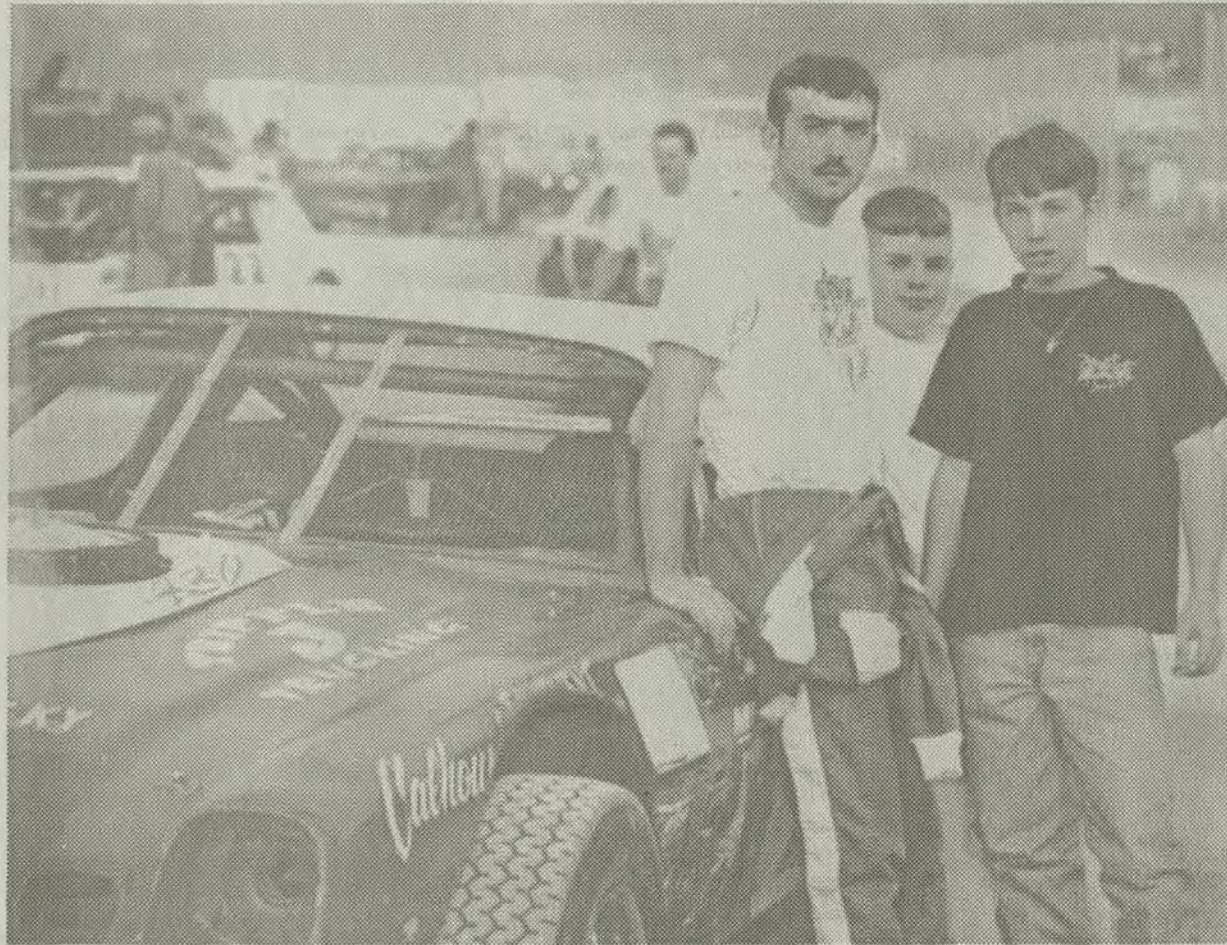


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The Racing Reporter

by Gerald Hodges

Burton gets first NASCAR win

It's many miles from the rural roads near South Boston Speedway of Virginia, where Jeff Burton grew up, to the brand new \$85 million Texas Speedway outside Ft. Worth/Dallas, Texas. Neither the distance away from home nor the magnitude of the facility frightened young Burton. Because when the checkered flag had fallen after the 500 miles of this Inaugural Winston Cup race, Jeff had claimed the winner's prize of \$340,000.

He had come full circle. Sunday was his day. It was his first Winston Cup victory, and the first for the Roush Racing team since 1995.

While the other two Roush cars driven by Mark Martin and Ted Musgrave had DNF's due to blown motors, Jeff was circling the 1.5-mile track like a full-blown twister. He took the lead in his number 99 Ford Thunderbird with 49 laps remaining, and built up a 6.75-second margin over the second-place car of Dale Jarrett, before his crew chief, Buddy Parrot slowed the 29-year old "Tornado" down in order to conserve his tires in case Jarrett or Labonte mounted a challenge.

But there was no final run. At the end, Burton's Thunderbird was the dominant car on the track. His margin of victory was 2.75 seconds.

"I run pretty good, didn't I?," said Burton. "We didn't give this one away. Today, it wasn't a matter of what the other guys did. We had the car. It was all up to us."

The infield pits resembled a 'demolition city,' rather than a racing facility. There were ten caution periods, and 15 cars were eliminated from the race, while many more were repaired and sent back on the track, to race just for points. Jeff Gordon, 1995 champ, was involved with Ernie Irvan, after Irvan rear-ended Greg Sacks, and finished 31st.

TOP TWENTY FINISHERS:

- 1) Jeff Burton
- 2) Dale Jarrett
- 3) Bobby Labonte
- 4) Terry Labonte
- 5) Ricky Rudd
- 6) Dale Earnhardt
- 7) Ward Burton
- 8) Sterling Marlin
- 9) Michael Waltrip
- 10) Steve Grissom
- 11) Bill Elliott
- 12) Michael Andretti
- 13) Kenny Wallace
- 14) Geoff Bodine
- 15) Dave Marcis
- 16) Lake Speed
- 17) Mike Wallace
- 18) Ken Schrader
- 19) Brett Bodine
- 20) Bobby Hamilton

TOP TEN POINTS LEADERS

- 1) Dale Jarrett, 994
- 2) Terry Labonte, 899
- 3) Bobby Labonte, 858
- 4) Jeff Burton, 837
- 5) Jeff Gordon, 810
- 6) Ricky Rudd, 775
- 7) Geoff Bodine, 740
- 8) Mark Martin, 709
- 9) Ward Burton, 709
- 10) Dale Earnhardt, 703

MARTIN WINS COCA-COLA 300

Mark Martin wasn't quite as dominating as he has been in his three previous Busch wins of 1997, but he led the last 13 laps to take the checkered flag 1.57-seconds ahead of Jimmy Spencer in the Coca-Cola 300, the inaugural event at Texas Motor Speedway.

"There's a lot of competition here and these things are tough to win," Martin said, referring to the Busch Series events. "Just because we win a lot of them doesn't mean it's easy. You can never count on anything in this business."

Martin has now won three of the eight Busch Grand National Events

in 1997. His other wins came in the Goodwrench Service 200 at Rockingham, NC., February 22; Hardee's 250, Richmond, VA., March 1; Stihl Power Tools 300 at Atlanta, GA., March 8.

TOP TEN FINISHERS:

- 1) Mark Martin
- 2) Jimmy Spencer
- 3) Jeff Burton
- 4) Todd Bodine
- 5) Mike McLaughlin
- 6) Phil Parsons
- 7) Buckshot Jones
- 8) Kevin LePage
- 9) Randy Lajoie
- 10) Tracy Leslie
- 11) Elton Sawyer
- 12) Jason Keller
- 13) Mike Dillon
- 14) Greg Sacks
- 15) Jeff Green
- 16) Dick Trickle
- 17) Tim Bender
- 18) Terry Labonte
- 19) Hermie Sadler
- 20) Elliott Sadler

GRAND OLD LADY UNDERGOES FACELIFT

Promoter, Bob Harmon, calls it "Down Home Style Racing." But for the generation of past racers and fans who will visit the revitalized .596-mile oval for the April 19 Bellsouth Mobility/Opryland 320 busch series, they will see lots of changes.

Dave Kohler, Director of Public Relations, explains: "Prior to the

reopening of the 1996 season we resurfaced the track, so this year we have made improvements inside the pit area. It's always been a bottle neck in the area surrounded by turns one and two. There was an incline that we cut down and extended the pavement so the haulers will have more parking area."

But track and pit areas are not the only parts of the track that have undergone modifications during the off season. A crowd control fence that dated back to 1957 was replaced. A new first-aid station has

been added in the grandstand breezeway area, plus better walking areas between the lower bleacher seats and retaining wall.

More than 10,000 fans and 171 cars and trucks turned out for the season opener, Sunday, March 16. The regular points season kicked off April 5, with six divisions. They included: Budweiser Late Models, Ryder Logistics Super Trucks, Phillips 66 Pro Modifieds, Street Modifieds, Pure Stocks and the ADT Automotive Legend cars.

The Bellsouth Mob-

ility/Opryland 320 busch race will be run at night, 'under the lights', but the race actually begins at 4 p.m. Fifty Busch cars, including

several Winston Cup drivers, are expected to qualify. There will be a Chevrolet Twin 125's, late model event, Friday night, April 18.



Finishes third

Paul Hensley drove his number 37H to a third place finish in the Bomber division feature this past Saturday night at the Thunder Ridge Racing and Entertainment Complex. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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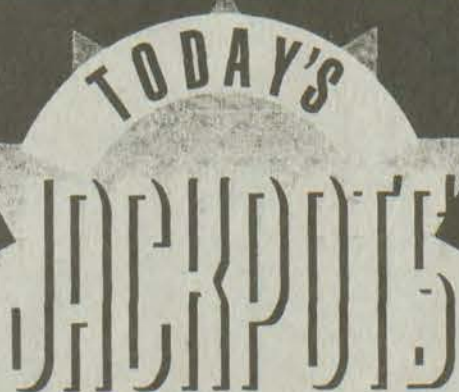
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NASCAR Connection

by Ben Trout

Texas, the track of the future?

If Dover is the "Monster Mile," and if Darlington is "The Track Too Tough-To-Tame," then I can't wait to see what label will be hung on the new Texas Motor Speedway after this past weekend's sheet metal bash.

Hey Bruton Smith, what have you done? What is this holy terror you have erected in the Lone Star state? Is this the same facility that you are billing as the "Track of the Future?" Why, to the most keen racing observer, it more accurately resembled a bullring of the past. Let's see. Ten cautions for 73 laps, no less than 23 cars with some degree of surface damage.

You know, the closer we observe NASCAR's newest venue, the easier it is to see that it is a six-turn track.

The double dog-leg on the front stretch, with its short-chute, actually demands that the drivers make a couple of extra left-handed turns. And man, is it ever tight? I must say, this is the first 1.5 mile circuit I've ever seen that has only one racing groove.

It didn't matter where you were on the track, you were at high-risk for some serious sheet metal tango. It's hard to say how this first race at TMS will be evaluated, but for Bruton Smith, his dream weekend had to be nothing short of a nightmare.

Five inches of rain destroyed the parking strategy and traffic was backed up some 17 miles just prior to the drop of the green flag. Fans had to be shuttled in by buses to make the race.

The track surface in turn one started coming apart on Friday, and as late as Saturday, water was seeping up through the track's asphalt in several locations. And then the race...Several driver clearly expressed their displeasure about the track and its ability to handle a Winston Cup stock car.

I think Kenny Schrader said it best when he quoted, "You can't

compare this to Charlotte. It's more like a top-fast Darlington."

Rusty Wallace said, "I don't know what they'll (Smith's Speedway Motorsports, Inc.) do about this, but some things are going to have to change."

I'm telling ya, I sure would hate to be a shop fabricator right now. Can you imagine coming off Sunday's Texas demolition derby, and heading to, of all places, Bristol? Billed as, "The World's Fastest Half-Mile," Bristol annually sees double-digit caution periods and a vast array of twisted sheet metal. Get your rest boys, you're in for a couple of long, hard weeks.

Speaking of Bristol, many of you reading this column regard Bristol as your 'home track' and quite a few of you will be heading down to catch this live and in living color.

Folks, wait until you see the track. You won't believe your eyes. For those of you who made it down to the night race last August, you were aware of the construction that was going on there. Well, it is pretty much complete now and Smith's Speedway Motorsports, Inc. has turned Bristol Motor Speedway into the most spectacular short track in the nation.

I attended my first race at Bristol in 1979. Al they had then was the original concrete grandstands. I'd be willing to bet there were not 25,000 people there. You could walk in and set basically anywhere you wanted. And now, to think that nearly 130,000 fans will fill the speedway this weekend for the Food City 500, it is hard to fathom.

Bristol definitely offers up some of the best racing we'll see all season long. All I can say, get to the track early.

NASCAR NOTES:

With his victory in the Busch Series Coca-Cola 300, Mark

Martin has now won four of seven Busch Series races this season, however, Martin is winless in his last 40 Winston Cup starts...Give a hand to Dale Jarrett.

He battled a clutchless car, penalty from NASCAR, and he

narrowly avoided several accidents to post a second-place finish last Sunday...It was only a matter of time before Jeff Burton broke the gates of victory lane. Don't be surprised to see him there again in 1997.



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Allen Central (Continued from page one)

game. Scott led off the inning with a solid base hit and scored on Wallen's one out single. Wallen reached second and third on two passed balls and came in to score when Risner grounded out to second base. Risner picked up her third RBI in the at-bat.

Allen Central tied the game in the fifth, after Scott set down Shelby Valley on three fly balls. Amber Scott, who walked and stole second, scored on Cooley's double. Cooley later scored the tying run.

Risner finished with three runs batted and Scott had two RBIs. Cooley, Scott and Wallen collected two hits each.

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Sports in Kentucky

by Bob Watkins

KHSAA should take lead in high school All-State teams selection process

The Kentucky high school coaches all-state boys and girls basketball teams were published Sunday and balloting for both was nothing to write home about. Apparently (too) many high school coaches don't think the All-State teams are important.

KHSAA schedules showed 274 boys varsity teams played in 1996-97 and 172 girls teams. Calculating one ballot per coach placed alongside Louisville Courier-Journal figures — 112 varsity girls coaches submitted ballots for the all-state team, 65 per cent. For the boys all-state teams, less than half, 45.6 per cent, 125 coaches filled out and mailed ballots.

The boys All-State team was selected by a minority. And 60 girls team coaches did not bother to vote.

With more and better statistical and other information available on players throughout Kentucky via the media and KHSAA offices, looks as if the time has come to make dramatic changes in how All-State teams are chosen.

Perhaps some head coaches should hand over their voting privilege to a more enthusiastic assistant, or to a school's director of athletics. A better course: Coaches should be 'encouraged' to take advantage of new school technology, use the Internet to E-Mail their ballots to those who tally results. In turn, the vote compiling agency could automatically E-Mail high school directors of athletics with reminders that a ballot has not been received yet. The All-State teams selection process is one more area which the KHSAA can take the lead, put its technology to work for the betterment of student athletics.

PITINO AND SEASON III

For college basketball fans in Kentucky there is a regular season, post-season tournaments, followed by a cursory visit to recruiting — UK already has Ryan Hogan, Myron Anthony, Michael Bradley and Heshimu Evans coming on board, and Jaron Brown and B.J. Blevins committed for November — then Season III.

Rick Pitino stay/leave speculation time. It is about fret/sweat over NBA coach vacancies real and imagined. The most talked about this spring is the once-proud Boston franchise. The Celtics are so pathetic, 13-61 by week's end, the team is certainly ripe for a dose of Pitino revivalism.

Yet, Kentucky's coach seems to have reached a conclusion those of us with gray hair came to some time ago. Life is more about embracing the moment, as Da Coach likes to say, because we are not promised the next one. Chasing money and celebrity pales when it compares to kindling joy in the lives of so many as Pitino's program has done for Bluegrass state fans.

I like to believe Pitino and his family have indeed found a comfort zone in Kentucky that is satisfying deeper down than being cover guy on GQ. And that he will come back to the Bluegrass from a post-NCAA respite talking about how he will

retool after Ron Mercer, Derek Anderson and Anthony Epps and Jared Prickett.

I think Pitino will stay because tinkering with the remnants of a team he called his favorite holds promise of more reward and could be yet another testament to his genius. After all, UK's coach enjoys most pushing the snowball up the hill.

Hope here is Pitino is already deep into deployment options — Jamaal Magloire and Nazr Mohammed in the middle; Allen Edwards at small forward with Heshimu Evans in reserve, and nurse-along time for 6-6 newcomer Myron Anthony.

Jeff Sheppard at 2-guard with suddenly vital Cameron Mills, and rookie Ryan Hogan.

Major problem areas now: back-up help for All American candidates Scott Padgett at power forward and Wayne Turner at point guard.

All are items for Kentucky fans to mull over through the summer, and for Pitino to find solutions. If your blue flag is still flying, maybe these items will help get you through Season III.

READERS (RIGHT) WRITE

√ About Rick Pitino's decision not to play Derek Anderson in the NCAAs...

Robert L. Wooten, Anderson, Ind. (E-Mail): "If we follow the logic of (Pitino's) decision to its conclusion, if the examining doctors had told him not to play Derek, he would have played him, and to explain his decision, he would say that he talked to some other doctors who had not done an examination, and they suggested that it was OK to play him. So, the question is, if the examining doctors had said, 'He is not physically ready to play,' would he have played Derek against medical advise."

"I have concluded that there can only be two reasonable conclusions to draw in reference to his decision. One, it was an EMOTIONAL decision — not an attribute of an outstanding coach in my opinion. Or, worse yet, there was an ulterior

motive for his decision which did not involve the present.

"In my opinion, this represents a glaring demonstration of weakness in what otherwise would have to be considered a super coaching job this year, probably the best he has done since being at Kentucky."

COMMENT: A few years ago a promising high school baseball pitcher in Kentucky was offered \$75,000 by a Major League scout. The youngster's father, who had appointed himself his son's agent, told the scout to come back when he was ready to talk six figures. The scout did not return and a few months later the young pitcher blew out his pitching arm. Poof! His dream was gone.

I admire Rick Pitino for being 'fatherly.'

Note to readers who write — Please accept my apologies for being unable to offer up all your letters in this space. But please note that I will respond to every letter I have received. And I encourage you to e-mail Sports In Ky. as well. The address is SptsInKy@aol.com.

FINAL FOUR NOTES

√ Unlike the last several, next year's men's Final Four portion of March Madness will not be played in April. The Final Four to be played in San Antonio's Alamodome is scheduled for Mar. 28 and 30th. The women's Final Four will be in Kemper Arena in Kansas City Mar. 29 and 31.

√ Records. Kentucky finished the season 35-5. The 40-game season is a school record. Previously the 1947-48 NCAA champion Wildcats finished 36-3.

√ Records II. UK will begin next season with 1,685 all-time victories. North Carolina has 1,675.

WORTH REPEATING

√ Lemme get this straight ... Fresno State University coach Jerry Tarkanian said two weeks ago if speculation that his players shaved points are confirmed he will be so devastated he will quit. Last week a left coast report said Tarkanian gave complimentary tickets to Fresno State home games to a

known bookie who is alleged to have consorted with some of the players.

√ The NCAA Tournament, says sports writer Bob Ryan of the Boston Globe, "is the last great communal event in America."

√ Official betting line for the NCAA title game — Kentucky was favored by 6-and-half points over Arizona. Go figure.

√ Lemme get this straight ... Kansas...then North Carolina...then Kentucky. Arizona coach Lute Olson masterminded victories over America's 3-2-1 winningest programs. So, where were his media herd critics last week? Real reason why Olson is often targeted by media-types is because he seems vulnerable, defensive when he skips witticism while telling (he calls them "uninformed") reporters to take a hike.

RECRUITING BITS

√ Lamar 'attended three high schools this year and I still might not qualify' Odum is the much-ballyhooed super-duper high schooler experts said was University of Kentucky-bound, committed to attend Nevada Las Vegas Sunday.

√ Wait and see. Marques Maybin, a 6-3 jumping jack from Clarksville, Tenn. who will sign with the University of Louisville, will be to Cardinal basketball next season what Nate Johnson was to last season's team, a star.

PARTING SHOT

"Rick Pitino may want to show that he can win an NBA title to match his NCAA title, but he should stay in college (coaching). He's the kind of showy guy who wants to be loved, but he wants to be listened to also. In college they still listen." — New York sports writer Mike Lupica.

And so it goes. Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to Bob Watkins,

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"Then, when the retrieve, which is usually a series of jerks or quick pulls, is stopped, the lure floats back to the surface. "These new jerk baits can be fished deeper because they have extra weight in them, and when the retrieve is stopped, they remain at that depth. "Cook says the lures have proven extremely effective in both clear water and also in late spring, post-spawn conditions."

"Weighted jerk baits have been in existence for quite some time," says Cook, "but only because different tournament anglers modified the lures by adding the extra weight. Then, when a major national tournament was won by using one of these lures, manufacturers started making them."

"Today, several different companies are making weighted jerk baits."

The Evinrude pro especially likes to fish these lures in the late spring, after bass have spawned but before they move to deeper summer structure.

"Weighted jerk baits can be extremely effective in fairly open-water situations like this where the bass seem to be roaming rather than relating to actual cover," Cook explains. "It's difficult to locate bass at this time, but a weighted jerk bait seems to attract the fish better than other lures."

Cook also likes to fish these lures over deeper cover, along windy points and beside steep bluffs. His standard retrieve is a series of quick jerks, a pause, followed by several more quick jerks.

"When you bring the lure beside a specific piece of cover like a bush or a rock, you can stop your retrieve and keep the lure right there in the strike zone. Many of the strikes seem to come just after you begin retrieving again."

"Bass seem to be watching the lure as it suspends, but then they grab it just as it looks like it's going to get away."

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BAMBINO LEAGUE SCHEDULED

to debut in Floyd County
Floyd County Babe Ruth president Harold Case announced that Bambino Little League baseball will make its debut in Floyd County this spring. A meeting to register players will be held at the Martin Ball Park on Saturday, April 12, at noon.

The new league will be for ages nine through 12.

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than connect an angler's rod and reel to a lure. Just ask professional bass tournament angler Guy Eaker.

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"I used a heavier-than-normal line to keep my lure from diving too deep," explains the Evinrude Outboards Pro Staff angler. "The heavier line has more water resistance and kept the lure just above the submerged grassbed I was fishing."

"A lighter line would have let the crankbait dive deeper into the

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Eaker's heavier line also allowed him to retrieve his lure slower, which is how the bass wanted it. Lighter line would have forced him to retrieve much faster to avoid the snagging.

"Most bass fishermen know how to use lighter lines with crankbaits so they'll have better action and run deeper," explains Eaker, "but not many think about using heavier lines to make a lure run shallow. I've been doing it for years, and this time it really paid off."

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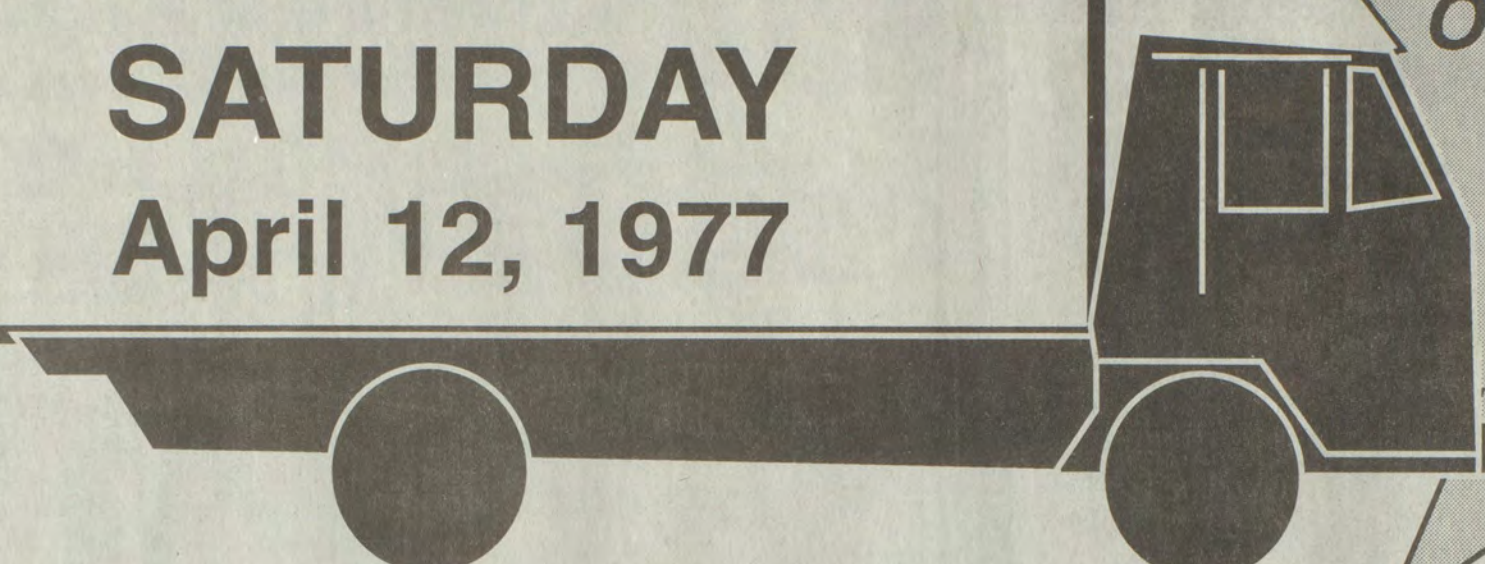
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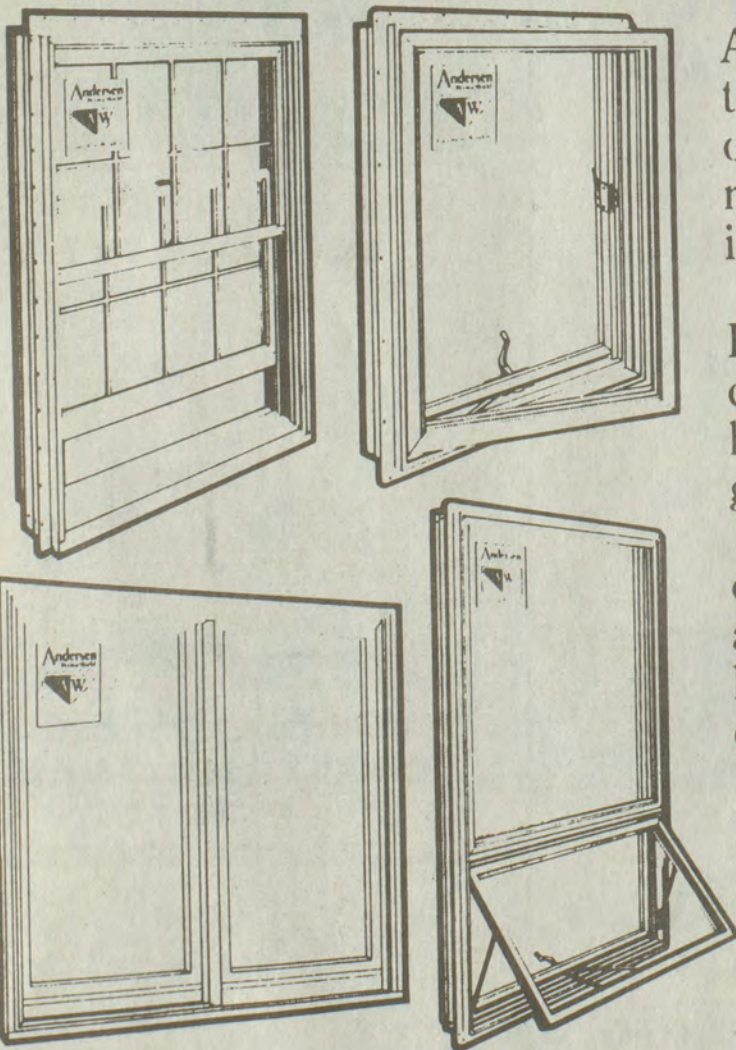
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Lifestyles

Tackett named Pastor of the Year

The Reverend Mark Tackett, pastor of Pleasant Home Baptist Church, at Water Gap, has been named Bi-vocational Pastor of the Year for Kentucky.

This prestigious award was presented to Reverend Tackett at Pleasant Home Baptist Church's new addition on March 7, with 180 people in attendance. The award was presented by Dr. Vernon Cole, who is a representative of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Center in Louisville.

Reverend Tackett has been in the ministry for more than 20 years and has been pastor of Pleasant Home Baptist Church for the past 12 years. Tackett became pastor of the church shortly after it was located at its current site on Water Gap Road. Tackett served as associate pastor for the church's first pastor, Wayne Gullion. Gullion served about nine months as pastor before he left due to the ill health of a relative.

The church has done four major renovations under Reverend Tackett's leadership and is one of the fastest growing and largest churches in Floyd County. The church started in a small room of a building. After about one year, the membership had outgrown the building, and renovations began that continue today. Currently, the church has about 300 members and a new kitchen and dining room area has been added to the church's Sunday School and Fellowship buildings that was formerly a WPA school.

The buildings contain numerous rooms for all ages of Sunday School students, as well as pantries storing food and other commodities for the needy. Yet, it isn't enough, according to Tackett.

"We're running kind of short," Tackett said. "Our goal as the Lord blesses us is to look at (a piece of property near the church.) We're considering building a larger sanctuary."

Tackett attributes the phenomenal growth of the church to "quality of the people and the blessings of the Lord."

"I've pastored a lot of great churches," Tackett said, "but the Lord brought a lot of different types of people here to help the church grow."

Pleasant Home Baptist Church is different from many other churches as they have never passed an offering plate. They have yearly tithes and offerings in excess of \$100,000. Pleasant Home has led the association in baptisms and mission projects for the past six years. Reverend Tackett learned last week that the church is among the top 20 supporters of Oneida Baptist Institute in Leslie County. The church supports other Baptist institutes, as well.

The church also has a park, which consists of a softball field, basketball court, volleyball court and playground equipment for the small children. It also has a nice, large shelter with tables. The church usually has two or three Friend Days at the park each year. During Friend Days, church members are encouraged to bring a friend with them to the outdoor services, sports activities and dinner held at the park.

"It's a time of fellowship. It gives us an

opportunity to put people that we're trying to reach at ease. It's not so much a structured service as an indoor setting," Tackett said.

Reverend Tackett and Reed Volk, who is a member at the church and a pharmacist from Pike County, traveled to Romania and Israel in 1995. During their travel through Romania and the Middle East, a total of 391 conversions were made for Christ. Eighty-five conversions were made in one service alone in Romania.

"One of the most touching parts of my trip to Israel was when I walked into the tomb where Jesus lay," Rev. Tackett said.

He recalled an incident during a service in Romania that brings a smile to his face. Tackett said he had just finished preaching and about 15 to 20 people came forward for salvation, but the

church's pastor was disappointed with that number.

"The pastor locked the doors and preached for another hour," Tackett said, smiling. After that trip, he laughingly tells people: "If I don't get the results I want, I'll lock the door."

Reed Volk and his son, Eric, will soon leave for a mission trip to Romania, Tackett said.

Reverend Tackett believes in mission work both across the street and across the ocean working thru food, clothing and medical ministries. The Pleasant Home Baptist Church has sent nearly \$70,000 in medical supplies to Europe. Dr. Theo Ben Abraham, a Jewish medical physician, converted to Christianity, is in charge of

(See Tackett, page four)

Childhood no longer an option

Being teens in the fabulous fifties (as well as both being coal miners' kids), when it comes to certain values, Wilma and I generally share the same views as most folks our age. Consequently, when she recommended I read an article in the paper a while back

seen, but if the talk shows (and never underestimate them) are any indication, perhaps it will.

Norton spoke of a society where our priests seduce our innocent children, our young daughters are dressed like Hollywood vamps and even leave lipstick

stains on their bacon cheeseburgers.

Obviously a blatant indictment of our adult-run society, and deservedly so. The scary part for us is that we're no longer just talking about life in cities like San Francisco and Boulder. A glance at recent headlines in local newspapers underscore that we in Eastern Kentucky have indeed reached a high enough level of sophistication that we are now not altogether immune to the seduction of the innocents.

Norton ends his article by pointing out what surely must be the greatest hurdle to be overcome; that we live in a world where the adults want to be children and want their children to be adults.

Consequently, even if not by design, we tend to leave our children to fend for themselves. Childhood ceases to be an option, and young people become the image of their role models: us.

Although it's surely to be easier said than done, Norton suggests all this foolishness come to a screeching halt, and we need to allow children to be children again.

I wish I'd said that. But since I didn't, I'm glad Wilma called my attention to the words of Terry Norton, who did.

Poison Oak



Clyde Pack

by a free-lance writer in San Francisco named Terry Norton, I did.

I enjoyed it so much, I wished I'd written it.

The article was simply the writer's observations regarding the state of our crumbling society, and more particularly, as it regards today's children. Not only was the piece well written, I think it pretty much expressed the thoughts of most of us. I'd almost betcha the writer also grew up in the 1950s.

Norton spoke of being pushed over the edge by the sight of a six-year-old with lipstick and eye shadow staring from a magazine rack.

While I'm personally not completely "over the edge," like most of us I've given some thought to the shape we're in and usually end up shaking my head in disbelief that a society as intelligent as ours (if you don't count Heaven's Gate) could let happen what has happened to our children.

Of course, Norton was undoubtedly referring to pictures of the little beauty queen in Colorado who was murdered last year at Christmas time.

The incident has caused us to take another look at what's happened to our young people. Whether it'll go beyond "taking another look" remains to be



Reverend Mark Tackett was named Bi-vocational Pastor of the Year. Tackett is pictured with the plaque he received during an award presentation at the church.

Reverend Mark Tackett is pastor of the Pleasant Home Baptist Church at Water Gap. Tackett has been in the ministry more than 20 years.

Ten Years Ago (April 15, 1987)

Melting snow caused a massive mudslide near the head of Buck's Branch, which completely blocked Route 122 between Martin and the Mountain Parkway for several days...Four prisoners at the Floyd County Jail escaped with a stolen car Friday after locking their guard in a cell...A gala event is planned for April 18 at the Kinzer Drilling Building on new Route 80 to celebrate the dedication of a prominent American flag, which is one of only four in the state...E.B. Leisenring Jr., chairman and CEO of Westmoreland Coal Company in Philadelphia, was the keynote speaker at last week's 10th annual Big Sandy-Elkhorn Coal Mining Seminar and he predicted a coal boom starting in 1989...The architect hired to design a \$4 million middle school for Prestonsburg resigned Friday, citing health reasons, and he was replaced with the same architect who was hired to design a new elementary school at Allen...There died: Alvin Lee (Pistol Pete) Wright, 65, formerly of Tram, March 23...Jay Aaron Calhoun, infant son of Clarence and Delois DeRossett Calhoun, formerly of Floyd County, was still-born April 3...Claude E. Gearheart, 56, of Hueysville, Monday...Thomas Leo Music, 56, of Allen, last Wednesday...Elizabeth Sue Bingham, 49, of Prestonsburg, Sunday...Edgar G. Phillips, 74, of Allen, Friday...L.B. Harrington, 73, formerly of Floyd County, Monday...William Robert Carver, 69, formerly of Wayland, March 15...Minerva Jane James, 80, of Ivel, Monday...Berta Johnson Dickerson, 74, of Middle Creek, Monday...Beverage Reffitt, 58, of Langley, Monday...Landis Bates, 79, of Topmost, last Wednes-

day...Darrell Hayes, 41, formerly of Maytown, last Wednesday...Berlin Osborne, 68, of Martin, Tuesday...Josephine Johns May, 90, of Allen, Tuesday...and Charles Curry Jr., 35, formerly of Floyd County, Friday.

Twenty Years Ago (April 13, 1977)

The Big Sandy valley this week was facing up to the aftermath of destructive flood for the third time in 20 years...The three magistrates and the county judge attending the fiscal court meeting Monday pooled their somber views of the flood situation in the county, and from the four magisterial districts came reports of 30 to 55 bridges washed out or damaged in varying degree...Last week's flood may have cost the Floyd County School System as much as \$2 million...American Red Cross chapters in Floyd, Pike, Martin and Johnson counties are now moving toward full operational status as the massive flood relief effort moves into its second week...Relief machinery in which federal, state, county and city agencies and the American Red Cross and independent local organizations served as meshing cogs was set in motion soon after last week's floodwaters subsided. The trial of a former Magoffin County sheriff, charged with the murder last August 29 of Mike Williams,

was in its second day here Tuesday...There died: Harry Lou Porter, 70, of Allen, was stricken by an apparent heart attack, April 5, while helping move household furnishings during the flood; Josephine Picklesimer, 76, native of Ivel, April 5 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Ellen Anderson, 81, formerly of the Wheelwright area, April 11 at a Columbus, O., nursing home; James Prater, 78, formerly of Prestonsburg, April 6 at Mercy Hospital in Portsmouth, O.; William Edward Crace, 41, formerly of Town Branch, Prestonsburg, April 9 at St. Mary's Hospital, Columbus, O.; Earl (Buster) Carroll, 62, April 4 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Martha Clark Wallen, 90, of Banner, April 10 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Ora Montgomery, 51, formerly of this county, April 6 at Lima Memorial Hospital in Ohio; Thomas Jefferson (T.J.) Fitzpatrick Sr., 81, of Lancer, April 5 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Martha May Hammonds, 57, of Water Gap, April 5 at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Catherine Lavina Ellis, 60, of Prestonsburg, April 11 at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mattie May Comstock, 81, of Prestonsburg, April 9 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington; Emma Wells May, 64, of Prestonsburg, April 10 in Miami, Fla.

Thirty Years Ago (April 13, 1967)

Decisions made in Washington last week and action taken at a meeting here Tuesday evening of the Floyd County Board of Health with Community Action Program officials and others, virtually assure Floyd county a pilot health program which over a period of five years would involve the expenditure of more than \$5 million...James Hamilton, 28, of Beaver, one of two men thrown from a boat as it capsized, drowned Saturday afternoon in Dewey Lake...Before the Saturday midnight deadline for filing for office has passed, the Republican party had a full slate of candidates in this county, except for the office of tax commissioner...The second steel business building to be erected here this year will be under construction by mid-May for the Ray Howard Furniture Stores, it was said this week...There died: R. T. "Buster" Herald, 54, of Prestonsburg, Monday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Mrs. Susie Collins, 84, of Hi Hat, last Thursday at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Mrs. Lillie May, 71, native of Langley, March 27, at Orange City, Florida; Mrs. Bertha Stratton, 78, Tuesday at her home at Ivel; Mrs. Belle Reed Tiffany, 88, of David, Thursday morning at the Mountain Manor Convalescent Home here.

Forty Years Ago (April 11, 1957)

Plans to ask bids for the bituminous surfacing of U.S. 23 in Floyd, Pike and Johnson counties and for 17.41 miles of the Allen-Lackey-Hindman and Lackey-Wayland-

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Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Society News

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Society Editor
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Attend Final Four game

Delmar Baldrige and sons, Mark and Phillip of Prestonsburg, attended the Final Four basketball game in Indianapolis, Indiana, last week.

Attends Patton funeral

Roy Patton of Belleville, Michigan, was called here last week due to the passing of his brother, Troy Patton of Prestonsburg. He attended the funeral at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, Saturday afternoon, April 5. Evangelist Bennie Blankenship officiated.

Home from hospital

Fred James Sr. of Prestonsburg, who was a surgery patient at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington recently and also a patient at Highlands Regional Medical Center, is showing much improvement at his home here.

Visit in Cynthia

Rev. David and Sue Fultz visited her mother, Ann Currans, in Cynthia last week. While there they visited with the pastor of the Methodist Church in Falmouth and viewed the devastation of the recent flood. Rev. Fultz is the pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

Visit grandparents

Dylan and Cole Barnett of Bowling Green, were here recently visiting their grandparents, Scott and Patty Hamilton and family, in Allen.

Visits mother

Pam Watts and son, Wesley Stanford of Prestonsburg visited her mother, Sue Powell, in Flatwoods last week.

Conn-Waugh wedding

Ticker Conn and Donald Waugh were united in marriage Saturday afternoon, March 8, at the Martin Branch Freewill Baptist Church at Estill. The Rev. Wayne Stevens officiated at the double-ring ceremony.

Ticker is the daughter of Johnny and Juanita Conn of Printer.

Donald is the son of Barbara Waugh of Dema.

Visit cousins here

Winifred and Tom Blackburn and Tippy Lee had as their houseguests at their home on Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, last week their cousins, Katy and John Boston of Fern Creek, April Boston of Mt. Washington, and Robert and Connie Boston of Fairdale. While here they visited with other family members.

Visits grandparents

Staci Stephens of Allen visited her grandparents, Clint and Nell Little and family in Virgie, during her spring break. They visited Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, during her stay.

Visit family here

Fred and Joy James had as their guests recently, members of their family, Mary Ann James, Emily Anderson and son, Daniel, Stacey James and daughter Whitley, all of Frankfort; Matthew James of Virgie; and Jackie Newman of Hillsboro.

Pan for gold

Teddy Stephens of Allen, Shawn Stephens of Dwale and Danny Stephens of Martin, were in the mountains of North Carolina panning for gold and other gems recently. They made several trips last year to streams in North Georgia where they were fairly successful.

Easter guests

Ronald and Susan Greer and children, Victoria and Joseph of Chesapeake, Ohio, were here during the Easter holiday visiting her mother, Grace Clark, and family at David.

Victoria spent a few days with her grandmother, returning home on Friday.

Rebekahs meet

The regular meeting of Miriam Rebekah Lodge No. 31 was held on April 1, with Noble Grand Wanda Elste presiding.

Those on the sick list were noted and cards were signed to be mailed to them.

The noble grand reported she had visited at Riverview Manor Nursing Home on Easter. She visited Effie Hopkins and Venelia Rinehart, both members of Miriam Lodge, and presented each with a basket containing lotion, cream, etc., as a gift for Easter.

The rummage sale was discussed and it was decided that the sale would be held at the home of Sue Moore on Trimble Branch Road on May 2 and 3.

Members present were Wanda Elste, Hope Whitten, Violetta Wright, Paulena Owens and Mable Jean LeMaster. The next regular meeting will be held April 15, at 7 p.m., at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Prestonsburg.

Memorial lilies

placed in church

Lilies in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg on Easter Sunday were "In Loving Memory of" May K. and Dick Roberts by Judy Wade and Kaye Baird; Russell May by Eve May, Kathy, Jane, Rusty and grandchildren; Ruth and Edward Worland by the Worland family; Thomas and Inez Hereford by David and Peggy Hereford, David II and Laura; David and Anna Laura Richmond by David and Peggy Hereford, David II and Laura; Carl R. Horn by Charles and Carlos Wells; the Thomas and Molly Hereford family by Major Bernard and Pauline Hereford Williams; The Guy and Minnie Williams family by Major Bernard and Pauline Williams; Palmer Crisp by Tincy Crisp; Charles and Nell Miller and Theo and Winnie Hatcher by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller; Carlos Haywood by her family; Samuel Lewis Wells, Jeff B. Wells and Lora E. Wells by Danny and Lora Hamilton and family; Holton and Iuca Hamilton by Danny and Lora Hamilton and family; Dr. George P. and Margaret Archer and Atha and Ola Mae Damron by Emily, Aaron and Margaret Damron; Ray and Jean Cooksey by George Cecil and Mae Brown; Mary Jane and George Brown by George Cecil and Mae Brown; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. May by William James May; Loved Ones by William James May; Gertrude

and Arthur Bradbury by Raymond and Clara Bradbury; Earl Blackburn by Raymond and Clara Bradbury; James Carter by Geneva, Susan, Jim and Mary; James Garvey by Alice, Mary and Jim; Carl R. Horn by his family; Virgil Webb by his family; Carolyn Howard by George, Julie and Cameron Love; Aubrey O. Onkst Sr., Marvin Dixon Sr., Marvin Dixon, Jr. and James Richard Dixon by Anna Onkst; Sarah Clay Stephens Archer, Dr. and Mrs. O. T. Stephens and Dr. Raymond Stephens by Jack Carter; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carter, James J. Carter and Leo Carter by Jack Carter; Pinn and Maggie Fitzpatrick by Bess West; Luther Smith by Tom, Robin, Christian and Kathleen Smith.

Also, "In Love and Honor of" Bob and Phyllis Simpson by Tom, Robin, Christian and Kathleen Smith; Dorothy Smith by Tom, Robin, Christian and Kathleen Smith; Dorothy Smith by Tom, Robin, Christian and Kathleen Smith; Dorothy Smith by Tom, Robin, Christian and Kathleen Smith; Kathy and Frank Fitzpatrick by Olivia Fitzpatrick; Bill and Shirley Callihan by Tom and Mary Jo Hereford; Tracy and Vickie McKinney by Amber McKinney; Mary Jo Hereford by Bill Callihan; Ann Callihan by Bill Callihan; and Shirley Callihan by Bill Callihan.

Easter lilies placed in

memory of loved ones

At the Christ United Methodist Church in Allen during Easter Sunday morning service, March 20, Easter lilies were placed in memory or in honor of loved ones as follows:

In memory: Benny Lafferty by Bennie Lynwood and Gwen Lafferty; Miles and Alma Thomas by Bonnie and Bill McGuire and family, Linda Rice and family, and Phil Nelson and family; Emma Nelson by Phil, John and Kevin Nelson; Melvin Rice by Linda and Jason Rice, Angie, Craig and Cory Meade; Carl Martin by Jerry Martin and family; Ollie and Gaynell May by Jean Watson; Chester Layne by Malcom Layne, and in honor of Virginia Jean Layne by Malcom Layne; Bobby G. Hughes by Alma Jean Hughes and family; Rev.

Henry and America Crider by Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Crider, Darrell Jr. and Elizabeth; Galloway Lafferty by Bob and Kloria Osborne and family; Joe Clark by Doris Clark and family; Patty May by Mr. and Mrs. Delano May and Mr. and Mrs. Cheyenne McKinney and Courtney; Banner and Josephine May by Mr. and Mrs. Delano May and Mr. and Mrs. Cheyenne McKinney and Court-ney; Randy May by Mr. and Mrs. Delano May and Mr. and Mrs. Cheyenne McKinney and Court-ney; Woodrow Lafferty by Billie and Marcy Lafferty; Dee Branham by Ecie Branham and family; Nellie Sword by Lena June and Jim Sword and family; C. D. Francis by Ruth

Francis and family; and Charles Callison and loved ones by Edna Callison and Delores Bradley; Bill Ratliff by Laura Ratliff and family.

In honor: grandchildren, Chandis, Jacob, Samantha, Tommy Neile, Chelsey and Amber by Kloria and Bobby Osborne; children, Marena, Sue, Anna, Carla and David by Jean Watson; dear friend Doris Clark by Jean Watson; Rev. and Mrs. Ken LeMaster by Jean Watson; and Bob and Lois Marshall by Renee and Noel Chandler.

Also, two white silk floral arrangements were placed in the sanctuary by Christ United Methodist Women, Jean Watson, Lucy Kinzer and Kloria Osborne of Add-A-Touch.

You may (or might not) recognize the face at first, because at the time, he was just a little squirt. But now, he will soon turn old and gray — and just think honey, you'll stay that way!

Happy "31st," Tim

Love, Kim



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Laura Lynn Reed, MD, is KDMC's newest cardiothoracic surgeon. She began practicing in Ashland in Summer 1996, after completing a cardiothoracic fellowship at the University of Kentucky in Lexington. Dr. Reed received her medical degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich., and performed her internship and residency at the University of Illinois in Chicago. One of a growing number of female open-heart surgeons, Dr. Reed quickly has become renowned for her surgical skill and dedication to helping patients recover after surgery and make the lifestyle changes necessary for heart-healthy living.

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came to Ashland from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minn., and the prestigious Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, in Rochester, Minn., where he performed his internship, residency and fellowship in cardiothoracic surgery. He is board certified by the American Board of Surgery and the American Board of Thoracic Surgery. Hubert has performed more than 2,000 surgeries in his career.

For The Record

District Court

Editor's note: All first offense DUIs are allowed to do two days public service in lieu of \$200 of the total court costs and fines. All individuals who are charged in cases involving alcohol or drugs are referred to alcohol or drug treatment.

John D. Cable, 30, of Prestonsburg; no operator's license—\$75.

Chris A. Kent, 21, of Prestonsburg; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$112.50 or four days public service in lieu of fines and cost; criminal mischief (3rd degree)—\$50.

Timothy Steven Spencer, 36, of Saltville, Virginia; DUI (1st offense, BA .16)—\$467.50.

Tim Stanley, 36, of Bevinville; DUI (3rd offense or more), amended to 2nd offense—\$617.50, seven days in jail, two days public service in lieu of \$200 of the total court costs and fines; no insurance—\$500; attempt to elude/failure to comply—five days in jail to be served concurrent; operating on suspended/revoked license—five days in jail to be served concurrent.

Michael A. Watkins, 27, of Wayland; DUI (1st offense, BA refused)—\$467.50; attempt to elude/failure to comply—\$50; reckless driving—\$50; no operator's license—\$25; resisting arrest—five days in jail; menacing—merged; harassing or simple assault on police officer—ten days in jail; disorderly conduct—five days in jail; terroristic threatening—five days in jail; violation of EPO—five days in jail.

Roger D. Finley, 49, of Fort Gay, West Virginia; no Kentucky registration plates—\$72.50; overweight on tandem axle—\$60.

Roy Ousley, 48, of Prestonsburg; operating on suspended license due to a prior DUI conviction (1st offense)—\$25; no insurance—\$50.

Randall Yates, 33, of Prestonsburg; AI (3rd offense or more), amended to 2nd offense—\$112.50.

Harry E. Fahner, 18, of Circleville, Ohio; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting)—\$112.50 and stay away from Jenny Wiley Village for a period of one year.

Allen D. Mitchell, 28, of Harold; DUI (1st offense, BA .09), amended to reckless driving—\$122.50; carrying a concealed weapon—\$100 and forfeit weapon.

Gary M. Bryant, 40, of Hazard; violation of 172 Federal Safety Regulation Hazard Mat. Communication—\$97.50.

Orville Moore, 29, of Prestonsburg; assault in the 4th degree (minor injury)—\$102.50 and 30 days in jail, 26 days probated.

Eddie Glenn, 36, of Harold; operating on suspended license due to a prior DUI conviction (2nd offense), amended to operating on suspended license (1st offense)—\$47.50 and five days in jail, probated on condition.

Ranny Hall, 37, of Beaver; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$112.50.

Virgil E. Murley, 52, of Lexington; DUI (1st offense, BA .29)—\$267.50 and \$200 fine or two days public service; unauthorized use of motor vehicle (1st offense)—\$100 and return vehicle.

Chad Bays, 17, of Prestonsburg; DUI (1st offense)—\$257.50 and \$200 fine or two days public service.

Charles W. Irvin, 29, of Prestonsburg; assault in the 4th degree (spouse abuse)—\$72.50 and 30 days in jail.

Ted Reynolds, 39, of McDowell; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$77.50.

Lonnie Parker, 42, of Martha; giving officer false name/address—\$50; unsworn falsification to authorities—\$25; operating on suspended/revoked license—\$25; DUI (1st offense, BA .10)—\$257.50 and \$200 fine or two days public service; license failed to be in possession—\$25; no insurance—\$500.

Jacob Lee Worthington, 18, of Hot Springs, North Carolina; use/possession of drug paraphernalia (1st offense)—\$87.50.

Scottie Crum, 49, of Martin; DUI (3rd offense or more, BA .11)—\$767.50 and 30 days in jail; failure to wear seatbelts—merged; failure to or improper signal—merged.

Lon Gibson, 50, of Prestonsburg; DUI (2nd offense)—\$617.50 and seven days in jail to be served on weekends.

Noah R. Amburgey, 32, of Kite; no insurance—\$157.50.

Denford Arnett, 42, of Salyersville; no Kentucky registration plates—\$72.50; no registration receipt—\$25; failure to wear seatbelts—\$25.

Jeffrey Bailey, 26, of

Knightsdale, North Carolina; two counts of failure to wear seatbelts—charges merged, \$25.

John E. Baldridge, 20, address unknown; failure to wear seatbelts—\$25.

Laura C. Byers, 22, of Oil Springs; failure to wear seatbelts—\$72.50; failure to use child restraint device—\$75.

Patricia S. Childers, 33, of Martin; no Kentucky registration plates—\$72.50; no registration receipt—\$25.

Melissa A. Coleman, 21, of Regina; theft by unlawful taking (shoplifting)—\$72.50, 30 days probated for one year and not to enter Wal-Mart.

Gary Slone, 44, of Hueysville; DUI (1st offense, BA .17)—\$267.50 and \$200 fine or two day public service; attempt to elude/failure to comply—merged.

Jeremy Thacker, 20, of Harold; reckless driving—\$147.50; attempt to elude/failure to comply—\$250 and 30 days in jail; operating on suspended license—\$250 and 30 days in jail.

Bobby L. Smedley, 55, of Wittensville; no exterior identification—\$97.50.

George Branham, 44, of Wheelwright; operating on suspended/revoked license—\$50; prescription drugs not in proper container—\$167.50 and ten days in jail probated.

Marc R. Jordan, 28, of Prestonsburg; DUI (1st offense, BA .14)—\$457.50.

Joey D. Fitch, 24, of Ivel; inadequate silencer (muffler)—\$72.50; three counts of failure to wear seatbelts—merged, \$25.

Howard A. Waddles, 30, of Allen; possession of police radio—\$87.50.

Dwight Danny Dials, 27, of Kite; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$112.50; possession of marijuana—\$100.

Ora Gamble, 53, of West Van Lear; failure to wear seatbelts—\$72.50.

Madeline C. Goble, 48, of Prestonsburg; two counts of failure to wear seatbelts—merged, \$82.50; no insurance—\$100.

William M. Hager, 28, of Lexington; no insurance—\$157.50; failure to wear seatbelts—\$82.50.

Ricky G. Hall, 28, of Leburn; no insurance—\$157.50.

Wilburn C. Hamilton, 28, of Paintsville; AI (1st/2nd offense)—\$112.50.

Regina Holbrook, 44, of Paintsville; failure to wear seatbelts—\$25.

Wilford J. Jarrell Jr., 24, of Banner; no Kentucky registration plates—\$57.50.

Restaurant, School and Mobile Home Park Inspections

All inspections are made by Floyd County Health Department environmentalists John L. Bailey and Russell Wallace.

• Prestonsburg Inn, formerly the Blue Sky Motel, 88: One fire extinguisher did not have gauge. Another showed recharge date of 1995. Fire extinguishers must be inspected annually.

Floors, walls, ceilings in bad repair. One room did not have soap or towels. One room had been cleaned, but trash had not been emptied. Some sleeping rooms and some restrooms in general state of bad repair.

Inspector's note: Owners are in process of renovating building and it shows much improvement.

• Harold Elementary School, 85: Girls' restroom in main building, one commode is not operational. Boys' restroom in one building, the walls need cleaning and sanitizing. Ceilings in most restrooms are in bad repair and floors in moderate disrepair in lower building restrooms. Area behind water fountain in lower building needs cleaning. Light guards are either missing or broken in most of the classrooms checked.

Editor's Note: Janitor's closet was found to be unlocked with two not emptied mop buckets by the door.

• John M. Stumbo Elementary, 90: Common urinal in boys' restroom in bad repair. Needs to be replaced with single use units. Walls in boys' restroom in disrepair. One light out in girls' restroom in small hallway. Hallway light fixture guards in bad repair. Several classrooms have lights out.

• Prater Creek Elementary, 94: Walls in girls' restroom in main building in disrepair. No light in restroom near Ms. Harmon's room. Light fixture guard in bad repair in Sherry Tackett's room.

• Rorer Mobile Home Park, no rating listed. Violations include no lid on dumpster and area littered.

• H & D Court (Mobile Home Park), Auxier, 94: Litter in park. Litter over bank.

• Dingus Park, Martin, 98: Some litter at and near park.

• Our Place, Prestonsburg, 94: Not all employees with hair restraints. Freezer door needs repair. Foil on shelf. No lid on dumpster. Floor and ceiling needs repairs.

• Tiger Mart, Prestonsburg, 94 in deli and 97 in retail: Door to hot foods case broken. Wiping cloths not stored in chlorine solution. Plastic forks stored incorrectly. Plumbing repairs needed in one restroom. No lid on dumpster.

• CC's Homestyle Cafe, Prestonsburg, 96: Not all employees use hair restraints. Not all wiping cloths are in chlorine solution. Plates not inverted. Handwash sink stopped up. Floor needs repairs. Purse and sweater not properly stored.

• Evergreen Bowling Center, 96: Popcorn popper needs to be cleaned. No soap in men's restroom.

• Dollar General Store, Martin, 96: Boxes of tea bags on the floor. No self-closing door or covered trash can in restrooms.

• Parkway Connection, 95 in deli and 96 in retail: Not all equipment with thermometer. No sneeze shield on hot dogs. No self-closing door in restrooms. Ceiling needs repair in one area.

• Hippo Stop & Shop, 99: Not all thermometers conspicuous.

• Winn-Dixie, Prestonsburg, 96 in deli and 97 in retail: Wiping cloths improperly stored on counter. Outside dumpster not covered. Floor and ceiling needs repair in stockroom area.

Inspector's note: Deli and store very clean.

• Viola Bailey Memorial Community Center, McDowell, 98: Single service articles being reused. Light in bad repair in women's restroom.

Inspector's note: Facility appears clean. No critical violations observed.

• Osborne's Restaurant and Pizzeria, 89: Critical item found: Spray paint observed stored with food and food equipment. Owner given ten minutes to correct situation. Critical item was corrected within the time frame.

Other violations: All refrigeration and freezer units should have conspicuous thermometers. Meat and cheese items observed being thawed at room temperatures. Proper hair restraints not in use. Gaskets on reach-in freezer units in disrepair. Floors in moderate disrepair. Spray paint observed stored with food and food equipment.

• Lou's Grocery, Dwale, 96: No self-closing doors on restrooms. Floor and ceilings need repair.

Suits Filed

Editor's note: Suits filed are not indicative of guilt but represent only the claims of those filing the action.

Rita Roberts of Banner, et al. vs. Larry Caudill of Oil Springs; compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an automobile accident on or about March 5, 1996, on U.S. 23.

Jeannie Hamilton Scott of Ivel vs. Jackie Daryl Scott of Morehead; dissolution of marriage.

Grover M. Allen of Prestonsburg vs. Minnie E. Allen of West Prestonsburg; dissolution of marriage.

Thomas L. Word vs. Fannie Walters of Prestonsburg; compensation for alleged fatal injuries and expenses result from an auto accident on or about February 15, 1997.

Olen Cornett of Hueysville vs. Linda Cornett of Columbus, Indiana; dissolution of marriage.

Tim Newsome of Hi Hat and Nannie Rose Newsome of Rogersville, Tennessee; joint petition for dissolution of marriage.

Christina Goble Hamilton of Auxier vs. Francis Charles Hamilton of Warsaw, Indiana; dissolution of marriage.

Shannon McKinney of Bypro vs. Anthony W. Rucker of Virgie et al.; compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an auto accident on or about August 21, 1995, on Rt. 122.

Mountain Valley Explosives Inc. vs. Chestnut Ridge Coal Company Inc. et al.; alleged debt.

Mountain Valley Explosives Inc. vs. Hoods Fork Mining Inc. et al.; alleged debt.

Mountain Valley Explosives Inc. vs. Meka Enterprises Inc.; alleged debt.

Julia Deaton et al. vs. Floyd County Board of Education et al.; compensation for alleged injuries sustained in an auto accident on or

about October 16, 1996.

Barbara Lackey vs. James Ray Lackey of Bevinville; dissolution of marriage.

Michael Whayne Adkins of Grethel vs. Virginia Ann Evans Adkins of Grethel; dissolution of marriage.

Vicki Lynn Crace Gilstrap of Prestonsburg vs. Leonard H. Gilstrap of Horse Branch; dissolution of marriage.

Dispatch logs

April 1

3:52 a.m. — Caller advised that two males and a female were breaking glass on the sidewalk at Hardee's.

4:34 a.m. — Kentucky State Police advised that a car had flipped on its top on Route 23.

8:00 a.m. — Caller reported that a chemical truck was leaking some kind of vapor.

9:36 a.m. — Caller advised that a small amount of cocaine was found in one of the rooms at Super 8 Motel. Sample was tested at police station and it was not cocaine.

11:06 a.m. — EMS run to Dixie Heights. Caller advised that a female juvenile was having lower stomach pains.

12:51 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Wildcat Car Wash.

3:32 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at WQHY radio station.

9:29 p.m. — Vandalism complaint at the new motel. Caller advised that a pop machine was turned over, dry wall was splashed on the walls, and several windows were broken out on the lower level.

10:47 p.m. — EMS run to Cliffs. Caller advised that her 11-year-old grandson had been crying a lot, and she had a hard time waking up the child.

April 2

8:02 a.m. — Burglar alarm activated at Napa Auto Parts. Employee accidentally set off the alarm.

8:19 a.m. — Caller advised that they could smell smoke at Bonanza.

9:01 a.m. — Burglar alarm activated at Cato's Fashion.

12:17 p.m. — Report of an accident without injuries at Little Paint Creek, Route 1100.

2:02 p.m. — Intrusion alarm activated at the Bank Josephine automatic teller machine (ATM).

3:25 p.m. — Report of an accident with injuries in front of Mike's Pizza Plus.

5:28 p.m. — Caller advised that her vehicle was hit by another vehicle on East Graham Street and the other driver drove off.

7:36 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver in West Side.

10:02 p.m. — Caller advised that a subject was harassing her and she needed to speak with an officer.

April 3

5:03 a.m. — Alarm activated at Food World.

7:25 a.m. — Alarm activated at First Baptist Church.

9:01 a.m. — Burglar alarm activated at Cato's Fashion.

12:58 p.m. — Report of an accident with injuries in front of TransFinancial Bank.

7:56 p.m. — Caller advised that a blue car ran him off the road and caused him to get a flat.

11:10 p.m. — Caller advised that she saw someone go by her window and when she looked outside, she saw a blue truck at the stop sign and the door open.

11:48 p.m. — Caller said there was loud music being played in the parking lot at Farm Bureau.

April 4

8:08 a.m. — Caller advised that a subject may have overdosed on his medication. EMS run to Hager Street.

9:05 a.m. — Alarm activated at Union 76 Station.

4:54 p.m. — Shoplifter in custody at Winn-Dixie.

6:15 p.m. — Complaint of a reckless driver on Route 23. Caller advised that the vehicle left Holiday Inn and was going toward Wal-Mart.

April 5

3:30 a.m. — Caller advised that a white Ford van was following Respond Ambulance and almost hit the ambulance. Officer advised he saw the vehicle and it was about 50 yards from the ambulance.

5:07 p.m. — Caller advised that a male subject in a white pickup was taking gravel that belonged to the city.

5:40 p.m. — Caller advised that the same subject was back for another load of gravel. The subject

advised that he was given permission to take the gravel.

5:52 p.m. — Caller said a female subject slapped her 11-year-old son's glasses off at Goble-Roberts.

6:01 p.m. — Fire alarm activated at the Floyd County Adult Detention Center.

6:09 p.m. — Report of a possible DUI in a green Toyota truck with a four-wheeler in the back.

6:30 p.m. — Caller advised that a male subject ran out in front of her vehicle at the Food City lights and he had something under his shirt.

7:35 p.m. — Report of a possible DUI in the Slick Rock area. Caller advised the driver had a small handgun and shot her dog before he left.

8:05 p.m. — Structure fire at the first house on the left at the old Goble-Roberts entrance.

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Mike Potter and Cathy Potter to Jack Shannon Mulkey and Jennifer Mulkey, property on Mare Creek.

Hawley David Scott and Nancy Lee Scott to Anglea Lynn Johnson, property on Stone Coal Creek.

Ronnie Goodman and Gene Campbell to Vikki Conn, quitclaim deed, property location not listed.

Anna Elizabeth Jones to Carlos Elswick and Vicki Elswick, property on Clear Creek of Left Beaver Creek.

Michael McCormick by attorney Ivanhoe W. McCormick to Delmar Rowe and Jean Rowe, property on Mutton Fork of Bull Creek.

Sharon Bartley to Dennis Bartley, property on Short Branch.

Anita Gayle Cook, Deborah Lynn Cook Carter, Robert Keith Carter, Edith Cook Skeans and Floyd Skeans to Gary Compton and Beulah Compton, quitclaim deed to property, location not listed.

Herbert Dingus to Bessie Dingus, property location not listed.

Florence Gray to Charles W. Gray and Faye Gray, property on Broadway (now North Lake Drive).

Danny and Tresia Hall to Paul David and Judy Lawson, property location not listed

Yesterdays

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Beaver Gap roads in this county were announced this week by the Department of Highways...Marvin Music was named chairman of the Floyd County Flood Control Association at a meeting at the courthouse here last Friday evening...Projects to build two reservoirs to reduce flood damage on the Big Sandy River are being revived, it was said Tuesday by Senator John Sherman Cooper...Jerry Grigsby, Martin High School student and son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Grigsby, is the winner of the 1957 music contest sponsored by the Seventh District, Kentucky federation of Women's Clubs...Miss Nancy Allen Rose, of Prestonsburg, was awarded a trophy as an outstanding member of the Kentucky Youth Assembly which met at Frankfort last week...Marriages: Miss Violet Manners, of Ypsilanti, Mich., and Elwood Carr, of Prestonsburg, March 27 in Ypsilanti; Miss Shirley Faye Wright and Edsel Harrison Lester, February 16 at First Baptist Church, Lexington, S.C...There died: E. H. Keathley, 83, Tuesday, April 3, at his home at Amba; Mrs. Elizabeth Rowe Compton, 73, of Virgie, Tuesday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin; Oscar Waugh, 48, of Salyersville, March 31 at Miners Memorial Hospital, Pikeville.

Fifty Years Ago (April 10, 1947)

VFW here is closing a deal to purchase a building at Lancer for use as a clubhouse...A rat-killing campaign will be conducted on a community-wide scale here under direction of a rodent control expert...Trustees of the UMW Welfare Fund this week established a \$1,000 death benefit payment for each family of bituminous coal miners belonging to the union...518 of the nation's mines, 72, of which are in Kentucky, were closed by order of the Secretary of Interior J. A. Krug as unsafe...Street widening in Martin is included in new state highway department construction projects...Gov. Willis was again asked, Friday, by the directors of K.E.A. to convene a special session of the legislature to appropriate funds for increased teacher pay...Circuit Judge Edward P. Hill Monday told the newly-empaneled grand jury to bear down on drunk driving, terming it a "greater hazard to human life even than pistol-tot-

ing"...Marriages: Miss Jacqueline Wells and Denver Sammons, both of Prestonsburg, March 21, at the Methodist Church here; Miss Sylvia Gibson Rowe, of Prestonsburg, and Robert Mosely, Saturday at her home of the bride; Miss Delores Vaughn and Leonard Kirk, March 27 in Willor Run, Mich.; Miss Clara Phillips and Bert Allen, at Pikeville, March 20...There died: Mrs. Louise Reynolds, 87, at her home at Dony, April 9; Frank Thomas Pittman, 58, of Wayland, April 3 at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Mrs. Mary Jane Craft Deweese, 42, of Prestonsburg, April 1; Morgan Joseph, 77, April 4 at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Georgie Adkins, 29, April 4 at Hueysville; Ellis Newsome, 58, April 5 at Bypro; Mrs. Anna Turner Martin, 82, April 2 at St. Anthony Hospital, Lexington; Riley Combs, 69, of Orkney, on April 6 at Martin; Mrs. Martha Manuel, 46, April 9 at home at Manton; Mrs. Cordelia Martin, 74, April 3 at her Jack's Creek home.

Sixty Years Ago (April 9, 1937)

A special session of the county board of education was held in the wee hours of the morning, April 2, at the home of County Superintendent Town Hall to hire teachers for the coming year. Three-hundred thirty-two teachers were hired...After four days in session, the grand jury returned 41 indictments...Forest fire damage in the district was set at \$5,000 for the year by District Chief Fire Warden Claude Ward...Drawings for the post-season basketball tournament at Maytown April 8, 9, and 10 pits Wayland against Bonanza in the first game...At the regular meeting of the Floyd Fiscal Court, a bid by W. J. May for the office of treasurer was accepted and his salary set at \$30 per month...Clayborne Stephens, Prestonsburg High School principal, was elected president of the Big Sandy Teachers and Supervisors Conference at a meeting at Pikeville, April 6...Teachers and Supervisors Conference at a meeting at Pikeville, April 6...Mrs. Ella Sturgill, wife of Floyd County jailer B. L. Sturgill, led the chase after eight escaped prisoners here Thursday and figured in the capture of three near Prestonsburg that night. The fourth man was returned to the county jail Monday evening.

Births

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March 3: A daughter, Morgan Paige, to Christina Lee and Scott Patrick Ryan.

March 4: A daughter, Chasity Carol, to Carrie Melissa and Joseph Daniel McGuire; a son, Jon Alan, to Melissa Kaye and Stanley Lee Pinion.

March 5: A son, Joshua Reed, to Rebecca Sue Ratliff; a daughter, Kamera Rushea, to Donna Sue and Darren Akers; a daughter, Haleigh Marie, to Dena Charles Bevins and Jim Bevins.

March 6: A son, Jordan Blake, to Crystal Leigh and Doyle Allen Osborne; a son, Jacob Trey Thacker, to Vangie Tiesia Robinson and Lary Thacker; a son, Nathan Wayne Combs, to Stella Diane Porter and David Wayne Combs.

March 7: A daughter, Kelsie Brooke, to Kimberly Dawn and Gregory Dean Owens; a son, Willard Raymond, to Lafonda and Charles David Blackburn; a son, Nathan Allen Dewitt, to Geraldine and Green Scott.

March 8: A son, Anthony Devon, to Denise Yvette and Anthony Asher; a daughter, Brandy Ann, to Liza Sue and Randy Layne Morrow.

March 9: A son, Jordan Darrell, to Tonya Renee and Jimmy Darrell Pratt.

March 11: A son, Charles Tyler Hall, to Amanda Jane Amick and Rory Arron Hall; a son, Austin Blake Lee, to Cheron and Shannon Robinson.

March 13: A daughter, Maranda LaShea, to Chrystal Gail and Gregory Paul Smith; a daughter, Alexis Raecann, to Christina Smith; a son, Joshua Caleb, to Regina Gail and Joshua Jacob Harris; a daughter, Brittany Marie, to Tanya Gay and Mark Christopher Wright.

March 15: A son, Johnathan Taylor, to Lora R. and Woody Hall; a daughter, Kaylin Alexandria, to Tiffani V. Wright and Charles Tackett; a son, Kevin Jarrett, to Vestina Garlene and James Michall Anderson; a son, Acie Darrel Williams, to Sandy Rogers and Darrell Williams.

March 17: A daughter, Sierra Lashae, to Kimberly Lou and Landon Ray Blackburn; a daughter, Randi Paige, to Rebecca and Randy Potter; a son, James Christopher Tanner Preece, to Crystal Dawn Justice.

March 18: A daughter, Dannah Gail, to Tammy and Danny Jarrell.

March 19: A son, Dakota Roy, to Stephanie Suzann and Dewey Pat Anderson; a son, James Cody Little, to Peggy Gail Collins and Kerbit Jeffrey Little.

March 20: A son, Cody Thomas Ramsey, to Melissa Ann Mullins and Tandy Thomas Ramsey; a daughter, Kristian LaShay, to Samantha Rose and Christopher Robin Robinson; a daughter, Chelsea Annette Riley, to Tracy Jean Robinson and Michael Riley; a son, Ricky Bryan, to Angela Dawn and Ricky Lyons.

March 21: A daughter, Natalie Ann, to Sherry Ann and Kenneth Michael Ward; a son, Jay Paul Edward, to Lisa Marie and Gary

Edward Epling; a son, Joseph Blake, to Rhonda Jean and Joel Conrad Branham; a daughter, Whitney Paige, to Jessica Renae and Ray Thacker.

March 22: A daughter, Lakin Addison, to Stacy Danielle and Marty Little; a son, Vijay Kennedy, to Sailaji Malempati and James Kennedy Blackmon; a son, Travis Lee Jordan, to Tammy Sue Wolford; a daughter, Haylee Sam, to Glenda and Sammy Stevens.

March 23: A son, Derick Michael, to Lorene Lynn and Shawn Dean Wright.

March 25: A daughter, Meghan Nicolle, to Denessa and Samuel Stewart.

March 26: A daughter, Samantha Nicole, to Joanie Lee and Jimmy Mark Helton.

March 27: A son, Jonathan Robert Oscar, to Nicki Jo and James Edward Fields; a son, Christopher Matthew, to Sherry Jean and Christopher Todd Walker.

March 31: A daughter, Kalee Mashae, to Rhonda Jean and Amos Jasen Bentley; a son, Ethan Seth Hall, to Junlina Isaac and Phillip Hall.

April 1: A son, Austin Todd, to Shelia Renee and Bradley Todd Morgan.

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March 25: A daughter, Jude Mica, to Kandi Bernell and Michael Stephen Slone of Lackey.

March 26: A son, Casey Charles, to Lisa Carol Booth of Beauty.

March 27: A son, William Coty, to Norma Jean Phelps of Inez; a daughter, Ashley Kate, to Christeanna and Billy W. Collinsworth of Salyersville; a daughter, Zachary Hunter, to Robin LeAnn and Gregory Slone of Van Lear.

March 28: A son, Charles Taylor Dean Alaepit, to Ladonna Gail Minix of Falcon.

March 29: A son, Forrest James, to Jerica Sueann and Kirby Dale Little of Beaver; a son, Jesse Blaine, to Melinda Gay and Jesse Franklin Osborne of Hi Hat; a son, Roger Dean, to Fayette and Richard Lee Hall of Allen.

March 30: A son, Miller Kent, to Cindy Lou and John Wade Cline of Tomahawk.

March 31: A daughter, Brooklynn Faith, to Stephanie Gail Hall of Thelma; a daughter, Lynsey Nicole, to Amdrea L. and Paul Harvey Kirk of Inez.

Anniversary

Celebrating 50th wedding anniversary

The family of Homer and Mary Hall of Weeksbury, will host a 50th wedding anniversary dinner for the couple on April 19, from 2-4 p.m. at the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church. The couple were wed on April 9, 1947.

Garden Phil-osophy

Welcome to another spring, summer and fall of planting by the phases of the moon and signs of the zodiac. I hope by now your paper has had the opportunity to run my more lengthy story explaining The System, as we call it. Whether or not you've read that, all you need do is follow the information I'll give you here each week, coupled with normally good gardening practices, and I assure you your good garden will be even better.

And if at any time you have specific questions, send them to 1389 US 127 South, Suite C245, Frankfort, KY 40601. I will answer them in a timely fashion. Now, here we go for the 1997 gardening season:

If you're planting your garden

by the phases of the moon and signs of the zodiac, here's the information you'll need for the upcoming week.



by Phillip W. Case

Remember: All instructions for planting given below are only for those vegetables that are frost and/or freeze resistant. Planting anything that's not resistant to cold weather is a waste of time, effort, seeds and/or plants.

The last danger of frost won't pass, statistically speaking, until Mother's Day, May 11, and that's still a few weeks away.

Moon in Light Phase Now

The moon is in the light phase now, the new moon—or no moon visible in the sky—having come

into force Monday morning at 6:01. According to The System, you should be planting only those vegetables that produce above the ground and this will continue until the next full moon on April 22.

Signs great thru Thursday

According to the signs of the zodiac, today, Wednesday, and Thursday are outstanding planting days with the sign in Taurus (the neck), one of the four fruitful signs. On any of these days you may plant anything that produces above the ground (remembering the caution above, of course).

Friday and Saturday finds that sign moving to Gemini (the arms), the bean sign. The problem is it's still just a little risky to plant beans since they have no resistance at all to frost and/or freezing weather—and we've seen on several mornings this past week that frost time isn't over yet.

Next month, however, just four short weeks away, we find essentially the same configuration with the moon having moved to the light phase and a pair of Gemini days close behind, May 8-9. If you're ground's ready then, and if it's dry, I'm going to cut you loose to plant beans because the danger of frost will nearly be past.

But for this month, let's just remain patient: I'm afraid you'd be wasting your time, money and seeds since it only takes one little frost to zap those beanies!

Great planting returns Sunday and Monday, April 13-14, with the moon still in the light phase and the sign in Cancer (the breast), another of the four fruitful signs. On either of these days you may plant anything that produces above the ground and is frost and/or freeze resistant.

So that you may plan...

All planting should cease next Tuesday through Thursday, April 15-17, when the sign moves to Leo (the heart), one of the killing signs. Reserve these days for deadening, cleaning fencerows, cultivating—anything but planting.

Be patient; it won't be much longer until we can have it in the garden.

Tip from the Farmers' Almanac: Try to stop smoking or drinking in the signs of Pisces, Capricorn or Aquarius. You will experience less withdrawal symptoms.

Tackett

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our Middle East Outreach Program. Dr. Abraham gave up his medical practice to travel all over the world preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. The majority of his travels are directed toward the Middle East. In 1996, there were 2,500 recorded decisions for Christ through the European outreach program "Jesus of Israel."

Pleasant Home Baptist Church was one of the first churches in Eastern Kentucky to host and participate in bi-racial ministries with Reverend Lincoln Bingham in Louisville in the 1980s and, since its inception in 1984, has been a mission-minded church with 20 percent of donations going to Baptist causes.

Ronald J. Wright, trustee of the church, also has had a musical ministry in the church for the past 12 years. Wright says, "Reverend Tackett is my pastor, my mentor, and most of all, my best friend. I know I can call on him in any situation, and he will always be there." "His preaching is contagious, and I guarantee that anyone who comes and hears one of his sermons will want to come back and hear another." "He is truly God's man."

Mr. Wright's cousin and college roommate, Don G. Polly, former superintendent of Muscatatuck State Development Center, Butlerville, Indiana, visited Mr. Wright during Christmas, 1994. After hearing Reverend Tackett preach, Mr. Polly said, "Reverend Tackett is an outstanding preacher. He preaches with strong conviction and preaches a powerful message."

Reverend Tackett has led the church into group studies to help meet the needs of his people. These include: Master Life, Experiencing God and applying studies from Liberty Baptist Institute. Recently he has begun a help line on the internet answering Bible topic questions dealing with personal problems of the church and community.

Reverend Tackett and his father, Marvin Tackett, who is a trustee in the church, owns one of the oldest and largest home furnishings store in Eastern Kentucky. The majority of their employees are Christians and are actively involved in activities associated with the church.

Reverend Tackett lives at Allen, with his wife, Sharon, and children, Jon Mark, Sara and Rebekah.



Byron Joseph Marshall



Savannah Chantel Spurlock

Birth announced

Robert and Angela Renee Marshall of David, announce the birth of their first child, a son, Byron Joseph. He was born at Highlands Regional Medical Center on March 19, at 5:43 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs. 3 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Byron is the grandson of Glen and Geneva Marshall of David and Johnny and Debbie Ousley of Prestonsburg.

Maternal great-grandparents are the late Clyde and Sara Derossett Ousley and the late Phenious and Naomi Stephens Van Horn.

Paternal great-grandparents are the late Curtis and Eliza Marshall and the late Aaron and Berta Shepherd.

Birth announced

Kevin and Angela Spurlock of Price, announce the birth of their daughter, Savannah Chantel on February 16. She weighed 7 lbs. 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Maxine Dye of Price and the late Tilton Dye.

Paternal grandparents are Ellis and Stella Spurlock of Martin and Richmond. Her sister is Hannah Sheree.

Savannah's great-grandparents are Woodrow and Monnie Dye, Hobert Spurlock and the late Goldie Spurlock, James "Bud" and Carol Stumbo and Anna Bentley and the late Jimmy Bentley.

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Weddings/Engagements



Ms. Martha Kesterson

May wedding planned

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Casteel Bruner announce the engagement of their daughter, Martha Kesterson, and Bradford Lester Breeding, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Breeding of Lexington, formerly of McDowell.

Miss Bruner is a graduate of Laurel County High School and Transylvania University of Lexington. She received her associate degree of Nursing from Midway College and is presently employed with the Seton Home

Health in London.

Mr. Breeding is a graduate of Baptist Park High School of Taylor, Michigan, and Morehead State University. He received his Juris Doctor from the University of Louisville Law School. He is employed with the law firm of Trimble and Mann in Corbin.

Mr. Breeding is the grandson of the late Sam T. Meade and Vada Meade and John and Martha Breeding. A May wedding is planned.



Julia SESCO and Bernie EPLIN

SESCO-EPLIN to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin SESCO Jr. of Pikeville, and Sandra Coleman, also of Pikeville, announce the engagement and forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Julia SESCO, and Bernie EPLIN, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buster EPLIN, of Betsy Layne.

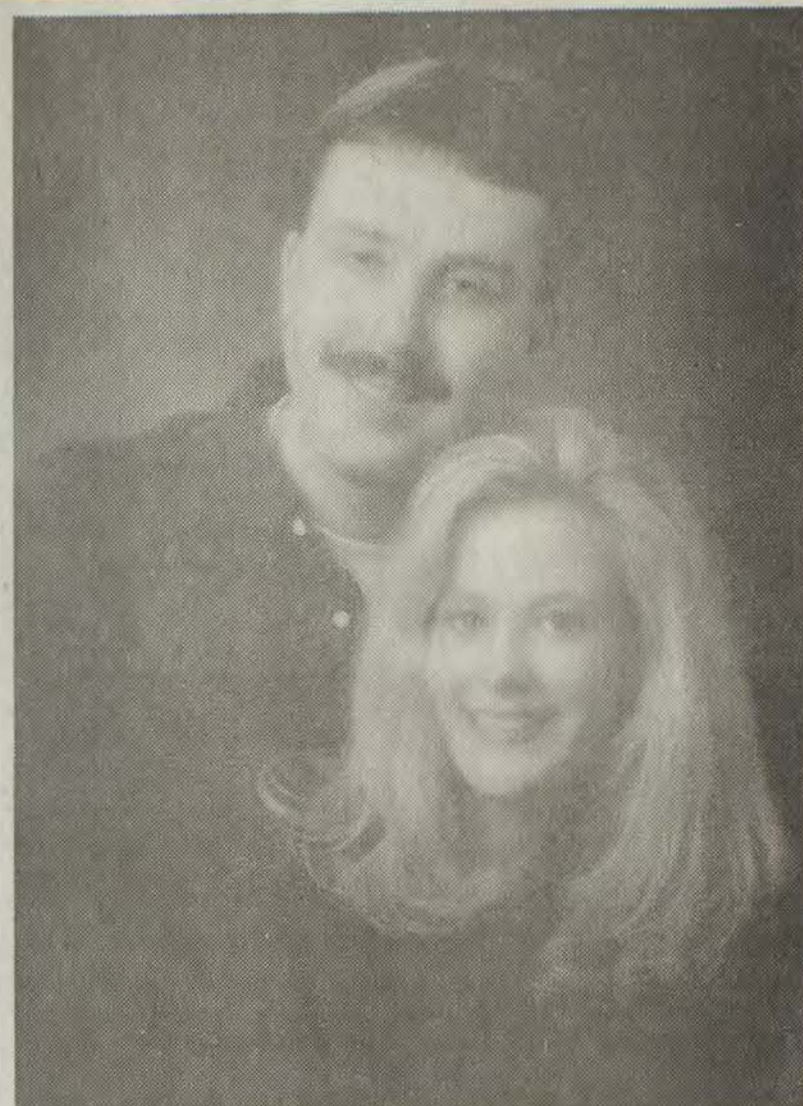
He is the grandson of the late Dan and Becky EPLIN, Emitt Hamilton Jr. of Betsy Layne and late Lorene Hamilton.

The bride-elect is a graduate of

Johns Creek High School and attends Prestonsburg Community College. The groom is a graduate of Betsy Layne High School and is employed by Pikeville Overhead Door.

The wedding will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, April 12, at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church.

An open ceremony will be observed.



Gaylena McClure and Benny Sean Poe

McClure-Poe wed

Mr. and Mrs. Gary McClure of Wittenville, announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Gaylena Carol, and Benny Sean Poe, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Poe of Prestonsburg.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Paintsville High School and a 1996 graduate of Morehead State University. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ruel McClure of Wittenville and Mr. and Mrs.

Cecil (Curley) Frazier of Staffordsville.

The bride-groom is a 1993 graduate of Allen Central High School. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mullins of East Point and Mr. and Mrs. Isom Poe of Prestonsburg.

The wedding will take place on Saturday, April 19, at 2:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Paintsville. The gracious custom of an open church wedding will be observed.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bates

Day, Bates exchange vows

Harold Dean Bates Sr. and Bernal Day were united in marriage at the N.A.C.L./A.P.W.A. building in Lexington, March 22. Rev. Charlie Hensley officiated at the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Bernaldy Day of Bypro and the groom is the son of Willene Hall of Bevinsville, and Harold W. Bates of Chicago, Illinois.

The bride was given in marriage by her brothers, Gary and Dwane Day, both of Bypro. The maid of honor was Marlene Elliott of

Lexington and sister of the groom. Best man was Bill Taylor of Lexington. Flowergirl was Leanne Day, niece of the bride. Ring bearer was Brandon Bates, son of the groom. Ushers were Kyle Bates, son of the groom and Gary Day III, nephew of the bride.

A reception was held following the wedding.

The couple spent a weekend honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tennessee.

The wedding cake was baked by Marlene Elliott, sister of the groom.



Castle and Kasperbauer to wed

Ms. Delana Rose of Prestonsburg, announce the engagement of her daughter, Sherry R. Castle, formerly of Prestonsburg, and Paul A. Kasperbauer of Lexington. Kasperbauer is the son of Dr. Michael and Isabel Kasperbauer of Lexington. The wedding ceremony will take place on June 14 at the Cathedral of Christ the King in Lexington. A dinner reception will be held at Spindletop Hall following the ceremony.



Patrick-Slone to wed

Rhoda Michelle Patrick of Martin, and Julian Ray Slone of McDowell, announce their forthcoming marriage on April 12, at 1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, McDowell. Miss Patrick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Patrick of Eastern. Mr. Slone is the son of Karen Slone of Minnie and Ray Slone of McDowell. The custom of an open wedding will be observed. A reception will be held following the ceremony at the McDowell Senior Citizens Center.

Danger signals that may help prevent teen suicide

Learning to conquer feelings of disappointment and self-doubt is part of growing up. For some teens, however, these feelings become overwhelming and their thoughts turn to suicide.

A study of more than 5,500 Kentucky young people conducted in the mid-1990s found that 13 percent of middle school and 17 percent of high school students report feeling depressed or very sad most or all of the time during the past month. Twenty-one percent of both groups say they had thought about committing suicide.

Parents and adults who work with teens need to be able to recognize the danger signals associated with a teen being severely depressed or considering suicide. These signals include:

- Noticeable change in eating and sleeping habits.
- Decline in school performance.
- Violent or rebellious behavior.
- Drug and alcohol abuse.
- Unusual neglect of personal

appearance.

- Difficulty concentrating.
- Radical personality change.
- Complaints about stomach-aches, headaches, fatigue or other physical ailments.
- Withdrawal from friends, family and regular activities.
- Verbal comments such as "I won't be a problem much longer..." or "It's no use..."
- Sudden, forced cheerfulness after a period of depression.

While they are useful indicators, these signals are not foolproof. Teens typically go through phases of defiant behavior as a part of their increasing independence and separation from parents. They also may exhibit moodiness, withdrawal or anger in reaction to such events as not making an athletic team or breaking up with a dating partner.

The key to distinguishing between normal adolescent turbulence and the danger signals is the time, degree and amount of deviation from usual personality and

behavior.

Adults can help prevent suicide by fostering open, honest communication with teens. If a teen trusts you enough to come to you with a problem, take time to listen immediately. Delay may only fuel feelings of doom in the teen. The fol-

lowing strategies may be helpful when dealing with teens and suicide:

- Never agree to keep the discussion of suicide with a teen a secret. Agree to give help and support in getting professional help.
- Talk about suicide in an open

manner. Teens need to be given a chance to discuss suicide by voicing their thoughts and opinions. Candid discussion is important particularly when a teen suicide has occurred in a community.

- Let young people know about hotline telephone numbers and cri-

sis intervention services that are accessible locally.

Risk getting involved, if you suspect suicidal thoughts or behavior, ask the teen directly if she or he is considering suicide. Don't avoid the subject or wait for the teen to come to you.

and depression.

• Provide opportunities for group support. Teens sharing problems with other teens who help find solutions can be beneficial.

Adults need to take the possibility of teen suicides seriously even if their community has not experienced one. Teen depression and thoughts of suicide are more common than many adults assume and there are as many as 50 to 100 suicide attempts for every young person who actually takes his or her own life.

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The Bank Josephine announces officer appointments

During its meeting on March 19, The Bank Josephine's Board of Directors named its officers for the upcoming year. These include several promotions among its staff members.

David K. Brown was reappointed to the position of vice president and chief financial officer. He came to the Bank Josephine in December 1996.

Janie King Salyer, a commercial and mortgage lending officer at the main office, was renamed vice

president. Ms. Salyer has been employed by the bank for more than 15 years.

Paula W. Spriggs, previously an assistant vice president and the bank's cashier, was promoted to vice president and cashier. Ms. Spriggs has been with The Bank Josephine for more than 17 years, and is also the bank's operations supervisor.

Brian K. Ousley was named vice president and lending officer; he was also appointed the bank's CRA

officer. Ousley came to The Bank Josephine in September 1994 and was previously an assistant vice president responsible for the bank's loan review function.

Sandy H. Wilson Sheffield, previously an assistant cashier, was named assistant vice president. Sheffield has been with the bank for more than 25 years and is currently the bank's branch administrator.

Tamara K. Hicks, who also was an assistant cashier, was appointed

assistant vice president. Hicks has been employed by the bank for 17 years and is presently a lending officer at the main office; she is also responsible for oversight of the branch lending function.

Terry Sizemore was renamed an assistant vice president; he was also appointed as assistant security officer. Sizemore joined the bank in October 1994 and presently supervises the bank's collection department.

John R. Francis was named con-

troller. Francis came to The Bank Josephine in November 1995 and was previously the bank's assistant controller.

Beverly A. Oxford, who is the bank's loan servicing supervisor, was named an assistant cashier. Oxford has been employed by the bank since October 1993.

Connie S. Stone, the bank's bookkeeping supervisor, was also named an assistant cashier. Stone

has been an employee for more than 16 years.

Lainie Hitchcock Arms was appointed corporate secretary. Arms, who joined the bank ten years ago, is also the bank's assistant personnel director.

James R. Pelphrey Jr. was appointed the bank's security officer and BSA officer.

Pelphrey rejoined the bank in October 1996.

Highlands Cancer Program earns four-year approval from the Commission on Cancer

The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons has granted a four-year approval to the Cancer Program at Highlands Regional Medical Center. This is the third survey for Highlands Cancer Program and represents over seven years of staff dedication to providing high-quality care to patients who have cancer.

Highlands Cancer Program was first surveyed by Dr. Frances O'Conner on December 7, 1990. The commission granted three-year approval officially dated April 29, 1991, making Highlands Cancer Program the first cancer program east of Lexington to be granted

approval.

The second survey was held December 16, 1993, by Dr. Richard Glasier and three-year commission approval granted on March 18, 1994. The third survey took place on September 30, 1996, with the survey being performed by Dr. Gilbert Rannick. The Commission on Cancer granted four-year approval with the certificate dated February 14, 1997.

The Approvals Program, established by the American College of Surgeons, encourages participants, such as Highlands Cancer Program, to equip and staff themselves so that they are able to provide the best in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer.

An integral part of a cancer program is the tumor registry. All patients who are diagnosed or treated for cancer are listed in the registry so that the institution can maintain contact with them and make sure that they receive continuing care and assistance with rehabilitation. Information collected through the registry allows Highlands to participate in state and national studies that are designed to improve patient care. These studies

focus on diagnostic patterns, surgery, other treatments, and patient outcomes.

Using annual cancer registry data from more than 1,000 United States cancer treatment organizations, approved hospitals are able to comparatively assess their patterns of care using survey data from the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB). NCDB benchmark studies completed during 1995 included cancers of the breast, endometrium, larynx, ovary, pancreas, prostate, stomach, and thyroid. NCDB also provides an annual yardstick of how many patients were diagnosed at each hospital using the most appropriate staging or classification system of disease severity.

In addition, several Patient Care Evaluation (PCE) studies were designed and completed that used supplementary medical information gathered for evaluating special issues of cancer management concern for cancers of the cervix, colon, and prostate. Together with NCDB information these studies provide a useful benchmark that individual approval cancer programs, like Highlands, can use for continuous improvement of the

quality of patient care.

According to Dr. John Furcolow, director of Oncology (Cancer) Program at Highlands, "In 1990 when the American College of Surgeons approved HRMC as an accredited Community Hospital Cancer Program it was quite an accomplishment. At that time HRMC was one of the smallest hospitals in the country to receive such recognition.

"In 1995 Highlands became an approved member of the National Cancer Institute, allowing it, through its research arm, the Southwest Oncology Group, to give the latest, most up-to-date experimental chemotherapy as well as continuing to give more standard treatments.

What this means to the community is that almost any treatment for cancer involving chemotherapy that is available at even the most renowned cancer centers in the country can (and usually has) been given at Highlands.

"Overall, I think that Highlands has one of the best cancer treatment and chemotherapy programs at a hospital of this size anywhere in the country."



Trent Nairn

Nairn joins local real estate firm

Bill Gibson, Broker, recently announced that Trent Nairn has joined Action Auction & Realty. Nairn will be serving customers and clients in the Pikeville and Prestonsburg areas.

Nairn is a graduate of Prestonsburg High School and Cumberland College. He is a member of the Big Sandy Board of Realtors, Big Sandy Multiple Listing Service, Kentucky Association of Realtors, and National Association of Realtors. He is also president-elect of the Prestonsburg Rotary, a member of the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce Executive Committee, a Prestonsburg City Councilman, and co-chairman of the Prestonsburg Elementary Resource Center Advisory Council.

Nairn and his wife, Robin, a teacher at Prestonsburg Elementary, reside in Prestonsburg with their 1 1/2-year-old daughter, Tori.

Don't be baffled when it is time to withdraw IRA funds

Many investors have been making annual investments in their Individual Retirement Accounts for years. But when it comes time to begin making withdrawals, investors are baffled by the confusing array of choices and wary of tax ramifications and possible penalties.

According to Ed Miller, financial consultant with Smith Barney of Huntington, West Virginia, "to date, there has been surprisingly little information to help individuals make informed decisions. The burden of making these important decisions falls completely on the IRA owner—and the repercussions of the wrong decision are often irrevocable."

With this in mind, Smith Barney is offering a complimentary brochure entitled, "The Smith Barney IRA Distribution Manual." The brochure is available to interested persons free of charge upon request by calling Miller at (800) 554-4742.

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rules; receive income from an IRA prior to age 59 1/2 without penalty; avoid unnecessary taxes and penalties that may have an unfavorable impact on one's tax liability; and designate a beneficiary for an IRA.

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Spurlock elected to board of transportation

Burl Spurlock was elected to the board of directors of Kentuckians for Better Transportation at a recent meeting of the alliance.

Spurlock is president of the First Commonwealth Bank.

Ben Fister of Lexington was elected chairman of the organization.

Paintsville Livestock Report

by John Butch Preston
The second feeder sale of the year will be on Wednesday, April 9th at 8 p.m., and if it's anything like the first one back in March expect a packed house, fully-loaded pens and plenty of activity.

But don't expect to go home early if what happened last time occurs at this sale: People were still bringing in stock after the auction was scheduled to begin and this caused quite a delay in getting things started.

With big sales like this, workers are on hand all day to assist in unloading, and will even go out and haul your cattle in upon request. So for the benefit of all concerned it's important to get the cattle in as soon as possible.

The general stock sale this past Saturday looked bleak early on but the rain held off and the pens became fairly well stocked. But still no hogs. There were some nice 200-300 pounders run through a couple of weeks ago at \$46-\$47 per hundred, but not a sign of a grunt or squeal since then.

Goats started things off with medium-sized nannies, Nubians and Alpines, at \$35 to \$57.50. Only one billy showed up and he was small, but he brought a fifty dollar bill.

Baby calves came through next,

both bulls and heifers, selling at \$45 to \$100 apiece. Stocker heifers, and there were several, brought \$115 to \$135, most selling in the \$130-\$135 range. Another group of stockers, a little larger, came through at \$145 to \$240 per head, and a few bred heifers of common stock sold for \$190-\$250. Cows with calves, mostly good looking crossbreeds, brought the best money at \$510 to \$680.

Heifers by the pound, 300-500, brought \$43.00 to \$91.00 per hundred, while those from 500 to 700 went for \$41.00 to \$62.50. One group of black heifers weighing 350 each, sold at \$66.00 and four 300 pound matched steers brought \$85.00.

A few bulls, 400-600 lbs., closed out the show at \$59.50 to \$65.00 per hundred.

Hay is a big concern for some this time of year because it always seems to get scarce, and at the same time it's too early to turn stuff out. One dealer on the back lot said he had located 400 bales and was planning on trying to haul it in, in time for the horse sale this Friday evening. What he had on hand Saturday, Timothy and good mixed, was priced at \$3.25 a bale.

May we all buy low and sell high—John Butch Preston.

Commerce Corner

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce held its monthly membership meeting on Monday, April 7, 1997, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. The Chamber of Commerce sends thanks to guest speaker Tina Blanton, who spoke of the impact that welfare reform will have on our county's economy. We also thank Norma McCormick, who represented chamber member Department for the Blind as this month's member speaker.

At the meeting, members discussed upcoming chamber events such as the Ladies' Golf Clinic on May 9-10 and the annual Awards Banquet on May 29th.

The group also discussed their involvement in projects such as the county Litter Taskforce, Champions Teen Day on April 8, Career Expo on May 8, and the Prestonsburg Rotary Club.

The group decided that the Chamber would be represented by Executive Director Carla S. Coburn, at the official ceremony for the deed transfer for the hilltop golf course project with Congressman Hal Rogers on April 22 at the Mountain Arts Center.

The chamber is very supportive of this type of project that will increase tourism revenue for our area, because it is vital to the prosperity of our membership businesses.

This week, the chamber welcomes back renewing members Cellular One and Food City of Prestonsburg.

We are growing, and your business should be represented by our organization, we are "business helping business."

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Around the town Garrett

Garrett First Baptist Church builds foundation for faithful

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

When the congregation of the First Baptist Church at Garrett made up their mind to build a new church, God took matters in hand, according to church members Darlene Rowe and Alice Martin.

For instance, when Sunday School director Danny Bragg was operating a backhoe to dig a footer for the foundation of the church, he encountered a rock that he said couldn't be moved by earthly hands.

Bragg tried and tried to move that rock, but he gave up and looked skyward for help.

"He said: 'Lord, I can't move this rock myself. You've got to help me,'" Rowe and Martin reported. "He tried again. He took that (backhoe) and it lifted out easily."

As each need arose, God provided, Rowe and Martin said. A fellowship hall was located near the church. Church lead-

ers planned to move church services into the fellowship hall but, once the church was torn down and the outer walls of the fellowship hall were exposed, showing a major crack in the side of the building, the church's associate pastor, fire marshal Larry Adams, condemned the fellowship hall. The roof of the building had also begun to cave in, so church leaders had to revise their plan, Martin and Rowe said.

Just down the street from the old Garrett Church was a vacant theater building. God once again had provided. The last service was held in a portion of the old church property on April 21, 1996. On April 22, church members began moving into the old Garrett Theater and construction of the new church began.

Church members did most of the work on the new building, but they had help. A component of the First Baptist Association's building group, from Paducah, came in and helped with profes-

sional projects, such as roof trusses and framework, the local group could not do. The church also hired professional labor for some of the jobs.

The new building has two wings. A large kitchen and dining area is located to the right of the church sanctuary. On the left are two branches of various Sunday School rooms decorated in styles to suit the needs of the youngsters in the crowd.

At the front of the church is a foyer, complete with comfortable sitting areas and floral arrangements. A pastor's study and a sound room are located right and left of the foyer.

Glass doors lead visitors into the sanctuary where cherry wood blends with warm colors to create a haven for those individuals seeking to find spiritual enrichment.

Alice Martin and Darlene Rowe say the "church is big enough for all," and encourage visitors to attend services and take a look at the new church.



Alice Martin and Darlene Rowe stand outside the new Garrett First Baptist Church. The two women kept a pictorial history of the building of the new church.



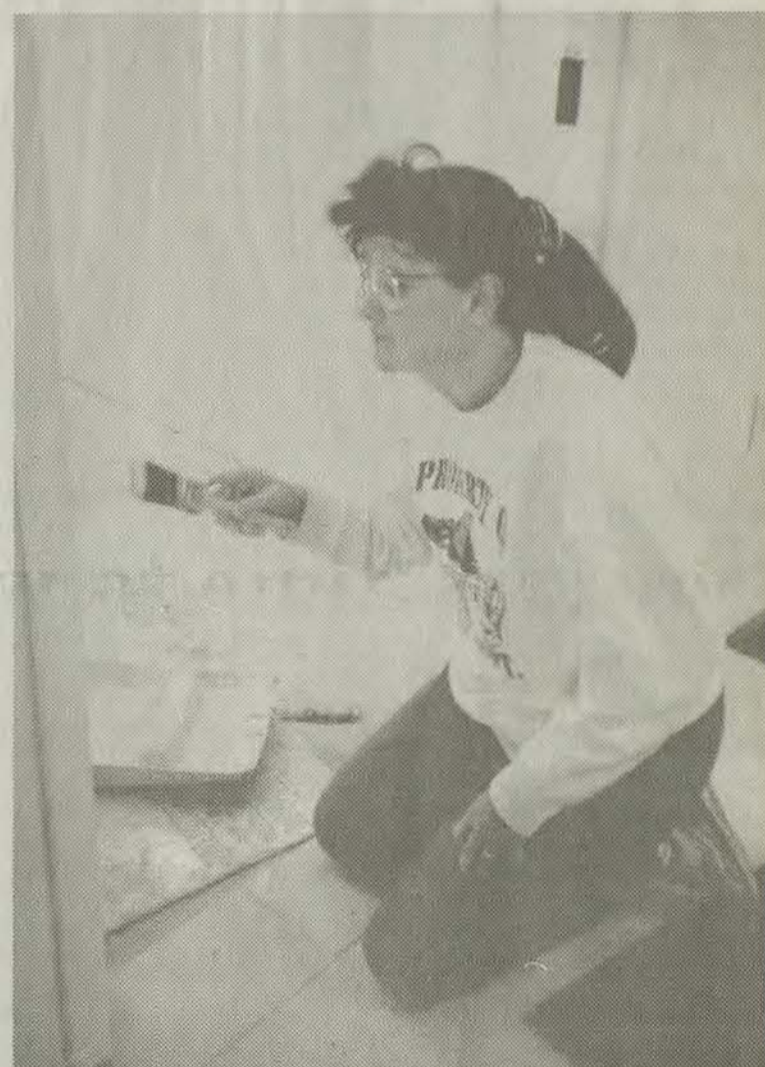
The Garrett First Baptist Church and its fellowship hall are pictured just before the buildings were torn down. Photo taken April 18, 1996



Going, going, gone. Pictured passing by the demolition of the old church is Paul David Francis.



Church member James Allen worked on the church's foundation. Photo was taken May 6, 1996.



When church members stay on their knees, prayers get answered. Church member Judy Brown proved the point.



Groundbreaking ceremonies held April 24, 1996. Among those pictured are the church's associate pastor, Larry Adams, and member Rachael Martin.

photos
by
Alice Martin,
Darlene Rowe,
and
Janice Shepherd



Church members carried roof trusses up the street to the building site.



Randy Orsborne, pastor of the Garrett First Baptist Church, was all smiles when the pulpit was delivered. Rev. Orsborne had to try it out immediately.



Alice Martin and Darlene Rowe, the history keepers, stand in the sanctuary of their new church. The building was a team effort, Martin and Rowe said. They braved cold weather and numb hands to take pictures of the church's construction to create a pictorial history of the project.



In photo to the left, pastor Randy Orsborne (left), Floyd Daniels (center), James Allen, and Don Hughes stained church doors.



Jennifer Thornsby Patton was the first person baptized in the new First Baptist Church at Garrett. She was baptized on March 27, 1997. Pictured with her is the Rev. Randy Orsborne.

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE

2.861 ACRES OF STATE-OWNED SURPLUS PROPERTY WITH RESIDENCE, LOCATED IN MASON COUNTY, MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY APRIL 19, 1997—10 A.M. E.S.T.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, TRANSPORTATION CABINET, WILL OFFER FOR SALE, AT PUBLIC AUCTION, THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY IN MASON COUNTY, MAYSVILLE, KENTUCKY ON THE DATE AND TIME SPECIFIED ABOVE ON THE PROPERTY.

PARCEL NO. 7X

A 2.861 acre tract of property, improved with a 2,387 square foot brick single family residence, located on the northerly side of Old Jersey Ridge Road, severed by the new highway, west of Maysville. The house has two bedrooms, three bathrooms, great room, den, dining room, kitchen, three-car attached garage and a full unfinished basement. The improvement has Therm-pane storm windows and doors, fiberglass-shingle roofing, drywall interior finishing, security alarm system, and heating and cooling is centralized by use of a heat pump. The conveyance of this property is subject to the restrictions of record at Deed Book 232, Page 417. Former Owner: Kenneth Penrod. Source of Title: Deed 251, Page 602.

GENERAL INFORMATION & TERMS OF SALE

The residence will be opened for inspection between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on March 29, April 5 and April 12 and at 8:00 a.m. the day of the sale.

All potential bidders will be required to register and have in their possession a certified instrument, prior to the auction, as a good faith deposit, made payable to the Kentucky State Treasurer in the amount of \$26,800.00. There will be no exceptions. The high bidder will be required to sign a Purchase Agreement immediately after the tract is auctioned and submit their certified instrument. Cash or uncertified instruments will not be accepted.

It shall be the responsibility of the prospective bidders to inspect and investigate this real estate prior to the auction to determine pertinent factors of access, zoning, easements, utilities, etc. No refunds or adjustments will be made because the property fails to meet standards of quality of conditions expected nor will failure to inspect the property be grounds for any claim for relief from bid.

An Auction sign will be posted on the property. The Secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet reserves the right to reject any and all bids. This sale is being held in compliance with KRS 45A. Additional information may be obtained from Bill Dalton, Transportation Cabinet, Division of Real Property, 1219 Wilkinson Blvd., Frankfort, Kentucky (502) 564-3040 or by contacting Jack Litton at the Flemingsburg District Office at (606) 845-2551.

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THREE FAMILY CARPORT SALE: 76 May Village Road, Allen. Saturday, April 12. Items including baby clothes, home interior, toys, men and women's clothing, dishes and furniture. Beginning at 9 a.m. Rain or shine.

THE EMPLOYEES OF THE Department for Employment Services will be having a yard sale Saturday, April 12, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the parking lot beside SuperAmerica in Prestonsburg.

FIVE FAMILY YARD SALE: Behind Eastern Post Office. Thursday-Friday, April 10-11.

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Legals

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5361, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Coal Company, P.O. Box 244, Dorton, Kentucky 41520 intends to transfer permit number 836-5303 to Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549. The new permit number will be 836-5361. The operation disturbs 13.95 surface acres and underlies 664.0 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 1.5 miles northeast of Ligon in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 0.3 miles west from KY 979 junction with Buckhorn Branch Road and located 0.3 mile west of Mud Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 23' 29" and

longitude is 82° 40' 35". The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

April 24, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. a 1996 Pioneer 12x64 Mobile Home S/N# PH202GA7655 will be sold to the highest bidder for cash "as is where is" at Hylton Homes, U.S. Highway 23, level, Kentucky 41642. Under the terms of a Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement. The mobile home may be inspected before the sale. The bank reserves the right to bid. The buyer will pay all taxes and transfer fees. If there are any questions, please call Mike Rausch at 1-800-433-6998.

Pikeville National Bank Collection Department
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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-5936, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Coal Company, P.O. Box 24, Dorton, Kentucky 41520 intends to transfer permit number 898-5585 to Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549. The new permit number will be 898-5936. The operation disturbs 14.2 surface acres and underlies 2950.0 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 4.7 miles north of Virgie in Pike and Floyd Counties. The operation is approximately 0.2 miles southwest from Newsom Branch Road's junction with Robinson Creek Road and located along Newsom Branch of Robinson Creek. The operation is located on the Pikeville, Wheelwright, Dorton, and McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37° 22' 03" and longitude 82° 38' 04".

The 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 or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-5937, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Coal Company, P.O. Box 244, Dorton, Kentucky 41520 intends to transfer permit number 898-5692 to Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549. The new permit number will be 898-5937. The operation disturbs 5.0 surface acres and underlies 585.85 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 3 miles southwest of Ligon in Pike and Floyd Counties. The operation is approximately 4 miles northwest from Route 229/23 junction with

Robinson Creek Road and located 0.4 miles west of Robinson Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell and Wheelwright 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37° 22' 34" and longitude 82° 39' 00".

The 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 or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-5934, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Coal Company, P.O. Box 244, Dorton, Kentucky 41520 intends to transfer permit number 898-5554 to Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549. The new permit number will be 898-5934. The operation disturbs 4.08 surface acres and underlies 1021.38 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 3 miles Southeast of Ligon in Pike County and Floyd County. The operation is approximately 4.0 miles Northwest from U.S. 23's junction with Robinson Creek Road and located 0.1 Northwest of Robinson Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell and Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37° 22' 29" and longitude 82° 39' 00".

The 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 or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 898-5938, Transfer

In accordance with 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Enterprise Coal Company, P.O. Box 244, Dorton, Kentucky 41520 intends to transfer permit number 898-5858 to Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, Kentucky 41549. The new permit number will be 898-5938. The operation disturbs 8.3 surface acres and underlies 487.0 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 0.9 miles northeast of Ligon in Pike and Floyd Counties. The operation is approximately 0.3 mile north from Robinson Creek Road's junction with Tackett Fork Road and located 0.3 mile north of Robinson Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell and Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37° 23' 46" and longitude is 82° 38' 47".

The 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 or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South,

Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350, notice is hereby given that Island Creek Coal Company, P.O. Box 840, Holden, WV 25625 intends to apply for Phase 2 and 3 of bond release on Arkansas Enterprises, Inc., permit 636-5014 as per Reclamation Abatement Agreement GAH-18235-27 between Island Creek and the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet. The reclaimed underground mining operation affected a surface disturbance of approximately 4.39 acres and underlay an additional 162.0 acres located 3.0 miles south of Arkansas in Floyd County.

The permit area of the reclaimed underground mining operation is approximately 3 1/4 miles south from Kentucky Route 80 junction with Arkansas Creek Road and located 1.1 mile southeast of the Arkansas School. The latitude is 37° 32' 33" and the longitude is 82° 42' 45".

The total bond now in effect for the permit is a surety bond in the amount of \$10,400.00 of which 100% is included in this application for Phases 2 and 3 of bond release.

The reclamation work was performed according to Reclamation Agreement. The reclamation work was performed during the fall of 1991 and fall of 1994. Reclamation work performed included: backfilling, grading, seeding and tree planting to achieve Phases 2 and 3 of bond release.

A public hearing has been scheduled for June 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Prestonsburg Regional Office, 1346 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. Written comments, objections, and/or requests for a public hearing must be filed with the Director of the Division of Services, Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 860-5154, Amendment No. 2

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839 has applied for an amendment to an existing surface/auger coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.5 miles south of Lackey and situated in both Knott and Floyd Counties. The amendment will add 12.56 acres of surface disturbance, making a total area of 1026.66 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed amendment area is approximately 0.80 mile southeast from Triplett Branch Road's junction with KY 550 and located 0.10 mile southeast of Triplett Branch. The latitude is 37° 26' 42" and longitude is 82° 49' 50".

The proposed amendment area is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7.5 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc. and Knott Floyd Land Company. The operation will use the contour method of surface mining.

The amendment 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 41653-1455. Written comments, objections or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, No. 2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 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 INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-6007, Major Rev. #1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc., P.O. Box 3428, Pikeville, Ky. 41501 has applied for a permit for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.25 mile southeast of Eastern in Floyd County. The major revision will add 0.0 acres making a total area of 4.43 acres within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.07 mile south from Ky. Route 80's junction with Ky. Rte. 550 and is located along Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37-30-49. The longitude is 82-48-30.

The proposed major revision is located on the Martin USGS 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by Coal-Mac, Inc. and CSX Transportation, Inc.

The major revision proposes to change the approved postmining land use to industrial/commercial. This revision also proposes to revise the sediment control plan to allow removal of on-bench ponds following final grading.

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

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093 notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330) intends to apply for Phase II Bond Releases for Increments No. 3, 6, 8, and 10 on Permit No. 836-0206 which was last issued on January 8, 1983. The Increments cover surface areas, and underground areas as follows: Increment No. 3 - 28.28 acres of surface disturbance, and no underground disturbance; Increment No. 6 - 16.38 acres of surface disturbance, and 15.41 acres of underground disturbance; Inc. No. 8 - 24.12 acres of surface disturbance, and 9.40 acres of underground disturbance; Inc. No. 10 - 15.32 acres of surface disturbance, and 166.90 acres of underground disturbance.

The operation is located 3.0 miles southwest from KY 979's junction with KY 1426. The latitude is 37°-30-07" and the longitude is 82°-40'-06", and is located on the McDowell and Harold 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle maps.

The original performance bond (Surety) for the operation on each of the Increments is as follows: Increment No. 3—\$136,300.00; for Increment No. 6—\$122,900.00; for Increment No. 8—\$128,700.00; and for Increment No. 10—\$31,200.00. Approximately 80% of the original bond amounts on each incre-

ment is to be included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in summer, 1991. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601 by May 9, 1997.

A hearing date for this bond release request has been set for May 13, 1997 at 9:00 a.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. The hearing will be cancelled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 9, 1997.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

The following item will be offered at public sale on April 18, 1997 at 11:00 a.m. at Harold Branch Lot, Harold, Kentucky:

1991 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer, Serial #1GNCT18Z7M0107394.

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-CI-00334

John Stewart, PLAINTIFF vs. Woodrow Stewart, Jr., and Constancia Wilkins, DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the January 21, 1997 Term, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 10th day of April, 1997, at the hour of 10:00 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum, the following described property to-wit: BEGINNING at a stake at the edge of the State Highway and a corner of High Higgins; thence with the line of Wayne Martin to a stake by the line fence; thence from the stake down the bottom 100 feet to a stake; thence back up the bottom to the line of High Higgins, back to the beginning. This is a lot 100 feet square.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include, costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale.

For the purchase price the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid and having the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property as a further security. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 20th day of March, 1997.
Earl Martin McGuire
Master Commissioner
Floyd Circuit Court
P.O. Box 1257

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-CI-00839

First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Inc., PLAINTIFF vs.

Robert Hood and Saralene Hood; and Floyd County, Kentucky, DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the February 7, 1997 Term, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 10th day of April, 1997, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum, the following described property to-wit: BEING THE SAME

Property conveyed to Robert L. Hood and Saralene M. Hood, his wife by Deed from Floyd County Urban Renewal and Community Development Agency dated the 2nd day of October 1981, which is recorded in Deed Book 260, at Page 429, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and being more particularly described as follows:

Lot No. 280 shown on a plat of the city of Wheelwright prepared by Richard E. Martin and recorded in Map File No. 348A in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include, costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale.

For the purchase price the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid and having the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property as a further security. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 20th day of March, 1997.
Earl Martin McGuire
Master Commissioner
Floyd Circuit Court
P.O. Box 1257
Prestonsburg, KY 41653
Phone: 606-886-8140
Fax: 606-886-9755

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. II CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-CI-00246

First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Inc., PLAINTIFF vs.

Harold Joseph, Jr., and Eva Joseph, his wife; United States of America, Internal Revenue Service; and Floyd County, Kentucky, DEFENDANTS

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the January 30, 1997 Term, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 10th day of April, 1997, at the hour of 9:30 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum, the following described property to-wit: TRACT I: BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Harold Joseph, Jr. from Harold Joseph, Jr. and Mary Ruth Joseph by deed dated February 7, 1980, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 245, at page 621, in the Floyd County

Court Clerk's Office, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at an elm tree, corner to S.C. Ferguson property, running with county road southwesterly 160 feet; thence up the hill southwesterly to the top of the hill; thence 160 feet to a black oak tree joining the S.C. Ferguson's property; thence northwesterly with said Ferguson's line to the point of beginning.

TRACT II: BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Harold Joseph, Jr., by deed dated the 19th day of October, 1992 from Ben D. Ferguson and Sally D. Ferguson, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 361, at page 486 and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at the Harold Joseph line and the new county road and running in a northerly direction for 160 feet; thence westerly approximately 80 feet to the center of the power company right of way; thence in a southerly direction for approximately 160 feet; thence in an easterly direction for approximately 80 feet to the point of origin.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include, costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale.

For the purchase price the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid and having the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property as a further security. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, this 20th day of March, 1997.

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5323, Renewal

In accordance with the provision of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828 has filed an application for Renewal of an underground coal mining and reclamation operation. The operation will affect a surface disturbance of 6.25 acres and will underlie an additional 355.0 acres for a total proposed permit acreage of 361.25 located 0.5 miles south of Price in Floyd County.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.90 mile north from State Rt. 122's junction with State Rt. 979 and located 0.1 mile east of Left Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 24' 21" and the longitude is 82° 44' 42".

The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be disturbed is owned by Progress Land Corporation. The operation will underlie land owned by Flossie Moore, David Dawson et al., Roberta Luxmore, Andy Collins, Glenda Jones, Clovis Moore, Progress Land Corporation, Jack Martin, John C. Frazier, James McQuire, Carl Dudley and Melvin Mullins.

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

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Whole logs give this vacation cabin a rustic look, while the metal roof and abundance of sparkling glass add contemporary flavor. Besides being attractive, the metal roof serves as protection in case of fire.

Windows stacked four-high in the living room provide natural illumination on all but the darkest of winter days. The front section of this bright space is open to the second floor ceiling. The rear is capped by a loft. Sliding glass doors open onto

a wide deck.

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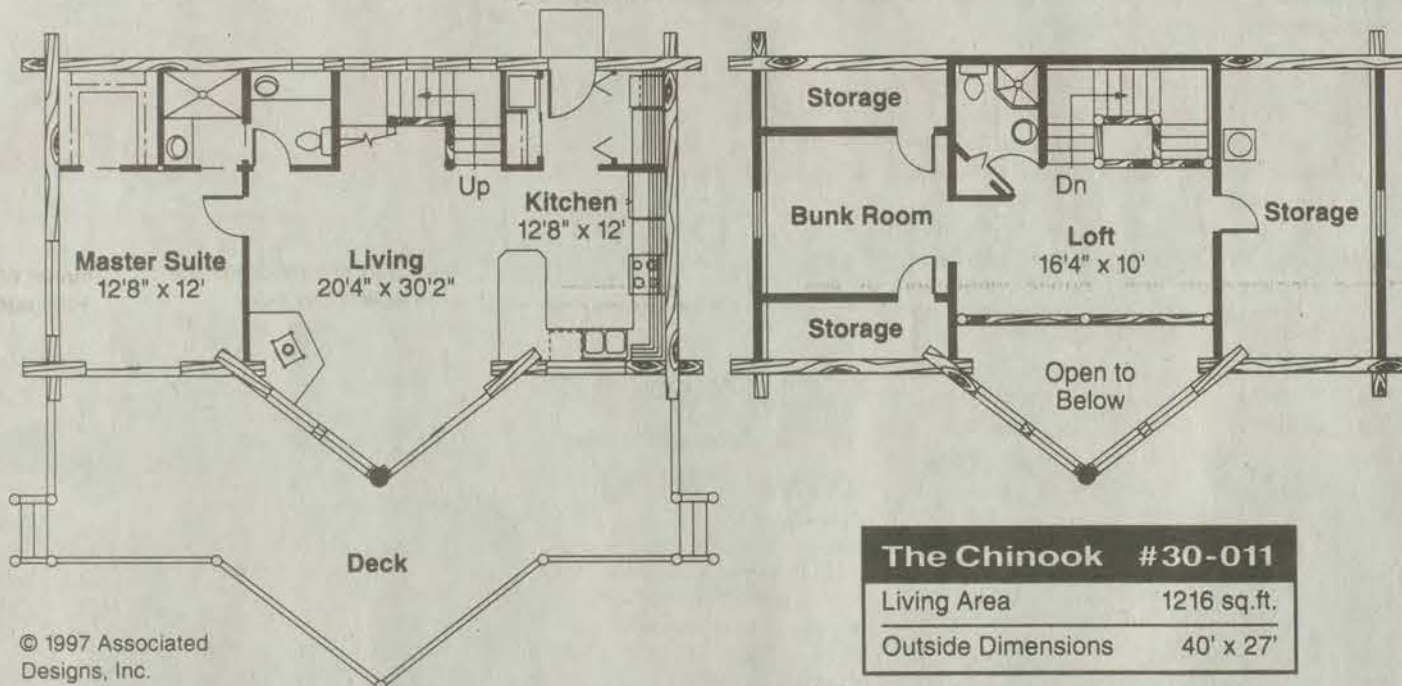
Refrigerator, stove and sink are close together in a galley kitchen larger than you'd expect to find in a cabin this size, and there's even a dishwasher. The eating bar doubles as additional counter space. Utilities hide behind folding doors in a passageway that opens to the rear.

A small two-section bathroom is accessible from both the master suite and the living room, allowing two people to use it at once in privacy. Another bathroom is upstairs

near the bunk room, loft and storage areas. If desired, the large storage area on the right could be outfitted as another bunk room.

Outside, the railed deck echoes the V shape of the Chinook's window bay and provides a delightful setting for outdoor dining during the summer months.

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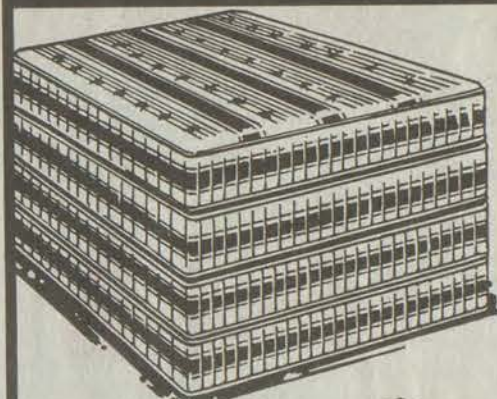
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1/2 c. chicken broth
1/2 tsp. salt
2 crushed garlic cloves
1 c. seeded, shredded cucumber
Stir together yogurt, evaporated milk, and chicken broth. Add sugar, salt, dill weed, garlic, and hot pepper sauce. Mix well. Stir in cucumber. Chill thoroughly 3 to 4 hours or overnight.

BEEF BARLEY SOUP

Vegetables oil spray
3 lbs. center-cut beef shank, all visible fat removed
2 quarts water
1 medium onion, peeled and quartered
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon salt
Freshly ground black pepper to taste
3 cups peeled and diced potatoes
1 cup thickly sliced celery
1 1/4 cups peeled and thickly sliced carrots
3 tablespoons uncooked pearled barley
2 teaspoons thyme
1 teaspoon salt
Preheat broiler. Lightly spray a broiler pan with vegetable oil. On prepared pan, broil meat 5 minutes on each side, or until thoroughly browned.
In a large stockpot, combine

meat, water, onion, bay leaf, 1 teaspoon salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to simmer and cook 3 hours, or until meat is tender. Remove meat from pot and set aside. Strain broth and skim off fat. Cut meat into pieces.

Place strained broth, meat and remaining ingredients in stockpot and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 20 to 25 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Serve hot.

Serves 12; 1 cup per serving.
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CHEESE LOVER'S TOMATO SOUP

4 large kaiser (round, hard) rolls
2 tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon minced garlic
1 can (10 3/4 ounces) condensed tomato soup
1 soup can (10 3/4 ounces) milk
2 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
1/2 teaspoon Italian seasoning, crushed
1/2 cup mozzarella cheese cubes
Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Using a sharp knife cut off the top of each roll; pull out center of bread, leaving 1/2 inch thick shells. (Use top and center or rolls for bread crumbs). On a baking sheet place rolls; set aside.
In a small saucepan melt butter; stir in garlic. Using a pastry brush, brush the interior of each roll with garlic butter. Bake until crisp, about

10 minutes, turning rolls over after 5 minutes. Meanwhile, in the same saucepan, whisk together soup, milk, Parmesan cheese and Italian seasoning; cook, uncovered, over medium heat, stirring occasionally until hot, 5 to 10 minutes. Ladle soup into bread bowls; top with mozzarella cubes. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

FRENCH FRIED MUSHROOMS

1 egg
1/2 cup milk
1/2 tsp. salt
30 medium mushrooms
1/3 cup flour
1 cup cornflakes
Salt to taste
Grated Parmesan cheese
Lemon wedges, if desired
In a shallow dish, beat egg with milk and salt. In another dish, roll mushrooms in flour. Dip mushrooms in egg mixture and coat with corn flakes. Fry in T-Fal's Superclean deep fryer until golden brown. Drain. Sprinkle with salt to taste and grated Parmesan cheese. Serve with lemon wedges. Makes 30 appetizers.

HUSH PUPPIES

1 1/2 cups cornmeal
1/2 cup flour
2 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
1 egg, slightly beaten
3/4 cup milk
In medium bowl, combine corn-

meal, flour, baking powder and salt. In small bowl, mix egg and milk. Stir into dry ingredients until just moistened. Drop by tablespoons into hot oil in T-Fal's Superclean deep fryer. Fry until golden brown. Drain and serve. Makes 14 to 16 hush puppies.

CHUNKY GARDEN GAZPACHO

2 pounds fresh tomatoes, seeded and diced
3 tablespoons Kikkoman Lite Soy Sauce, divided
2 tablespoons dry sherry
1 can (15 oz.) black beans, rinsed and drained
1 cup diced, seeded cucumber
3 tablespoons minced fresh cilantro or parsley
1/4 teaspoon Tabasco pepper sauce
Combine tomatoes, 1 Tbsp., lite soy sauce, sherry and 1-1/4 cups water in medium saucepan. Cover; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat and cool, then refrigerate until thoroughly chilled. Stir in beans, cucumber, cilantro, pepper sauce and remaining 2 Tbsp. lite soy sauce. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings.

TEXAS TWO-STEP CHICKEN PICANTE

1 1/2 cups PACE Picante Sauce (12 ounces)
3 tablespoons packed light

brown sugar
1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves (about 1 pound)
3 cups hot cooked rice
1. Mix picante sauce, sugar and mustard.
2. Place chicken on lightly oiled grill rack over medium-hot coals. Grill uncovered 15 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink, turning and brushing often with 1/2 cup picante sauce mixture. Heat remaining sauce to a boil and serve with chicken and rice.
Serves 4.
Easy Oven Chicken Picante: Prepare as in step 1. In step 2 place chicken in 2-quart shallow baking dish. Pour picante sauce mixture over chicken. Bake at 400°F. for 20 minutes or until chicken is no longer pink. Serve with rice.

SPICY BATTER-FRIED CHICKEN

1 (2 1/2 to 3 lb.) frying chicken, cut into eighths
Water
1 cup flour
1 tsp. seasoned salt
1 tsp. paprika
1 tsp. garlic salt
1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning
1 tsp. pepper
1 egg
1/2 cup milk
In large pan, cover chicken with water. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer about 20 minutes. Drain

thoroughly. Pat dry with paper towels. In pie pan, combine flour with seasoned salt, paprika, garlic salt, poultry seasoning and pepper. In small bowl, beat egg with milk. Dip chicken in flour mixture, then in egg mixture and again in flour mixture. Drop 2 or 3 pieces at a time into hot oil in T-Fal's Superclean deep fryer. Fry until crispy and golden brown. Drain. Serve hot. Makes 3 to 4 servings.

POTATO CURRY SOUP

3 large boiling potatoes, about 1 1/2 pounds scrubbed, peeled, sliced thin Olive oil, or non-stick cooking spray
1 cup green onions, chopped
3 cloves garlic
4 cups chicken stock
1 can (12 ounces) light skim milk
1 cup skim milk
3/4 teaspoon curry powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/4 teaspoon pepper
Cover potatoes with water and bring to boil. Reduce heat to simmer and continue cooking until potatoes are fork tender. Drain.
Spray soup pot or other large pan or coat lightly with oil. Saute green onions and garlic partially covered, over medium-low heat 4 minutes. Stir occasionally.
Add potatoes, chicken stock, skim milk and spices. Simmer 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Ladle soup into individual bowls and serve hot.

Poetry Corner

by Freda Watkins

BEGGER

I used to be a begger that stood out on the street. My clothes were torn and tattered, I didn't even have shoes to put upon my feet.

I would stand there on the corner, with my hand held out, begging for some food or maybe even a pair of shoes, But people would pass me by, laugh and call me names. They would say I have no food or shoes for a stupid old fool.

I would be cold, tired and hungry as I would walk back to the spot, This place I called home was just a cardboard box.

I would climb into my bed with some rags beneath my head. And thank the Lord above, for his wonderful, precious love.

I don't know when it happened, It must have been in my sleep. I heard a voice say, "I have someone for you to meet."

The gate swung open wide to allow me to step inside. There stood my mansion, with my name above the door. It was everything I had hoped for.

I was handed a robe in the purest of white. If only you could see it, It's such a beautiful sight.

I have golden sandals to put upon my feet. I will never have to worry about another place to sleep.

If all those people who passed me by, could only see me now, in my new mansion here on high.

I would like to tell those people, just one thing. That even a begger will help crown Him King.

I hope that the next time, there's a begger on the street, Who's cold, tired and hungry, with no shoes on his feet,

That you show him some love, instead of pure hate. Love is what it takes to make it through heaven's gates.

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