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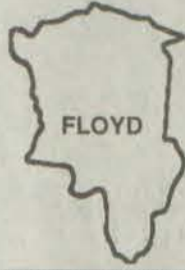
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Suspects almost made clean getaway

by Scott Perry
Times Editor and
Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The motive behind the brutal murders of a Tennessee man, woman and child may have been more pecuniary than paranormal, but an acquaintance of the slaying suspects has claimed the group left Eastern Kentucky with murder in mind.

Six suspects, five of whom have Floyd County ties, are in police custody in Arizona, awaiting extradition to Tennessee. The four adults and two juveniles apparently were arrested after crossing into Mexico, nearly avoiding capture.

The suspects have been identified as Joseph Lance Risner, 20, of Paintsville, a former Floyd County resident and a dropout from Floyd Technical High School; Edward Dean Mullins, 19, and Karen Renea Howell, 17, of Toler, and Natasha Wallen Cornett, 18, and Crystal Renea Sturgill, 18, of Betsy Layne. The sixth suspect, 14-year-old Jason Blake Bryant, is from Marrowbone in Pike County.

Police believe the victims, Vidar Lillelid, 34, his wife Delfina, 28, and daughter Tabitha, 5, were shot to death during a car-jacking and robbery. Their son, Peter, 2, was shot as well, but remains in critical condition in a Knoxville hospital.

While the motive appears to have been robbery, an acquaintance of the suspects, whose identity will be withheld until her story is confirmed by police, allegedly told classmates Monday at Betsy Layne High School that the group, which participated in occult rituals and practiced self-muti-

lation, had "decided to take victims" before leaving Eastern Kentucky Sunday afternoon.

Since the arrests Tuesday afternoon of the six suspects, information related to the group's activities before and after the murders has grown from unusual to bizarre.

The story began to unfold on Friday, April 4, when the suspects and others apparently gathered at the Colley Motel near Pikeville for a seance.

Motel manager Jim Cochran said Risner paid the room charge with \$32 in cash and the group apparently left the room about 4 a.m. Saturday. Cochran found an "excessive" amount of blood in the room that morning, broken razor blades, and discovered the number 6 burned into the room's carpet. The number 666 is considered by Biblical reference to be the "mark of the beast," or Satan.

Cochran said there were no complaints about



A crude number 6 was burned into the carpet of a room at the Colley Motel in Pikeville Friday night, allegedly by the suspects during a ritual in the motel room. The manager of the motel also said an excessive quantity of blood was found.

excessive noise from the suspects' room, but witnesses saw the six leave the motel in the same car that was found at the murder scene. He added that the six were thought to be connected with a theft at the motel Friday night and that the merchandise, a television and work boots, had been recovered but not returned.

After leaving the motel, the six apparently travelled to the home of Cornett's mother, Madonna Wallen, at Betsy Layne, where they slept until afternoon.

Wallen told reporters Wednesday that when she came home Saturday night, the group was huddled

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Betsy Layne High reeling in aftereffects of murders

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Betsy Layne High School, where three of six suspects in a Tennessee murder case once attended classes, has stationed a deputy sheriff on the school grounds in an effort to control a media assault that developed soon after the murder suspects were identified.

"I asked someone to help me keep the press out of the building," Principal Coy Samons said Thursday. "I guess I made a lot of the members of the press mad."

Samons also said about 100 students had been signed out of the school Thursday because someone has been calling the parents and spreading rumors.

"Someone is telling parents that people are in the hallways wearing black and that there was going to be trouble at the school," he said. "No strangers will get into the school."

Samons said the rumors were untrue and that someone was "blowing everything out of proportion."

The principal said the students and faculty were trying to continue the educational process at the school and were having a typical day, other than parents taking students out of school.

He said some of the students allegedly involved with the murders had been students at the school, but they had not been there for quite some time.

Area youths who have been charged in connection with the Tennessee homicide are Edward Dean Mullins, 19, and Karen Renea Howell, 17, both of Toler; and Crystal Renea Sturgill, 18, Natasha Wallen Cornett, 18, both of Betsy Layne.

Samons said Sturgill was a student at Betsy Layne, but "she barely came to school."

Mullins dropped out of school in November 1996, and Howell had not been a student at the school for the last couple of years, the principal said.

Also arrested were Joseph Lance Risner, 20, of Paintsville, a former Floyd County resident and a dropout from Floyd Technical High School; and Jason Blake Bryant, 14, of Marrowbone in Pike County.

All six suspects were arrested Tuesday afternoon when they were discovered near the Arizona and Mexico border. They were charged with felony murder during the commission of a theft.

Samons said numerous television stations and newspapers from Tennessee and Kentucky were at the school Wednesday trying to interview some of the students and take pictures.

"I will not allow (the media) to talk to the faculty or students," he said, "and there will be no pictures taken on campus. Any information they need — I have."

The principal said he wanted to assure parents that their children are safe at the school.

"Betsy Layne High School students are as safe at the school as they are any place else," Samons said.



A guard was stationed at BLHS Thursday to control media access to the school.

Johnson man is accused of making threat against judge

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A Flat Gap man, who has pleaded guilty in connection with a federal public corruption case in Johnson County, is charged with threatening to burn the home of Floyd District Judge James R. Allen.

Johnny Pennington, 38, was placed under a \$10,000 cash bond Thursday by Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill. Pennington is charged with intimidating a judicial officer, a felony.

Judge Caudill entered a not guilty plea on Pennington's behalf and set a preliminary hearing for 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Floyd Circuit Court.

Floyd sheriff's chief detective Jim Rederick said an informant reported that Pennington had threatened to throw two cans of paint thinner into a window of Allen's home and follow it with a lit flare rope.

Assistant County Attorney Lance Daniels asked Caudill to set a full cash bond because of the seriousness of the charge.

Judge Caudill also ordered that Pennington stay out of Floyd County unless he had permission from the court. The judge authorized Pennington to appear for his preliminary hearing and for his arraignment on a felony theft charge on April 23.

Pennington has a second pre-

liminary hearing Wednesday on a felony theft charge for allegedly taking timber off property and failing to pay property owners their share. He was indicted last month by a Floyd County Grand Jury on a similar charge.

Pennington pleaded guilty last year to a conspiracy charge involving the purchase of vehicles by Johnson County Judge-Executive Hobert Meade. Meade is accused of being involved in a kick-back scheme related to the purchase of county vehicles.

Pennington is to be sentenced on the conspiracy charge in May.

Retirement plan called 'deficit dodge'

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

State school officials could nix an early retirement incentive proposal approved Tuesday by the Floyd County Board of Education because the practice was described as a tool to "dodge the deficit bullet."

At Wednesday's meeting of the Kentucky School Board in Paintsville, state board members questioned the use of an early retirement plan by the Magoffin County Board of Education as a deficit-reduction measure. Magoffin's proposal calls for the plan to



Davis is sworn as superintendent

Gene Davis was sworn in as Floyd County's superintendent of schools Tuesday at Betsy Layne Elementary by Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill. Davis is not the first superintendent to take an oath of office, according to board member Ray Brackett. Prior to the ceremony, a public reception was held and "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by a teacher from Betsy Layne Elementary. (photo by Chris McDavid)

be effective July 1, rather than June 30, which is the end of the school year. State members disapproved the practice, saying it would put the district into financial difficulties "the very next day."

Floyd youth is faring poorly after bone marrow transplant...story inside.

"It struck us as financial irresponsibility," state board member Craig True said. "It's accounting quackery."

State Board Chairman Joe Kelly said some deficit districts are hitting taxpayers twice by paying em-

ployees to leave school systems. "Remember, in a district over-staffed the taxpayers have paid for that already," Kelly said. "They're asking them to pay again, an additional sum of money, to encourage

people... to voluntarily go away. It's a double hit on the taxpayers."

At Tuesday's Floyd County Board of Education meeting, the board approved its own early retirement plan, which will be effective July 1. The plan also allows for

State renews vow to take a hard line if red ink ends year

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

State school board members rejected Floyd County's amended deficit-reduction plan Wednesday and Education Commission Wilmer Cody said if the district ends the year in the red, "it's their problem."

State board member Craig True said state education officials have not backed off their threat to remove the entire school board and its superintendent if the district ends the school year with a budget deficit.

some certified personnel to delay retirement until December 31.

The Floyd board approved the July 1 starting date in order to avoid paying any monies for this school year.

When informed Wednesday morning about Floyd County's action to approve a retirement plan, True said that the proposal must be approved by state officials because there is an emergency declaration in effect in Floyd County because it is a deficit district.

True and other state board members want to look more closely at

Board member Helen Mounjtjoy expressed her frustration at the continuing problems in the Floyd County School System.

"When we first (went) out into the state, about six years ago, it included a visit to Floyd County," Mounjtjoy said. "We met with a group of citizens and teachers and they asked why they should believe the state board would make anything different happen than always happens (in Floyd County). With what's gone on for the last six years, I almost understand that myself."

State Board Chairman Joe Kelly said the board has made a commitment to Floyd County and intends to keep its word.

"I agree we made a commitment to the citizens and children of Floyd County that we would be there and not walk away and I don't think we have. We haven't had the results we had hoped for. Nevertheless, we're still there and we're not going away. We're keeping the pressure on. Maybe a light will go on somewhere down there."

Kelly said Floyd education officials have created their own financial problems by deviating from an approved deficit-reduction plan, which was accepted last year by the state board.

"They have failed again to keep their commitment," Kelly said of

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Infant facing tough odds in her fight for survival

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

Nine-month-old Sarah Lafferty came out of the intensive care unit at Markey Cancer Center in Lexington, Thursday, April 10, but the infant is facing some pretty tough odds in her fight for survival.

Lafferty underwent a bone marrow transplant on March 6. At first, she was doing well with the transplant, but she developed graft vs. host (GVH) disease in which the transplant rejects its host body.

GVH is rated from 0, meaning that the patient is showing no signs of the rejection, to 4, a worse case

scenario. Sarah's GVH is rated at 4. The infant was treated with high doses of steroids to combat the GVH, but she did not respond to treatment, according to her mother Pauletta. Instead, she developed severe pancreatitis and her liver and kidneys weren't functioning well.

Sarah was put in ICU last Wednesday and her physicians were "very pessimistic," Pauletta said. Sarah was put on a drug, ATG, to fight GVH. Doctors told Pauletta that with ATG there is only a 20 percent chance for the patient. If Sarah doesn't respond to ATG, she will be put on experimental drugs.

Pauletta is hopeful, though, that

Sarah may be showing early signs that the drug is working. She should know by this weekend if the drug is working.

Sarah, who has been cheerful through her six-month battle with leukemia, is too ill to greet her visitors with a grin.

"She has no smiles right now. She feels really bad," Pauletta said. "She has not had anything to eat by mouth in weeks. She has lost weight. I can't begin to tell you the medication she's on. She has to have oxygen when she's asleep because she stops breathing. She can't breathe deeply enough. Please keep praying for Sarah."

Hard line

the Floyd County Board.

Board member Margaret Pope said the issue of rejecting the district's deficit-reduction plan was irrelevant because it would not affect a change in the management practices of the system.

Deputy Commissioner Randy Kimbrough, who is overseeing Floyd County's financial situation, said she has informed Floyd officials they could be removed from office.

"We met with the new superintendent and a board member last week and the message was given to them very clearly that they must end the year in the black," Kimbrough

said.

Chairman Kelly said that state officials need to be very precise when determining Floyd County's year-end financial balance and to be on guard against any creative accounting.

Board member Tom Gish said the state board should be thinking of ways to generate more community involvement in troubled districts. He also asked if the board had the authority to come up with budgets in those districts.

Kelly said the board had done so in Harlan County, but he wasn't sure if the board had the knowledge

about local systems to make those kinds of decisions. But, he didn't reject Gish's idea saying, "We've tried everything else."

Cody said there appears to be a lack of "political will" in those districts to maintain changes brought about by state intervention. He said an effort needs to be made to get qualified people elected to school boards.

State board member Margaret Sanders asked if the board had the authority to dissolve problem school districts, as is the case in Texas.

Cody said the board does not have that authority.

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Dodge

districts using a retirement incentive plan to encourage staff to leave.

Kelly said some school boards are opting for the retirement plans instead of choosing not to renew contracts, which is usually done to reduce staff in a district.

"I don't think it's a good management practice," Kelly said of the retirement plan. They should not be coming in here at the eleventh hour trying to come up with some kind of proposal to dodge the deficit bullet. By putting it off a day, nothing

really changes by shifting it from one fiscal year to another. How much thought has gone into it? Who is going to affect? How is it going to affect the instructional program?"

At Tuesday's Floyd County meeting, superintendent Gene Davis told the board that making the retirement plan effective on July 1 would not affect this year's already tight budget.

Davis stressed the retirement option would not be offered again

because state retirement officials are "getting really nervous" about districts offering retirement packages because it "may start to deplete the retirement system."

Board member B.J. Newsome asked operations chief Jim Osborne if employees could buy out several months of retirement if they fall short of the amount of time needed to retire.

Osborne said those employees need to contact the state retirement system.

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Suspects

around candles. They got up and walked single-file out of the trailer with Cornett and Howell holding hands.

"And then Karen (Howell) said, 'The end of the world is coming,'" Wallen said.

The six stayed out all night again, apparently in a field near Pikeville, Wallen said.

Sometime Sunday, April 6, Risner returned to Paintsville, borrowing a blue 1984 Chevrolet Citation from his mother, Mary Castle. That car was found at the murder scene, stuck in a ditch with its lights on, motor running and license plate removed.

Two homes in the Paintsville area were burglarized Sunday. Two weapons, a .25 caliber handgun and a 9mm pistol were stolen as was an amount of cash. The six are suspects in the burglaries, but authorities have not said if the weapons stolen are the type used in the murders.

Later Sunday, the six suspects returned to Wallen's home to retrieve their belongings. At 6:20 p.m. that evening, the Citation was stopped for speeding in Gate City, Virginia, and Risner was given a ticket.

Earlier Sunday, about 2:30 p.m., Bryant's father called state police, records show, when his 14-year-old son started to leave home with Cornett and Risner.

According to news reports, the group turned up Sunday evening at about 7:30 p.m. at a rest stop on Interstate 81 in Tennessee, where a worker said they hung around for more than an hour. They were

noticeable, he said, because of their pierced noses and lips.

At about 8:20 p.m. The Greene County, Tennessee Sheriff's department received a call of shots being fired near the Baileyton exit on Interstate 81. Deputies found the four members of the Lillelid family in a ditch on a gravel road near that exit. The parents were dead and the children were critically wounded. Tabitha Lillelid died at about noon Monday, April 7.

At about 3:15 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday, the Lillelid's van, which had been taken from the murder scene, was stopped in Douglas, Arizona and the six suspects were arrested without incident. Authorities said Bryant was injured, apparently by a gunshot, but they did not say how he was shot or by whom.

Earlier reports suggested that the suspects were arrested while attempting to enter Mexico, but *The Paintsville Herald* reported Wednesday that the stolen van was stopped nearly 25 miles beyond the U.S.-Mexican border at a checkpoint, where they were turned back toward the U.S. after Mexican officials discovered they had not obtained a permit to enter the country. Had the van not been selected at random for a permit check, the suspects would likely have made it deeper into Mexico and avoided capture.

After being turned around, *The Herald* reported, the van's license plate was entered into a teletype at the border, and customs agents

learned that the vehicle was being sought in connection with the Tennessee murders. The six were held by customs agents until they were turned over to the custody of Douglas, Arizona police.

The Herald reported Wednesday that the suspects did not resist arrest and that Douglas police officer Jean Traheo said they were not armed.

"Between the six of them, all they had was about \$20," Traheo said.

The four adult suspects: Risner, Mullins, Sturgill and Cornett, waived extradition to Tennessee Wednesday and will be returned for trial, where they face the death penalty if convicted.

Cornett's attorney, Eric Conn, said Thursday that he has already spoken with Cornett and that he would be flying to Arizona the same night for extended meetings with her.

The juveniles, Howell and Bryant, will fight extradition. Tennessee officials will attempt to have Howell and Bryant tried as adults, but they cannot be executed under state laws. They can be sentenced to life in prison, however.

Times editorial assistant Deanna Spears contributed to this story

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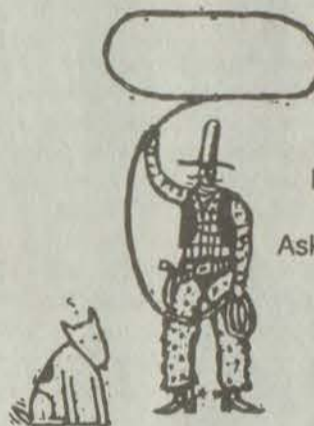
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School groups protect job cuts approved by board

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Announced staff reductions by the Floyd County Board of Education for the next school year brought a large crowd to Tuesday's meeting at Betsy Layne Elementary.

Groups from Allen Central High School and Prestonsburg Elementary filled the school auditorium and several representatives said the cuts will result in the loss of programs at those schools.

Superintendent Gene Davis

announced last Friday that he intends to keep classroom ratios at 22 students per teacher. That move will result in some teachers losing their jobs for the next school year.

Parents, teachers and students from Prestonsburg Elementary told the board the cuts will mean that music, arts and physical education could be eliminated from the curriculum.

Teacher Debra Holland said the school should receive a waiver for staffing because over 500 students are enrolled at the K-5 school.

Students said those classes were

important to them.

Allen Central students said the cuts would result in lost teaching jobs and pleaded with the board to reverse its decision.

Board members have a policy of not responding to citizen comments during the meeting and a written response will be made at the May board meeting.

Acting board chairman B.J. Newsome told the crowd that a response would be made and he urged them to regularly attend board meetings.

Also, a contingent from Allen

Central's Junior R.O.T.C. program addressed the board about a site-based decision making council's vote to eliminate it.

Two cadets, Latisha Yates and Travis Buskirk, told the board it was unfair to eliminate the program and told them of its value to students.

The board later voted to grant a waiver to allocate funds to pay for one teacher for the program.

In other action Tuesday, the

board:

- voted to approve superintendent Gene Davis' three-year, \$75,000 per year contract;

- authorized renting two portable toilets to be placed at the running track at Allen Central High School;

- approved changing the central office business hours to 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.;

- voted to seek appraisals for surplus property and to sell the parcels as quickly as possible;

- approved advertising for bids for supplies for the 1997-98 school year; and

- amended the school calendar to have classes on four days dedicated for professional development and on election day, which will put the last day for students at June 6 for most schools.

Board members Eddie Patton and Ursal Ray Wilcox were absent from Tuesday's meeting.



Two drivers were treated and released from Highlands Regional Medical Center Thursday after their cars collided on Route 1428. Roy Franklin Jr., 19, of Prestonsburg, told authorities that he was taking a duck to the vet when he was distracted by the fowl and crossed the center line. The driver of the other car was 36-year-old Brenda Harris, also of Prestonsburg. The duck did not survive the accident. (photo by Chris McDavid)

Fowl feathered friend victim of two-car collision Thursday

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Route 1428 was the site of an unusual accident Thursday when two vehicles collided in front of Music Carter Hughes.

Neither of the drivers were seriously injured in the accident. A pas-

Floyd student inducted into Pinnacle

A Floyd Countian is among the ten students inducted into Pinnacle, a national honor society for non-traditional students, in ceremonies held recently at Morehead State University.

The new initiate is Reva Slone of Martin.

A chapter of Pinnacle, originally founded by Dr. Frank Julian at Murray State University, was established at MSU in 1991.

The organization seeks to provide adult students, those 23-years or older and other non-traditional students, with the type of recognition which outstanding traditional students have always received, according to Jacquelyn H. Scott, coordinator of MSU's non-traditional and commuter students and chapter adviser.

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senger, though, did not fare so well. Prestonsburg Police Sgt. Anthony Castle said he realized the accident was not a typical mishap when he looked in the car and found a dead duck in the floor board of the passenger side.

The duck was reportedly being transported to a veterinarian when the accident occurred.

According to Sgt. Castle, Roy Franklin Jr., 19, of Prestonsburg, was transporting the duck to the vet and he leaned over in the seat to hold or support the ill fowl.

While doing so he drove across the road into the path of the other

car which was driven by Brenda Harris, 36, also of Prestonsburg, Castle said.

"When he looked up it was too late," Sgt. Castle said. "He said, 'there was nothing (he) could do to avoid the accident.'"

Sgt. Castle said Franklin was later taken to Highlands Regional Medical Center by a family member, and Harris was transported to the hospital from the scene.

Both drivers were treated and released from the hospital.

Sgt. Castle said he could not release the name of the duck at this time.

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Liberty of thought is the life of the soul—Voltaire

We don't grow monsters here

by Scott Perry

The hysteria incited by the bizarre and brutal slayings of a Tennessee family and the ensuing media frenzy that has put Eastern Kentucky and Floyd County at the center of national attention, once again in an unkind light, will fade...eventually. The scars will remain.

We must deal with this tragic and terrible event with the strength and determination we have employed against past abominations.

This hideous act is not typical of our region nor are those who committed it our typical youths.

Brace yourselves, though, for the onslaught, the tabloid headlines and the talk show tripe that will certainly attempt to grab your eyes and ears with talk of "Hillbilly Vampires" or "Backwoods Beelzebubs."

It will come and we will be forced to endure it.

But, we don't grow monsters

here.

We have families with problems, children with problems, just like everywhere else.

Sometimes things get out of control and bad things come of it.

The guilty must be punished and answers must be found.

How is it possible that such evil exists...anywhere?

The responsibility for such heinous acts is with those who commit them, not the region from which they came.

We have no crosses to bear.

We will bear them just the same, though, because, rightly or wrongly, these accused killers were once among us and wouldn't see them for what they are.

Sight will cure the blind, they say, and our eyes are opened now.

Too late to change the ending of this horror story.

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Other Voices

Reaching out to women veterans who are victims of sexual trauma

by Jesse Brown
Secretary of Veterans Affairs

No one who has heard or read about incidents of sexual assault against women in the military can feel anything but deep regret and sorrow, perhaps anger, that such an incident could have occurred to someone while in service to our country. It is wrong for any woman to undergo such a devastating experience. But in the military, where trust and camaraderie are such an integral part of military life, a profound sense of betrayal compounds the other devastating effects sexual trauma can have on a person's physical and emotional health.

Many women veterans have come to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) for counseling and treatment for the aftereffects of sexual trauma. But we know that many more have never discussed it with anyone.

They may be uncomfortable talking about their experience and even wonder if they can. This unfortunately talking about their experience and even wonder if they can.

This unfortunately common reaction to sexual trauma is something that we in VA are trying to counter by reaching out to women veterans to let them know that there is help available to them.

VA has a cadre of dedicated, compassionate professionals who can provide confidential priority counseling and treatment for the victims of sexual assault, battery or harassment while on active duty. Since

1992, when legislation authorized VA to provide sexual trauma counseling, more than 15,000 women veterans have been treated in Vet Centers and medical centers. We have been able to help them regain their self-confidence and self-esteem, and improve the quality of their lives.

To reach us, women veterans can call our national toll-free telephone number—1-800-827-1000—and be put in touch with a women veterans' coordinator at a VA regional office who can give them information on VA programs and assist in referring them to a VA medical center, Vet Center or community program. Women veterans also can get information on VA compensation benefits for disabilities or injuries resulting from sexual trauma.

I recently sent letters to some 400,000 women veterans to tell them about the programs and services available to them—special programs targeted to meet their unique health-care needs, including counseling and treatment for sexual trauma. VA facilities across the nation also are conducting outreach campaigns of their own.

It is VA's goal to ensure that we are meeting the healthcare needs of women veterans—now numbering 1.2 million. And it also is our goal to make them aware of the benefits they have earned and deserve. Today, women comprise some 14 percent of the active military force.

VA will continue to be there for these women when they leave military service, and we will continue to reach out to those who need our help.

The Political 'Party'

Is Affirmative Action "equal opportunity?"

A friend of mine recently had his admissions applications to the University of Kentucky School of Law turned down.

After reading his rejection letter from the school, the first words out of his mouth were "I should have put down that I was a minority."

In his particular case, I don't think it would have made a difference even

if he had lied and said he wasn't part of the racial majority.

However, Kentucky, like most states, does consider an applicant's racial and ethnic status when accepting or denying entrance into state colleges and universities.

Such practices obviously fail to promote the establishment of a "color blind" society but the rationalization for them is that "positive measures are needed to overcome the residual effects of generations of discrimination."

The establishment of policies and special programs which differentiate citizens based on the color of their skin is part of the controversial, and increasingly unpopular, national plan, less offensively known as Affirmative Action.

In Kentucky, Affirmative Action applied to education has been given a title which suggests an even greater degree of innocence: "The Kentucky Plan for Equal Opportunities in Higher Education." After all, who could argue that "equal opportunity in higher education" is a bad idea. But to carry out the basic objective of this program, which is to "recruit and retain to graduation larger num-

bers of Kentucky resident African-American students," the General Assembly must pass laws that aid minorities while intentionally ignoring the racial majority.

For example, in 1994 the state legislature created a scholarship program for students planning to become teachers in Kentucky.

But unlike most state sponsored scholarships the money (tax money) was awarded to students based solely upon their prior academic performance.

The scholarship awards would first have to be given to a proportion of minorities equal or greater than the number of minorities who applied. In other words, if ten percent of the applicants were minorities then ten percent, or more, of the scholarships had to be given to minorities.

As it turned out, 14 minority students were given scholarships in the program's first year, when only three minorities would have qualified had the awards been based on academic performance.

This meant that 11 non-minority students who had worked hard enough to make themselves academically qualified did not receive schol-

arships.

Outraged about this state-mandated racial discrimination, an East Kentucky Senator, John David Preston (no longer in the General Assembly), wrote letters to the 11 non-minority students who fell victim to the reverse-discrimination informing them of the injustice which had been done to them. Such a move was "politically incorrect" and the inescapable result were distorted accusations, delivered by affirmative action supporters, that Preston was promoting racism.

That was in 1994, the year of the Republican revolution in Congress, when a wave of conservative demands began to abruptly roll throughout the country.

Two years later, affirmative action has been attacked so severely by main stream Americans that movements to end racial preferences have surfaced in the most liberal of states.

Last November, California voters passed Proposition 209, an amendment to their state constitution which would have, in effect, made their state government completely color-blind, from the granting of state contracts to the admission process at

their state universities.

But a federal judge (an ex-board member of the ACLU) temporarily banned its implementation until, probably, late this year when the courts will decide its constitutionality. Several other states, such as Florida and Colorado, have already begun forming legislation to create color-blind governments.

Here in Kentucky, however, the announcement of Governor Patton's May 5th Special Session immediately prompted the State Council on Higher Education's committee on equal opportunities to draft a plan which would compel Kentucky universities to "cooperate" to produce a "warm, welcoming environment" for minority students.

No one could argue that such a plan is a bad idea. But, if "cooperation" means that non-minority geographic regions (such as Eastern Kentucky) and qualified students in the racial majority are not given truly equal opportunities, than it is certainly a bad idea.

Look for this issue to arise in the May 5th Special Session, and if you are concerned, call your legislator to let him know.



by David Porter

Special ed. audit bad news for board

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

State special education officials say monetary sanctions against the Floyd County School District after an audit will be minimal, but even that could be disastrous to the financially troubled district.

Johnnie Grissom, associate

commissioner for the office of special instructional services, said Wednesday that Floyd County's special education audit should be completed in about two weeks.

The state education department was directed earlier this year to do an audit of Floyd County's special education program by a state appeals board in a ruling concern-

ing three students at Betsy Layne High School.

The appeals board found that local officials improperly closed a special education unit at the school and ordered it to be reopened. It also directed the local school board to hire a consultant to oversee the educational needs of those students.

Grissom said that she expects her department to recommend the Floyd board hire an independent consultant to assist in the operation of the program, which may cost up to \$50,000.

State school finance officials reported Tuesday that if all goes well financially in Floyd County, the district could end the year with just over \$900 in its budget.

Grissom said the department is preparing an extensive school-by-

school report of its findings and that it will recommend "astronomical" training for teachers to meet the needs of special education students.

"It will not be as much money as it will be time and commitment," Grissom said. "They're going to do it and do it right. It will cost some money and it will occur by people outside of the district, which will include a lot of our staff."

The department is moving away from a trend to levy heavy fines against districts with problems in special education because that further takes away from the students, Grissom said.

"I don't see the district having to pay back a severe amount of money," she said, "but it will cost some money."

Dispatcher found dead, no foul play suspected

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Kentucky State Police opened an investigation Wednesday into the death of a Prestonsburg Fire and Police dispatcher, but Floyd County Coroner Roger Nelson said no foul play was suspected.

Kathleen "Kathy" Dillion, 42, of Ivel, apparently died from an illness for which she was being treated by a Lexington doctor, Nelson said Wednesday.

Dillion is survived by her son, Justin Dillion; her parents, Jim and Ruth Smith Dillion; one sister, Jacqueline Dillion, who is a teacher at Betsy Layne High School; and one brother, Jimmy Dillion.

Funeral services for Dillion will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Carter Funeral Home.

The coroner said Dillion was found on a couch at her residence Wednesday morning.

"The doors were locked from the inside and there was nothing suspicious," the coroner said. "No foul play is suspected."

Dillion had been a dispatcher for the city of Prestonsburg for less than one month. She was hired March 25.

Nelson said Dillion had been under a Lexington doctor's care due to an illness and he was waiting to get additional information from the doctor about that illness before issuing a decision on the cause of death.

Kentucky businesses getting export help

Many Kentucky companies are losing millions of dollars in potential business because they don't know how to compete for international business opportunities. Now, help is available in a workshop to be held in two Kentucky cities that will prepare those businesses for the export market.

A free one-day seminar entitled, "Export for Profits" will be held at the Big Sandy Area Development District in Prestonsburg on Tuesday, May 6, and at Pine Mountain State Resort Park in Middlesboro, on Wednesday, May 7, from 8 a.m.-noon. Each workshop will explain the basics of exporting and demonstrate how to get started in international trade.

"Export for Profits" is a basic exporting seminar for business representatives who have never exported or who know very little about doing business in international markets. Workshop participants will learn whether their business is ready to export; the role of a freight forwarder; how they can get financial support from their banker and from the government; and legal issues that should be addressed before exporting. Also, an area business that has experienced success in the export market will be featured.

The workshop is being sponsored by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, American Electric Power, Big Sandy Area

Development District, Bell County Industrial Foundation, Southeast Small Business Development Center and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Pre-registration is required. To register for either session of "Export for Profits," call Chris Davis, Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development's International Trade Division at (502) 564-7140. Seating is limited.

Permits available to cut firewood

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Residents get chance to purchase a high-tech carbon monoxide detector

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

The Prestonsburg Police Department and Special Operations Unit are offering residents a high-tech carbon monoxide detector that may save the lives of area residents.

The detectors are a "mini computer," firefighter Bill Callihan said, adding that the detectors reveal the amount of carbon monoxide to which the body has been exposed.

The detectors are manufactured by AIM Safety Corporation, in Austin, Texas.

"It's a monitor that reads the amount of (carbon) monoxide that was in the detector for the past eight and a half days," Callihan said. "Now, not only do you know when carbon monoxide is in your house, but you can also find out the amount your body has received."

Callihan said the detectors use lithium batteries and a special tool resets the detector.

The firefighter said people who have been exposed to even small amounts of carbon monoxide over a long period of time could be affected.

"Once a body receives carbon monoxide, it takes several weeks for it to get rid of it," he said. "If people continually enter a house with (the deadly gas) in it — the body will continually accumulate that amount."

The fire department and Special Operations Unit are selling the

detectors and have decided to service the detectors when needed.

Callihan said if a Prestonsburg resident purchases the detector, then the fire department will install the device and respond to the residence when the device goes off to monitor the levels of the deadly gas in the house.

But, he added that residents outside of the city limits would have to bring the detectors to the fire station to be checked for the amount of carbon monoxide in their residences.

"People outside the city are encouraged to purchase one of the detectors, but we can't install the device," Callihan said. "Although, if they bring the detector to the station, we can check the levels of carbon monoxide that are at the residence."

Callihan said the fire department is checking with the city to try to get approval to go to residences in the North Floyd Fire District to check on the detectors.

The firefighter said any house that is not total electric should have a carbon monoxide detector.

"Carbon monoxide is caused by any open flame in your house," Callihan said.

He said carbon monoxide can be in a home by several different means. Carbon monoxide can get into a residence through cracked furnace chambers; unvented gas heaters; loose exhaust fueling on water tanks; loose vents on heater; improperly vented gas stoves; and improper flames, Callihan said.

"Fire places can even put off the deadly gas," he said.

"We are trying to help prevent deaths in our area and throughout the county from carbon monoxide," Callihan said.

The detectors come with a warranty as long as they are not abused

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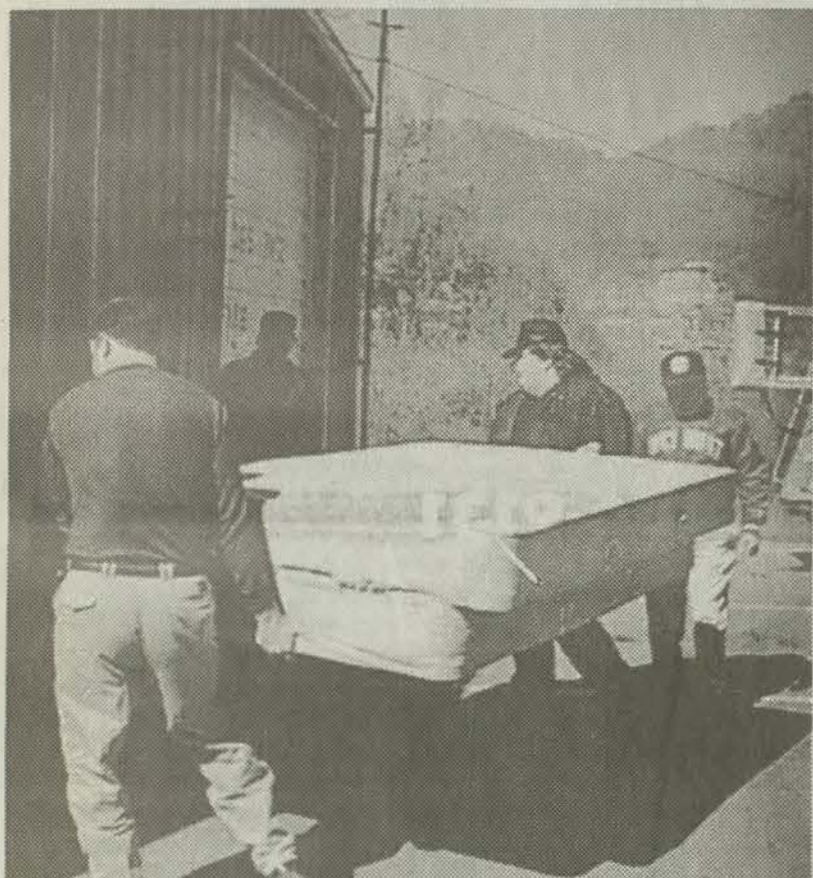
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Pioneer Festival parade takes a new direction this year

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

The Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival parade will take a new direction in October. Instead of going from south to north as it did last year, the parade route will flow from north to south.

According to a plan designed by Prestonsburg Police Chief Darrel

Conley, the parade will begin on North Lake Drive at Prestonsburg High School and end on South Lake Drive at the parking lot area of the Branham & Baker Coal Company.

The change in the route allows easier lineup for parade participants due to the numerous feeder streets on the northern end of the city, Conley said.

Pioneer Festival chairperson

Donna Wells agreed and said the lineup had been a major problem in the past and had often caused delays in the parade's startup.

Festival committee member Les Fugate suggested putting chalk numbers on the feeder streets and those numbers be assigned to parade participants to make lineup easier.

Another change in this October's

parade will be in traffic patterns around the festival. Last year, traffic continued to flow down Central Avenue during the parade. This year, traffic will come to a halt when the parade begins if Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin approves a request to close the streets, Conley said.

In other business at the meeting, letters of resignation were read from former member Helene Branham and from Phyllis Spradlin. Branham, who said she had cried a million tears because of things going on with the festival, had resigned previously during a meeting of the festival entertainment committee. At that time Branham walked out of the meeting after committee members declined to book the Sammons Family as an opening act for the gospel sing.

The Sammons Family traditionally opens for the festival, but committee members decided to rotate opening acts on a yearly basis and give other local gospel groups an opportunity to headline the show. Groups opening for this year's show with the Perry Sisters are the Godsmen, Grace, and the Harbourmen.

Branham also submitted a bill for \$150 for reimbursement of telephone calls she had made last year for the committee. Branham did not submit copies of her phone bills or an itemized list.

"All bills need to be presented with the proper documentation by a certain time. In previous minutes, we specifically set a deadline for submission," chairperson Wells said.

New committee member Jane Bond said if someone expected to be reimbursed, they would have documented the charges. The committee decided to ask Branham for receipts and then discuss the matter. In her letter of resignation,

Phyllis Spradlin wrote that Helene Branham had been hurt emotionally by the committee. Spradlin said she could no longer serve on the committee and called members of the festival committee, "little children."

In other business at the meeting: • Dordena Derossett's resignation as co-chair of the craft committee was accepted.

• Suggestions were made to host a PHS alumni football game; a river race for "anything that floats"; remote gas cars tournament; a wrestling match; a road hog competition; and a senior citizens' race.

• Josh Clay and Jane Bond were accepted into the festival committee membership.

Allen Central's JROTC cadets walk away with two first place trophies

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

In the wake of a decision to cancel the Allen Central JROTC program, 16 cadets attended the Third Annual Volunteer Drill Competition in Tennessee and walked away with two first-place trophies.

The competition was held Saturday, April 5, at the University of Tennessee.

The JROTC cadets took first-place in exhibition, and two female cadets won first place in the duo competition.

The Allen Central cadets competed against 16 other teams at Saturday's competition.

Unemployment rates up in Floyd

Annual unemployment rates went up in 68 counties, including Floyd, from 1995 to 1996, fell in 46 and remained the same in six.

The annual jobless rate in the Big Sandy are increased from 10 percent in 1995 to 10.7 percent in 1996. Floyd County's rate also went up. Floyd had a jobless rate of 10.5 percent in 1995. Those figures increased to 10.7 percent in 1996. Johnson County's 9.4 percent was the area's lowest rate, while Magoffin County's 15 percent was the highest.

In 1996, 19 counties reported double-digit annual jobless rates, as compared to 16 counties in 1995.

Woodford County had the state's lowest yearly unemployment rate—2.3 percent. Cumberland County's 15.8 percent was the state's highest annual jobless rate.

"It's a very detailed, in—sync drill," major Deborah Boone said Monday. "Everything is done by the numbers — there can't be any mistakes. They have to be emphatic about every movement they execute."

Battalion commander Latisha Yates and April Hardy won the exhibition duo competition.

The United States Army Drill Team judged the weekend competition.

Boone said the students have not allowed the possibility that the program may be eliminated from the school's curriculum to affect their performance.

The major said the site-based council decided a few weeks ago to recommend to the board that the JROTC program be discontinued.

She said the cadets have been circulating a petition to try to convince the board to keep the program, and added that there were "several thousand signatures (on the petition) in support of keeping the program."

"Floyd County will lose a tremendous asset," Boone said. "We do a lot of things that benefit the community and the school."

The major said cadets volunteer for several activities throughout the year.

"They are actively involved in a lot of activities," she said. "They are not required to participate — they volunteer to do it."

Boone said if the program is eliminated, "(the Floyd School District) will not get another (ROTC) program."

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Regional Obituaries

Johnson County

Paul Thacker Jr., 59, died April 3. He is survived by his wife, Rose Music Thacker. Funeral services were April 5, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Troy Lee Johnson, 83, died March 24. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Castle Johnson. Funeral services were March 27, at the Boldman Freewill Baptist Church.

Howard Hughes, 76, died March 26. He was a fire marshal, an electrical inspector and a veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Edna Hughes. Funeral services were March 29, at the Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel.

Margaret Reed, 69, died April 3. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Reed. Funeral services were April 6, at the Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel.

Katherine Castle Dale, 81, died April 2. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Dale Sr. Funeral services were April 6, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Virgie Sue Williams, 49, died April 6. She is survived by her parents, Cecil Frazier and Virginia Hampton, and her husband, Donald Williams. Funeral services were April 9.

Hazel Caudill, 78, died April 2. She is survived by her husband, Earl Caudill. Funeral services were April 4, at the Community Pentecostal Trinity Church.

Opal Fairchild, 76, died April 3. She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Thomas Vanhoose. Funeral services were April 6, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Paul Wells, 51, of Van Lear, died March 31. He is survived by his wife, Vicki Handy Wells. Funeral services were April 3, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Vickie "Austin" Niccum, 63, died April 2. She is survived by her husband, Walter Niccum. Funeral services were April 4, at the Sloan Funeral Home.

Magoffin County

Polly Allen Wireman, 85, of Salyersville, died March 26. She was preceded in death by her husband, Kendle Wireman. Funeral services were March 29, at the Dunn-Kelly/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

Carson B. Auxier, 84, of Salyersville, died March 27. He is survived by his wife, Christine Auxier. He was a retired farmer and store clerk. Funeral services were March 31, at the Salyersville Funeral Home Chapel.

Carl Edward Whitaker, 46, of Royalton, died March 27. He is survived by his mother, Jane Salyer Whitaker of Royalton. Funeral services were March 31, at the Salyersville Funeral Home Chapel.

Johnnie Perkins, 67, of Salyersville, died March 28. He is survived by his father, Charlie Perkins of Morgan County. He was a general laborer. Funeral services were March 31, at the Dunn-Kelly/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

Pike County

Stanley Haskell Stanley, 37, of Shelbiana, died April 3. He is survived by his mother, Jerlene Rowe Cook of Pikeville, and his wife, Emma Harris Stanley. He was a coal miner employed by Kiah Creek Mining. Funeral services were April 6, in the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Camp Shawnee will participate in food program

Christian Appalachian Projects' Camp Shawnee will participate in the summer meal program, June 16 through July 25.

The program is a federally funded summer food service program for children below the age of 19. The program operates under guidelines similar to those of public school food service program. Participation enables sponsors to provide lower program costs.

Children who are members of food stamp households or receive AFDC assistance are automatically eligible to receive free meal benefits.

For more information, call Owen Wright, at 606-874-2091.

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The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting in April or May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Dogwoods, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by April 30.

George Michael "Mutt" Stanley, 80, of Hardy, died April 4. He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by Eastern Coal Corporation, and a World War II Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Sara Coleman Stanley. Funeral services were April 7, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Elder Bona Damron Jr., 75, of Robinson Creek, died April 3. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Damron. Funeral services were April 6, at the R. S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Jack Thompson, 46, of Phyllis, died April 5. He was employed in the maintenance department at Mountaintop Baking and a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Keene Thompson. Funeral services were April 8, at the Berean Bible Church, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Conard Fields Jr., 25, of McCarr, died April 3, in Taylorville, West Virginia. He was a truck driver, employed by Hardy Trucking. He is survived by his parents, Conard Lee and Zola May Fields of McCarr. Funeral services were April 7, at the Faith Mission Church at McCarr, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Lacy King, 56, of Ashcamp, died April 7. He was a coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Faye Bishop King. Funeral services were April 10, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Ruby "Mary" Blankenship Hamilton, 72, of Stopover, died April 5. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hayes E. Hamilton. Funeral services were April 8, at the Stopover Church of God, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Palace Reed Yates, 80, of Fords Branch, died April 5. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie Yates. Funeral services were April 8, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Perry Albert Asbury, 71, of Freeburn, died Sunday, April 6. He was retired from U.S. Steel in Lorain, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Bertha Norma Asbury. Funeral services were April 9, at the Gosslin Bottom Church of God, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Knott County

Elizabeth Caudill Francis, 90, of Isom, died April 4. She was preceded in death by three husbands, Lawrence Talmadge Francis, Carleton Tippett and Milton Lovard Smith. Memorial services were held

April 10, at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

Kenneth Eugene Gregory, 39, of Sassafras, died April 5. He is survived by his wife, Rhonda A. Gregory, and his mother, Ada Gregory of Sassafras. Funeral services were April 8, at the Smithboro Baptist Church, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Buford "Buster" Hylton, 66, of Jeremiah, died April 3. He is survived by his wife, Gaynell Anderson Hylton. Funeral services were April 6, at Hindman Funeral Services Chapel.

Martin County

Tennessee Hinkle, 88, of Beauty, died April 2. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tive Hinkle. Funeral services were April 5, at the Buck Creek Old Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home.

Earl F. Marcum, 83, of Beauty, died April 2. He is survived by his wife, Virginia Marcum. Funeral services were April 5, at the Warfield Funeral Home Chapel.

Hugh Burton Conners, 46, of Boonescamp, died April 1. Funeral services were April 3, at Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home Chapel.

Rosie Delong Preece, 85, of Inez, died April 5. She is survived by her husband, Howard Preece. Funeral services were April 7, at the Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

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Obituaries

Arthur Holbrook

Arthur Holbrook, 85, of Salyersville, died Monday, March 31, 1997, in Jonesville, Michigan, at the home of his daughter, Loraine Wireman.

Born January 5, 1912 in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Lee and Elizabeth Adams Holbrook. He worked as a mechanic at a trucking company owned by "Bud" Smith Patrick, for 27 years. Survivors include his wife, Biddie Kilgore Holbrook; five daughters, Mataline Miller of Salyersville, Loraine Wireman of Jonesville, Michigan, Pauline Salyer of Hillsdale, Michigan, and Ruby Cox and Opal Cox, both of Gallipolis, Ohio; one son, George Arthur Holbrook of Gallipolis, Ohio; 18 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday, April 4, at 11 a.m., with Sam Smith officiating.

Burial was in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery, under the direction of Dunn-Kelly/Prater and Dunn Funeral Home.

Kathleen "Kathy" Dillion

Kathleen "Kathy" Dillion, 42, of Ivel, died Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at her residence, following a brief illness.

Born September 21, 1954 at Ivel, she was the daughter of Jim and Ruth Smith Dillion of Ivel. She was employed by the city of Prestonsburg as a police and fire dispatcher and a former office manager for East Kentucky Monument Company at Ivel.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by one son, Justin Dillion of Ivel; one sister, Jacqueline "Jackie" Dillion of Ivel; and one brother, Jimmy Dillion of Ivel.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 12, at 11 a.m., at the Carter Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. James Harmon officiating.

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



Edward Eugene "Ed" Blankenship

Edward Eugene "Ed" Blankenship, 79, of Stanville, died Tuesday, April 8, 1997, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a long illness.

Born January 21, 1918 in Pike County, he was the son of the late Malcomb and Martha Stevens Blankenship. He was a retired agent for Commonwealth Life Insurance Company. He was a U.S. Navy, World War II veteran, and a member of the Betsy Layne Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rhoda Francis Blankenship.

Survivors include his wife, Veda Hall Blankenship; two sons, Larry Joe Blankenship of London, and Randy Edward Blankenship of Stanville; three brothers, Palmer Blankenship and Mack Blankenship, both of Columbus, Ohio, and Clinton Blankenship of Zebulon; five sisters, Erma Watts of Greenville, Indiana, Avenell Kinney of Louisville, Genevieve Litteral of Prestonsburg, and Donnetta Wolff and Ruby Radel, both of Madison, Wisconsin; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 11, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with clergyman Tommy Spears officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers will be Jim Blankenship, Mike Blankenship, David Layne, Curt Wallen, B. J. Newsome and Dan Hall.

Marie Hackworth Neeley

Marie Hackworth Neeley, 92, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, April 8, 1997, at the home of her daughter, following an extended illness.

Born February 7, 1905 at Bonanza, she was the daughter of the late A. E. Hackworth and Dora Frasure Hackworth. She was a charter member of the Community United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas E. Neeley, on January 4, 1987.

Survivors include one daughter, Carol Jean Neeley of Prestonsburg; one son, Carlos E. Neeley of Prestonsburg; one sister, Alka Hackworth of Prestonsburg; three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 11, at 1 p.m., at the Community United Methodist Church in Prestonsburg, with Rev. Sam Knox officiating.

Burial will be in the Neeley-Hackworth Family Cemetery on Abbott Road, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.



Sherman Martin

Sherman Martin, 70, of Drift, died Wednesday, April 9, 1997, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, following an extended illness.

Born July 31, 1926 at Drift, he was the son of the late H. D. "Manhoss" Martin and Monnie Hughes Martin. He was a retired heavy equipment operator and deacon and member of the First Baptist Church at McDowell. He was a veteran of World War II. He was a lifetime member of the DAV Chapter 128 at Garrett.

Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Martin; three sons, Sherman Martin Jr. of Louisville, John Frederick Martin of Drift, and Sheridan Martin of Allen; two daughters, Kathryn Jean Eldridge of Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Judith M. Hale of Martin; one brother, McClellan Martin of Bedford; three sisters, Nelma Hall of Mason, Ohio, Norma Bone of Lexington, and Topsy Butler of Drift; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Saturday, April 12, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with Harry Hargis and Mark Tackett officiating.

Burial will be in the family cemetery at Drift, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Carlos Gibson

Carlos Gibson, 60, of Weeksbury, died Monday, April 7, 1997, at VA Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, following an extended illness.

Born November 8, 1936 at Wheelwright, he was the son of Juanita Brown Gibson of Weeksbury and the late James Elbert Gibson. He was disabled. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by two sons, Mark Gibson of Powder Springs, Georgia, and Michael Gibson of Seattle, Washington; one daughter, Shannon McBrayer of Coral Springs, Florida; one brother, Lee Gibson of Estill Springs, Tennessee; and two sisters, Carolyn Sue Gibson of Weeksbury and Linda Senig of Ohio.

Funeral services were Thursday, April 10, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home Chapel, with Mike Foraker of the Seventh Day Adventist Church officiating.

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

Tommy Thacker

Tommy Thacker, 94, of Harold, formerly of Shelbiana, died Friday, April 4, 1997, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born April 29, 1902 in Pike County, he was the son of the late Thomas and Victoria Chaney Thacker. He was a retired railroad employee, a member of Thomas C. Cecil Masonic Lodge No. 375 of Pikeville, and a member of the Liberty Hope Old Regular Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Blackburn Thacker.

Survivors include one son, Everett Blackburn of Regina; one brother, Finis Thacker of Huntington, Indiana; one sister, Connie "Coonie" Bush of Millard; 24 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Monday, April 7, at the Justice Funeral Services Chapel with Elmer Church, Jackie Church, Joe Stone and others officiating.

Burial was in the Sowards Cemetery at Shelbiana, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services of Pikeville.

Masonic services were conducted at the graveside by Thomas C. Cecil Lodge No. 375.

Betty Jo Tyler

Betty Jo Tyler, 53, of McDowell, died Monday, April 7, 1997, at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington, following a short illness.

Born November 20, 1943 at McDowell, she was the daughter of Bernice Tackett Caudill of Prestonsburg and the late Woodrow Caudill.

She was a retired licensed practical nurse, having worked at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She was a member of the Drift Pentecostal Church.

In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, Marvin Tyler; one son, Michael Slone of Louisville; one daughter, Patricia Sanders of Louisville; two brothers, Garlis Caudill of Lexington, and Benjie Caudill of Prestonsburg; one sister, Eleanor Pike of Lexington; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 11, at 11 a.m., at the Drift Pentecostal Church, with Rev. Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery at McDowell, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Wilda Joann Wilson Hubbard

Wilda Joann Wilson Hubbard, 69, of Paintsville, died Tuesday, April 1, 1997, at Mountain Manor Nursing Home.

Born May 12, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Joe Wilson and Lucinda Slaven. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Paul Hubbard.

Survivors include three sons, Dennis Keith Hubbard of Auxier, Terry Allen Hubbard of Prestonsburg, and Timothy Edward Hubbard of Frankfort; two daughters, Joan Ousley of Martin and Dorita Wilcox of Auxier; two brothers, Alfred Wilson of Florida, and Woodrow Wilson of Russell; three sisters, Colleen Slone of Indiana, Millard Lilly of Florida, and Ova Music of Prestonsburg; and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were Friday, April 4, at 1 p.m., with James Kelly Caudill and Clem Stambaugh officiating.

Burial was in the Auxier Relocation Cemetery, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home, Paintsville.

Adah Chapter to meet

Adah Chapter No. 24, O.E.S., will meet Monday, April 14. All officers and members are urged to attend.

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AUXIER

Auxier Freewill Baptist Church, Auxier; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Thursday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby Joe Spencer, Assistant, Southie Fannin, Jr.

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Rd.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Paul Aiken.

ABBOTT

The Father House, Big Branch, Abbott Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, J.J. Wright.

ALLEN

Allen First Baptist Church, Allen; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship at 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. French Harmon.

Christ United Methodist, Allen, Ky.; Sunday School, 9:45; Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth Lemaster.

BANNER

Prater Creek Baptist Church, Prater Creek; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Morning, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Kids for Christ Club meets; Sunday, 11:00 a.m., Jr. and Beginners Church meets; Independent Fundamental Baptist Church; Pastor, Gary Fish.

Daniels Creek Baptist Fellowship Church of God, Banner, Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 7:00; Tuesday Bible Study, 6:30; Everyone Welcome. Pastor, David Shepherd.

BEAVER

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist Fellowship, Beaver, Rt. 979; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Philip T. Smith.

BETSY LAYNE

Calvary Southern Baptist Church, Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Youth Meeting, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible study, 7:00 p.m.

Betsy Layne United Methodist Church, next to B.L. Gymnasium; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Betsy Layne Church of God, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night family training hour, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Judith Caudill.

Betsy Layne Free Will Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wed. Night Prayer & Youth Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tracy Patton.

BLUE RIVER

Middle Creek Baptist Church, Blue River; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m.; Independent Fundamental; Pastor, Vernon Slone.

BONANZA

Bonanza Freewill Baptist, Abbott Creek Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Herb Arms.

BUFFALO

Endicott Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth Service, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m. and the first Saturday each month at 7:00 p.m.; Sunday Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, B.J. Crider

CORN FORK

Brandy Keg Freewill Baptist, Corn Fork; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday

worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting and Youth, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Roger Music.

COW CREEK

Cow Creek Freewill Baptist, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m., 7:30 p.m.; 3rd Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. to 12 noon; Prayer Meeting and Youth Group, Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Pastor, Nathan Lafferty.

Benedict Baptist Church, Slick Rock Branch of Cow Creek, (half mile up Cow Creek on left); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Youth Service, 6 p.m. each Wednesday and Evening Service, 7 p.m. each Wednesday.

DANA

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hammond.

DAVID

Goodloe Pentecostal Church, Rt. 850, David, Ky.; Sunday Night, 7 p.m.; Fourth Saturday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kilmer Lambert.

DRIFT

Drift Pentecostal Church, Drift; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Worship Service, Saturday and Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Ted Shannon.

Drift Independent Church, Drift; Thursday, 6:30; Sunday, 11:00.

Drift Freewill Baptist Church, Drift; Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m., Thursday; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Church Service, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Randy Turner.

Drift Presbyterian Church, Route 1101, Drift; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m.; Part-time minister, Mary Alice Murray.

DENVER

Liberty Baptist Church, Denver; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 6 p.m.; Pastor Merle Little.

DWALE

Dwale House of Prayer, Dwale, Ky.; service Saturday night, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday night, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Woodrow Crum.

EAST POINT

Free Pentecostal Church of God, East Point, Rt. 1428; Sunday School, 10:00; Sunday Service, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30; Thursday Night, 6:30; Pastor, Buster Hayton.

EMMA

Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Sunday Night, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.; Jack Howard, Pastor.

ESTILL

Martin Branch Freewill Baptist, Estill; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Services, 11:15 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Wayne Stevens.

GARRETT

Rock Fork Regular Baptist Church, Garrett; 4th Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m.; Moderator, Elder Earl Slone; Assistant Moderator, Elder Jerry Manns.

Rock Fork Freewill Baptist Church, Garrett, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Brodey Amburgey.

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service,

11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

Garrett Community Christian Church, Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Donnie Hackworth.

GOBLE ROBERTS ADDITION

Landmark Church of God, Goble Roberts Addition; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:10 a.m.; Sunday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Kenneth E. Prater, Jr.

Community Freewill Baptist, Goble Roberts; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; 4th Saturday Night, Regular Service & Business, 6:00 p.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Paul D. Coleman.

GRETHEL

Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth Meeting, 5:30 p.m.; Evening Services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, Prayer Meeting and Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David L. Givens.

HI HAT

The Church of God of Prophecy at Hi Hat, invites you to worship with us each week. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday night is family night! Everyone welcome! Pastor, Don Fraley, Jr.

United Christian Church, Meade Bottom, Hi Hat, Ky.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 10:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m. Brother, Bill Slone, Pastor.

HUEYSVILLE

United Community Baptist Church, Hwy. 7, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Friday night, 7:00 p.m. and each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Come worship with us and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

Salt Lick United Baptist, Salt Lick, Hueysville, Ky. Service each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. and the 4th Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Jacob Jarvis.

IVEL

Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist, U.S. 23, first exit (north of Layne Brothers); Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Chuck Ferguson.

LANCER

Lancer Baptist Church, Lancer, welcomes you to the services. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Tom Biddle.

Trimble Chapel Freewill Baptist, Lancer-Water Gap Road; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Service Wednesday, 6:30; Pastor, Joe Coleman.

Pleasant Home Baptist Church, Lancer-Water Gap Road; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday night, 6 p.m.; Sunday Youth Meeting, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Service, 7 p.m.; Wednesday programs available for children; Pastor, Mark Tackett.

LANGLEY

Maytown United Methodist Church, Langley; Morning Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Youth Sunday, 5:00 p.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Green.

MARTIN

Stephens Branch Missionary Baptist Church, Stephens Branch; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Mid-Week Bible Study, Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Martin House of Worship, in Martin on Old Post Office St. Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Rt. 80, Martin; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Relief Society/Priesthood, 9:30 a.m.; Sacrament Service, 11:20 a.m.

First Assembly of God, Martin; Sunday

School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Missionettes & Royal Rangers, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Lorie Vannucci.

Trinity Chapel, Pentecostal Holiness Church, North Main Street, Martin; services: Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday worship, 7:00 p.m.; Second Saturday Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Youth Activity nights, 1st and 3rd Saturday, 6:00 p.m.; Womens Ministries, 2nd Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Ministries, 2nd Friday, 7:00 p.m.; Men's Bible study Monday evenings, 6:00 p.m.; Ellis J. Stevens, Pastor.

Faith Bible Church, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.; Independent Fundamental Baptist; Pastor, Don Crisp.

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 6 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Elder Bobby Baldrige.

First Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Bible Study, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Mid Week, 7:00; Pastor, Pastor: Russ Taylor.

Community Church of God, Arkansas Creek, Martin; Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday Morning, 11 a.m.; Deacon, Bud Crum.

Martin Church of Christ, Martin; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Youth Group, 7 p.m.; Evangelist, Gary Mitchell.

Martin Methodist Church; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Harlow.

Old Time Holiness Church; 2 miles up Arkansas Creek, Brother John W. Patton. Friday Evening, 7:00; Sunday Evening, 7:00; Sunday School, 11:00; Everyone Welcome.

MAYTOWN

Maytown First Baptist Church, Main Street; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bob Varney.

MCDOWELL

McDowell First Baptist Church, McDowell; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday prayer meeting, 7 p.m.; individual counseling and family counseling by appointment. Pastor, Harry Hargis.

MIDDLE CREEK

Spurlock Bible Church, Spurlock Fork of Middle Creek, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Dan Heintzelman.

MOUNTAIN PARKWAY

Free Pentecostal Deliverance Church, Ext. 46 off Mt. Parkway at Campton, Saturday and Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Patricia Crider.

PRESTONSBURG

Seventh-Day Adventist, 5 miles West on Mountain Parkway; Sabbath School, 9:15; Church Service, 10:30; Pastor, Mike Foraker, 886-3459.

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Saturday evening mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.

Community United Methodist Church, 141 Burke Ave., (off University Drive), Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday morning worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday evening prayer service, 7 p.m.; classes for adults, youth and children; choir practice, Wednesday, 8 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Sam Knox.

The Third Avenue Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Manford Fannin.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, Rt. 1428, beside the old Slimway Building; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Pastor, Clinton (Buddy) Jones.

First Christian Church, 429 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg; Sunday

Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday: Midweek Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Hondel Adams.

Highland Avenue Freewill Baptist Church; Sunday School, 9:50 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, David Garrett.

First Baptist Church, (Irene Cole Memorial), 54 S. Front St., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; S.M.A.S.H. 6:45 (on Wednesday); Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Bible Study & Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Dr. S. Thomas Valentine, Pastor.

Praise Assembly, 1 mile North of Prestonsburg, Old U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; nursery provided. Pastor, J.M. Sloce.

Katy Friend Freewill Baptist Church, located two miles up Abbott; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wed. Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Van West.

First Presbyterian, North Lake Drive, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Pastor, Rev. George C. Love.

First United Methodist Church, 60 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:00; Morning Worship, 11:00; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00; Sun., WPRT AM, 11:00; Radio Broadcast WKKZ 105.5 FM; Pastor, Reverend David Fultz.

Victory Christian Ministries Church, 1428 E., Prestonsburg; Sunday Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday Night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Sherm Williams.

Parkway Baptist, Rt. 1428, Sugar Loaf, Prestonsburg; Sun. School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor Ed Taylor.

Church of Christ, South Lake Drive; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.; Evangelist, Benny Blankenship.

St. James Episcopal Church, school starts 9:45. Enquire classes to begin in January. For more information, contact the Rev. Johnnie E. Ross, 886-8046.

Faith Freewill Baptist Church, 1/4 mile above Worldwide Equipment on Rt. 1428. Buddy Jones, Pastor; Sunday School, 10:00; Worship, 11:00; Wednesday Prayer meeting, 7:00; Sunday Night Service at 6:00 p.m.

Prestonsburg Community College Baptist Student Union; meets every Wednesday, 11:30-12:30 in J102. Lunch, discussion, travel available to all students, faculty and staff. French B. Harmon, Director; Ella C. Goble, president. For more information, call: 874-9468 or 478-2978.

First Church of God, Prestonsburg; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 10:45; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Kids Bible Club, 7 p.m.; Pastor Allan Hutchinson.

Priesthood/Relief Society, 9:30 a.m. Sunday; Sunday School, 10:20; Sacrament, 11:30 a.m.; Wednesday evening, Mutual Activities, 7 p.m.; Seminary, 6 p.m.

Town Branch Community Baptist, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Evening, 6 p.m.

Cliff Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.

Benedict Baptist Church, Cow Creek; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Gordon Fitch.

PAINTSVILLE

Our Savior Lutheran Church, Sipp Bays Room Carriage House Motel, Paintsville; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; WKLW (600 a.m.) "Chapel Window", 12:05 p.m. every Sunday; Pastor Rev. Rolland Bentrup.

PRINTER

Salisbury United Methodist Church, Printer; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Bobby G. Lawson.

WATER GAP

Trimble Chapel Free Will Baptist, Intersection of U.S. 23 and Ky. 80, Water Gap, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00; Wednesday youth meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Joe Coleman.

WEEKSBURY

Free Pentecostal Church of God, Weeksbury; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday, 7:00 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, John "Jay" Patton.

Weeksbury Church of Christ; Sunday, 10 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Mike Hall.

WHEELWRIGHT

Wheelwright United Methodist Church, Wheelwright; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship, 11:00; Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 services; Pastor, Bobby Isaac.

Bypro Church of God; Sunday School Services, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Services, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Thursday Night Services, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Howard Goins.

Wheelwright Freewill Baptist, Wheelwright junction; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday evening worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Louis Ferrari.

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Wednesday Worship, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

Lighthouse Temple, Hall Hollow, Wheelwright, Kentucky; Sunday Services, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday Services, 7:00; Pastor, Roy Cosby.

WEST PRESTONSBURG

Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 184, West Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Interim Pastor, Jennings West.

Faith Deliverance Tabernacle, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10:30 a.m.; Thursday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Don Shepherd.

Family Worship Assembly, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Thursday night, Bible Study and Youth Power Hour; nursery provided; Pastor, Scott Lish.

The Church of God of Prophecy, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night, 6 p.m.; Wednesday night, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Amer B. Whitaker.

Free United Baptist Church, West Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship, 6:30 p.m.; Midweek Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

WAYLAND

Zion Deliverance Church, Wayland; Sunday School, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Ada Mosley.

Wayland United Methodist Church, Rt. 7, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.; Pastor, Robert Green.

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Academics

Clark Elementary perfect attendance

Mrs. Collins's Primary: Kimberly Kilgore, Eric Pitts, and Brandon Ratliff.
 Mrs. Stumbo's Primary: Nathan Ousley and Ali Wright.
 Mrs. Barrow's Primary: Joseph Collins, Summer Noakes, Jeffery Hallam, Hannah Manuel and Arron Wright.
 Mrs. Bragg's Primary: Elliott Baldrige, Chris Baker, Matthew Hackworth and Corey Pitts.
 Mrs. Bailey's Primary: Ronnie Adams, Jennifer Belcher, Santana Howard, Brittany Ousley, Buddy Bieger, Darcey Hicks and Jenna Stewart.
 Ms. Key's Primary: Danese Chaffin, Aaron Ward, and Brittany Howard.
 Mrs. Warrix's Primary: Jimmy Bieger, Erica Osborne, Tiffany Owens, Brandy Perry and Bryan Whitten.
 Mrs. Dingus's Primary: Glen Bays, Leah Isaac, Bryan Ousley, Kim Prater and Frank Price.
 Ms. Clark's Primary: Kendra Ousley, Brittany Hook and Michael Duff.



Graphs

Mrs. Rhonda Tackett's K-1 class at Betsy Layne Elementary has been learning about different types of graphs over the past several weeks. On Valentine's Day, the class made a vertical bar graph titled Valentine Candy Court. After making a prediction graph, the students worked in groups to classify, sort, and count colored candy hearts. They then recorded their data and reported the results to their teacher. After completing their work, the class had their Valentine's party.



Whittling

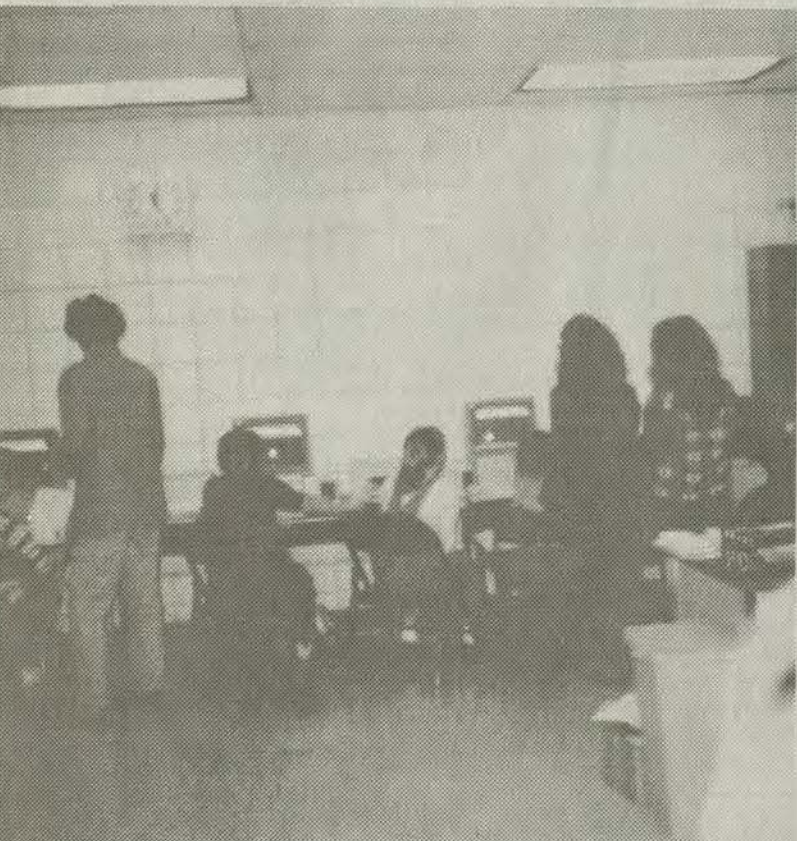
Betsy Layne School encourages community involvement. Bud Allen, grandfather of Steven Allen, recently shared with students in Carolyn Ferrell and Melita Meade's classes his technique/skill of "whittling."

Improving writing skills at Clark Elementary

Clark Elementary has developed an incentive program to improve handwriting skills. Each month teachers will select a writing paper from their room.
 From that point each room winner will compete with their grade level to find a school winner for that grade. Certificates and blue ribbons, along with \$10 will be given to each grade winner.
 The room winners will also receive a certificate and 2nd place ribbons.
 February Room Winners:
 • Kindergarten—Della Burchett, Justin Trout, Stephanie Hackworth and Vincent Hayes.
 • First Grade—Timra Jacobs, Tara Adkins and Kendra Ousley.
 • Second Grade—Tiffany Smith, Jennifer Belcher and Beth Allen.
 • Third Grade—Emily Baldrige, Katie Hale and Jordan Patrick.
 • Fourth Grade—Chad Allen.
 • Fifth Grade—Savannah Spears.
 School winners were Kindergarten, Kristen Bentley; first grade—Krista Henry; second grade, Amber Whitaker; third grade, Tommy Johnson; fourth grade, Justin Hackworth; and fifth grade, Josh Bentley.

Students are really cooking at Betsy Layne Elementary

Mrs. Hall's and Mrs. Tackett's K-1 classrooms are really cookin! Grandparent volunteer, Edith Mae Stanley, demonstrated for the students how bread is made. This unit of study is part of DWOK-Different Ways of Knowing.
 Betsy Layne Elementary was one of the Floyd County Schools chosen to participate in this state-wide program.



Writing exercises

Pictured above art Title I instructors Merlene Dingus and Gwen Hamilton as they work with students with writing exercises. Title I plays an important role in the education of students at McDowell Elementary School.

Mountain Christian Academy honor roll

Mountain Christian Academy recently announced its third quarter Honor Roll. To achieve Honor Roll status a student must have a 3.0 G.P.A. To obtain High Honor Roll, a student must have all A's with an average of 94 percent or above.
 Third Grade, High Honor Roll—Michael Combs, Sean Leslie, Ashley Madden.
 Honor Roll—Chandis Akers, Lewis Barnette, Whitney Collins, Chris Conley, Alison Maddox, Adam Milam, Matthew Potter, Christian Reid, Amber Stewart.
 Fourth Grade, High Honor Roll—Molly Burchett, Caitlin Clark and Jessica Jarrell.
 Honor Roll—Charlie Beatty, Christina Berger, Chance Bradley, Grant Campbell, Samantha Farthing, Megan Harris and Lauren Preston.
 Fifth Grade, High Honor Roll—Lora Gibson, Shawna Peters, and Derek Slone.
 Honor Roll—Andrew Greer, Clinton Halbert, and Tessa Shepherd.
 Sixth Grade, High Honor Roll—Andrew Burchett, Trent Bradley, Jessica Combs, Heather Leslie and Carlo Reputan.
 Honor Roll—Celina Rowe, Jonathan Shepherd and Whitney Slone.
 Seventh Grade, High Honor Roll—Bill Jones.
 Honor Roll—Megan Barber, Jason Evans, James Hall, Katie Hall, Amber Hutchison, Amanda McDonald, and Brian Yates.
 Eighth Grade, High Honor Roll—Matthew Goeing.
 Honor Roll—Jennifer Cole, Joseph Fitzgerald, Chelsea Hogg and Ashley Leslie.



Washington, here we come

The eighth grade class at Betsy Layne Elementary will be going to Washington, D.C., May 18. This is the second year Betsy Layne students have participated in the "Close Up Capitol Experience." Students have worked all year for this educational program. The four-day tour will include a visit to Arlington Cemetery, Walking workshop on Capitol Hill, National Archives, The Pentagon, Smithsonian, all Monuments and Memorials, Lafayette Park and a view of the White House, and dinner at The Hard Rock Cafe. Nadine Blankenship (sponsor) and several faculty members will also travel to the nation's capital. Students are pictured in Washington during a previous trip.

J.A. Duff Elementary announces honor roll

Charlotte Case, 6th grade: Sarah Clark, Brittany Combs, Amanda Crisp, Amanda Devers, Heather Deaton, Jenna Patton, Misty Samons, Nolan Slone, Tiffany Turner and Rodney Watkins.
 Wava Turner, 6th grade—Megan Handshoe, Kristi Howard, Dustin Stumbo and Brett Whitaker.
 Billie O'Quinn, 7th grade—Josh Bentley, Becky Bolen, Megan Conley, Robert Fitzpatrick, Kayla Gearheart, Amber Hall, Johnna Ison, Leslie Martin, Sarah Noble, Kyle O'Quinn, Tiffany Prater, Ashley Slone, Amanda Vance, Heather Watkins and Chad Webb.
 Mary Murphy, 7th grade—Tyler Green, Lauren Robinson, James Hall, Daniel Ratliff, Elizabeth Thornsberry, Stephen Waddles, Eric Wallen and Miranda Holthouse.
 Sheilah Ratliff's 8th grade—Tommy Wallace, Aaron Thorpe, Jessica Debord, Kevin O'Quinn Tomma Martin, Carey Fitzpatrick, Eric Conley, Angie Collett, Scott Bradley, and Michelle Bentley.
 Watson/Frazier 8th grade—Kenneth Childers, Misty Scott and Kari Brown.
 Greg Nichols, 8th grade—John Slone, Kyra Osborne, Tabitha Bays, Tabitha Hughes, Stephanie Baker, Kris Fultz, Stephen Prater, Jerry Bailey, Justin Scott, Krystal Deaton, Laura Chaney, Kari Osborne, Jamie Vance, Travis Francis, Ashley Sexton, Tracey Cooley and Debbie Meade.

Students participate in DARE program

The fifth grade classes at Betsy Layne are presently participating in DARE, a program to help prevent drug abuse. Deputy Rick Thornsberry from the Sheriff's Department conducts this program.
 Fifth grade students at Betsy Layne are also involved in Forensics. The Betsy Layne Forensics team had 18 members to qualify for the state tournament at Bowling Green. These are Sean Lawson, Zeola Case, Kyle Rice, Tasha Rice, Jill Adkins, Traci Johnson, Tiffany Johnson, Adam Roberts, Trista Tackett, Amanda Lewis, Brandi Akers, Alexis McCutcheon, Natalie Stanley, Tricia Newsom, Krystal Kirk, Brandi Fields, Amber Hall, and Jessica Blackburn.

Family Resource Centers

May Valley Family Resource Center activities
 • GED classes every Monday from 8:30-2:30. Classes are free. Instructor is Joyce Hall.
 • A registered nurse from the health department will be at the center on Wednesdays. Now making appointments for head start and kindergarten physicals for students that will enter school in the fall of 1997. Other services include: sixth grade physicals, well-child physicals, WIC exams and vouchers, TB skin tests, baby shots, etc. Call the center for an appointment at 285-0321.
 • WIC program. Anyone who is in the May Valley community and currently going to the health department at Prestonsburg for WIC services can schedule their appointments at the resource center. Call 285-0321 for an appointment.
 For more information about programs and services offered by the center, call 285-0321.
Mud Creek Community Family Resource and Youth Service Center
 • A registered nurse from the health department is at the center on Tuesdays. Services include WIC exams, vouchers, TB skin tests, baby shots, physicals and well-child exams. Call for an appointment. Now accepting WIC. Anyone interested in receiving WIC services can call the center. Call the center at 587-2233 for an appointment.
 • PACE classes (Parent and Child Education) held Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 • Clothing bank open to students and public upon request.
 • GED classes Friday from 8 a.m. to noon.
 • Parent and child education (PACE) classes Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30-1:00 p.m.
 • Aerobics class: Wednesdays 6-7 p.m. and Fridays 4-5 p.m. Classes are free.
 For more information, contact the center at 587-2233.
South Floyd Youth Services Center
 • Adult Learning Center (ALC) is open Monday, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. ALC is sponsored by the David School. This services is free and open to the public.
 • The Clothing Bank is open by appointment on Tuesdays and Fridays.
 • Student activity hour is held during lunch periods and from 3-4 p.m.
 South Floyd Youth Service Center is open 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Fridays. The center is located in Suite 232 at South Floyd High School. For more information, contact Keith Smallwood or Mable C. Hall, 452-9600, Ext. 145 or 158. Fax 452-9303.
McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center
 • GED classes every Thursday from 8:30-2:30 at the center. Classes are free.
 • A nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is at the center each Monday to administer school physicals (sixth grade, kindergarten, and head start), well-child exams, immunizations and T.B.

skin tests, breast exams, pap smears, and pre-natal and post-partum appointments. Also established W.I.C. patients. Call the center for an appointment.
 • Aerobics class every Monday and Wednesday, from 6-7 p.m., \$1 per person, per class fee.
 • Job skills training by Nyoka from U.K. Extension Office. Topic will be ways to succeed in seeking a job, April 17, from 9:30-10:30 a.m.
 • Computer classes. Six openings left. Call now. Classes begin April 21-May 14. Every Monday and Wednesday, from 6-8 p.m. Fee due the first night of class.
 • Fluoride distributed each Wednesday to students with signed permission forms.
 To learn more about the McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center and what it has to offer, stop by or call 377-2678.
Duff Family Resource Center
 • Line dancing classes for beginners only on Thursday, from 7-8 p.m. Couple dance classes on Thursday night, from 8-9 p.m.
 • GED classes on Tuesday nights, from 6-9 p.m. at the school. Instructor is Bill Tussey Jr.
 • Fluoride rinse program for 1st-6th grade students once a week.
 • A nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is at the center each Tuesday to administer school physicals (sixth grade, kindergarten and headstart). Well-child exams, immunizations, and TB skin test are available.
 • A nurse is also available half a day on Fridays, from noon to 4 p.m. to do WIC exams, issuance of WIC vouchers and update immunizations.
 For more information about these services or activities, call the center at 358-9878.
Clark Elementary Family Resource Center
 • Nursing services — a nurse from the Floyd County Health Department is in the center on Fridays. Services available include physicals for the fifth grade students entering sixth grade in the next school year, pre-school, head-start and kindergarten physicals, physicals for any student, age birth through 21 years old; blood pressure screening, TB skin tests, baby shots. Call the center at 886-0815 for an appointment. These services are available to anyone in the community.
 • WIC patients — the center is accepting new WIC patients. Also, anyone in the community who is now going to the health department for these services can schedule their appointments at the family resource center. Call 886-0815 to make an appointment.
 • After school child care — Monday through Friday, school days from 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. There are openings for enrollment in after-school child care. Call the center for more information, 886-0815.
Allen Central Youth Service Center
 • On May 1, the center will be hosting a health fair in the schools gym. Everyone invited to attend.
 • Career Day, June 4, from 9 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
 • Advisory council meeting, April 24, at 6 p.m.

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.

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.

Special day 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.

John W. Hall Lodge No. 950 plans educational meeting

Donald McGarey, a member of 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.

Job skills training

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

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 or 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 Farish and Polly Vanderpool Bradley, former residents of Dock. Bring a covered dish and non-alcoholic drinks. The reunion begins at 11 a.m.

ACHS council to meet

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

Special meetings

Beginning Sunday, April 13, at 6 p.m. and extending through Wednesday, April 16, the First Church of God will have a series of special meetings. Monday-Wednesday services begin at 7 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Rev. Keith Willoughby from Kimper. The Sammons Family will provide special singing during the Sunday service.

For more information, call Pastor Allan Hutchinson, at 886-3165.

Welfare reform community planning meeting

A welfare reform community planning meeting will be held Tuesday, April 15, at 5 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center.

All county and city officials, elected and unelected, both big and small business owners, health care, education, child care and transportation providers, professionals, ministers and the general public who are interested in the future economic impact in Floyd County are strongly urged to attend.

Contact the Floyd County Judge-Executive Ben Hale's office if you have any questions.

Martin council to meet

The Martin Middle School SBDM council meeting will be held Monday, April 14, at 5 p.m. in the school library.

Retired teacher to meet

The Floyd County Retired Teachers Association will meet in special session; April 23, at the Floyd County Extension office in Prestonsburg. Registration will begin at 10:00 a.m. On the agenda will be preparations for a memorial service for all FCRTA members who have died since June of 1996. All retired teachers in Floyd County are urged to attend this important session. Roberta Fugate, President of FCRTA will preside.

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.

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.

March madness

March is always big in Kentucky. But, this year, the basketball court isn't the only place that people in Kentucky are winning.

All over the state, people are winning big with the Kentucky Lottery. There were 12 Kentucky Lottery players to win \$100,000 playing Cash 5 and Powerball in March.

A Floyd County man was among the 12 players who won big. Chris Helmondollar of Prestonsburg won \$100,000 on March 23. Helmondollar bought his winning ticket at The Market Place in Prestonsburg.



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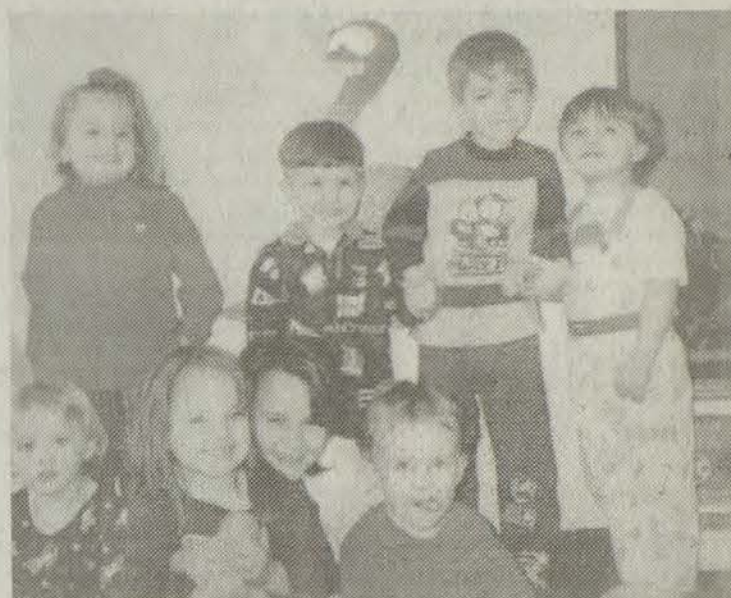
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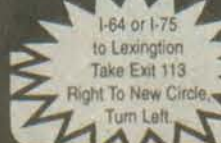
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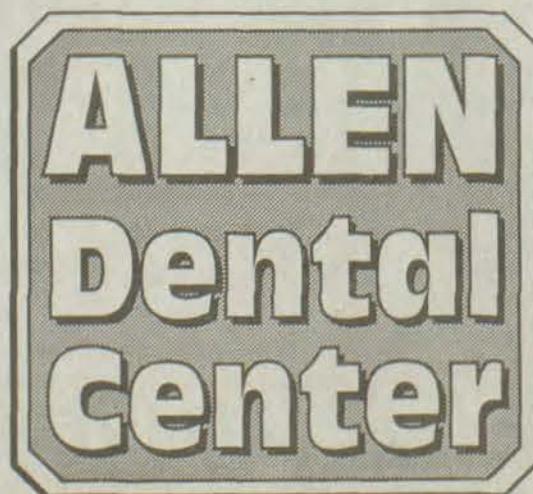
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Mountain Arts Center, Rt. 23 Showcase explodes with variety

The April U.S. 23 Talent Showcase featured good country singing, clogging and square dancing, rock, and comedy, Tuesday, April 1. Nine acts from various sections of Kentucky took the stage, backed by the MAC "orchestra," actually members of the Kentucky Opry.

Each performer in the Showcase did two songs, separated by an intermission.

First up was 12-year-old Angie Tackett. Angela is a three-time winner at the Pike County 4-H variety show. She is a seventh grader at the Virgie Middle School, plays trumpet in the school band and is a member of the chorus.

Her first song was "Slow Me Down," and she showed good power vocals and versatility. During the second half of the show,

she treated the audience to "It Matters To Me," and drew intense applause.

J. D. Rogers of Stanton captured a fine similarity to Marty Robbins as he sang "Don't Worry" and "White Sport Coat," two of Robbins' classics. The audience seemed to enjoy his smooth vocals.

Adding a bit of rock and roll to the show was Amy Proffitt of Jenkins. She is the lead vocalist in her own rock band and has recently recorded a CD of original material.

Her first rendition was a sultry, soulful "Open Arms," followed by "Hit Me With Your Best Shot." This second driving rock tune from the early 80s and artist Pat Benatar proved to be a real crowd pleaser.

The Hillbilly Square Dancers performed special square dances and individual dancing as the

crowd screamed its approval. They are composed of 12 individuals, six couples who include: Kelter and Willa Stitner, Tommy and Octavia Dales, Danny and Marcia Evans, James Skye, Paula Rowe, Richard Baldwin, Jan Prater, Dana Rowe, and Jonathan Koboskia.

Truck driver, Bill Arnold, from Walton, was next, and his powerful vocals on "Goodbye Time" were interrupted by applause early in the song. He followed up with "Where There's Smoke," to major crowd approval.

Primary school teacher Joni Hardin of Martin County sang two original numbers from her recently recorded CD. She is actively working with Garth Productions of Nashville and is interested in music and dance.

Her first tune, "A Very Steep

Hill," was a lively number where she worked and interacted well with the audience.

Her second song, a love ballad with feeling was called "As Long As There's You."

Shandra Jo Pack, a 16-year-old sophomore at South Floyd High School, was next. She started singing at age three, and is on the school chorus. She did the Eagles' tune "Take It To The Limit" to the crowd's delight. Later she performed the current country hit "Everybody Knows" to loud cheers and heavy applause.

Kata Rhe Gillispie from Georgetown showed her musical prowess on the fiddle in her first number, "Orange Blossom Special."

Miss Gillispie is 16 years old and has performed at Renfro Valley, Myrtle Beach and elsewhere.

For her second appearance, she sang "What'd I Say," while displaying excellent piano playing ability.

Five young men comprised the West Wind Band, and they were crowd favorites from the first note.

The young men, three of whom are 16 and the other two, 19, first sang "Buest Eyes in Texas," featuring excellent musical quality and harmony vocals.

Secondly, they performed the recent rock hit "I Just Cannot Change."

The group began in 1994 and consists of Andy Mikey Bentley and Ivan Turner, both 19, along with Donald Blackburn, Charlie Hall, and Dusty Stephens.

April 14 is deadline for flood-related unemployment insurance in 39 counties

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Kentuckians who have lost work or whose businesses were damaged due to flooding in federally-declared disaster areas may be eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.

Farmers and self-employed people, who are normally not eligible for unemployment insurance benefits, may qualify for disaster unemployment assistance, according to the Department for Employment Services in the Workforce Development Cabinet.

April 14 is the deadline for applying for some benefits for people in Anderson, Bath, Boone, Boyd, Butler, Caldwell, Carter, Crittenden, Elliott, Fayette, Fleming, Floyd, Grant, Greenup, Hancock, Henderson, Hopkins, Jessamine, Larue, Lawrence,

Livingston, Mason, McCracken, Menifee, Mercer, Montgomery, Morgan, Nicholas, Ohio, Pike, Robertson, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Spencer, Union, Washington, Webster and Woodford counties.

Any Kentuckian who has lost work due to flood-related problems is encouraged to file an unemployment insurance claim to find out about eligibility for benefits.

Claims for unemployment insurance benefits may be filed at Department for Employment Services offices in Ashland,

Bardstown, Bowling Green, Campbellsville, Covington, Danville, Elizabethtown, Frankfort, Glasgow, Harlan, Hazard, Henderson, Hopkinsville, Jackson, Lexington, Louisville (West Cedar and Fern Valley Road locations), Madisonville, Mayfield, Maysville, Middlesboro, Morehead, Murray, Owensboro, Paducah, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, Somerset, Winchester and Whitesburg.

More information is available by calling 1-800-JOB-NEWS (1-800-562-6397).

Chair making workshop to be held by Terry Ratliff

Floyd County resident Terry Ratliff will conduct a chair making workshop during the Hindman Settlement School's Spring Workshop session.

The workshops are held for people who are interested in learning to make traditional Appalachian crafts.

Ratliff, whose hand-made furniture has captured national attention, will conduct a chair "Barkin & Bottomin" workshop, May 5, 6, and 7, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (or until projects are finished) at the wood-working shop located in the lower level of the Knott County Library. Workshop participants must gather their own bark to make a chair seat. They must also bring a chair to work on, Ratliff said.

Other workshops include pottery classes by Michael Ware on Thursday evenings, beginning May 1; crazy quilt piecing by Candace Slone on Tuesdays, beginning April 15; and market basket class on Thursday, April 17 by Jackie Fletcher and Debbie Baker.

For more information on workshop costs or to register, call (606) 785-5475 or 785-4858.

Tuition assistance grants available for residents of Floyd County

College tuition grants of up to \$4,000 per year are available for Floyd County students at Clinch Valley College of the University of Virginia.

Floyd County residents who enter Clinch Valley as juniors and seniors qualify for Kentucky Tuition Assistance Grants of \$4,000 per year. For freshmen and sophomores, the grant is \$3,000. These grants lower CVC's tuition to rates nearing in-state charges.

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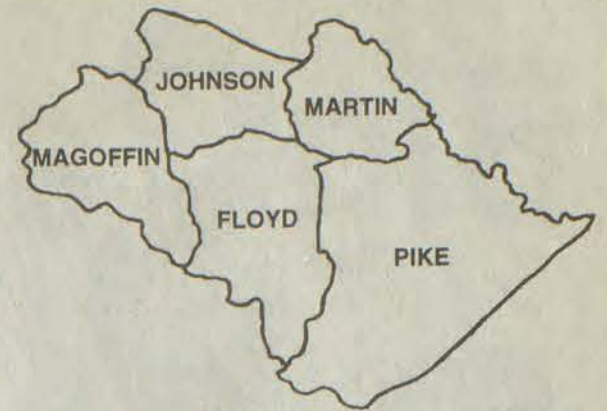
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Judge ordered violations to be filed away, witnesses say

by Ralph B. Davis
Paintsville Herald

County Judge-Executive Hobert Meade allegedly ordered that lists of people in violation of the county's mandatory garbage pick-up ordinance be filed away and no action be taken on them, say two witnesses in Apple Valley Sanitation's upcoming \$3 million lawsuit against the fiscal court.

Apple Valley filed suit a year ago, charging the fiscal court with failing to enforce its mandatory trash collection ordinance, ultimately resulting in \$3 million in lost revenue for the trash hauler.

In sworn depositions, Apple Valley president David Lusk and Johnson County's solid waste coordinator, Willard Burton, say at least four lists of people who had stopped paying for trash collection were filed away on Meade's orders and that the county never tried to pursue the violators.

"I produce computer lists of customers, because they're so big I

don't want to mail them, and I'll call him and tell him they're ready and there's times he never picks them up..." Lusk said, in his deposition, taken February 22. "And every month I generate a delinquency list of those that we've dropped service because of delinquency, and he doesn't pick them up on a regular basis. I've mailed them; I've dropped them off to him. It just doesn't happen very often that...He just doesn't want to do it, or he's been instructed not to do do it."

When defense attorney Michael J. Schmitt asked if Burton had ever told Lusk that he'd been ordered not to follow up on the lists of delinquent accounts, Lusk said yes. He said that Burton had told him that Meade had ordered him not to pursue the list.

"[Burton] told me that his instructions were to file them away," Lusk said. "They don't go any farther than his office."

Later, Lusk said that the county's negligence of its solid waste

ordinance goes even further.

"Actually, [Burton] doesn't even send out letters to [people not signed up for garbage service]," Lusk says in the deposition. "He was told not to mail out any letters to the people informing them of the law and their required participation in it. And to my knowledge, he's never sent one letter, unless it's been about an individual... There may be one or two, but they were pushed because of illegal dumping. But on a routine basis, no, he's never sent out a letter. They're all filed away."

In his deposition, taken March 20, Burton said that after receiving the first list of names of customers dropped by Apple Valley, he notified Meade within a couple of days.

"I don't remember if it was that day, it may have been within the next couple of days, I contacted Hobert and told him that I had a list of people... that had dropped service with David... to sign back up, and he told me basically, just to hold on to the list. He would notify

me when to send them out," Burton said.

With each subsequent list, Burton said he filed the remaining lists with the first one, without asking Meade about it.

Meade never contacted him again about the names, Burton said.

In his deposition, however, Meade has a different memory of his conversation with Burton about the list.

When asked what instructions he gave Burton after receiving the list, the judge replied, "That we would participate in any way we possibly could to generate more participation, any way we possibly could."

But Lusk said the county has done anything but. He said he even offered one time to stuff envelopes and mail them at his own expense if the county would just give him a form letter to notify people of the county's trash collection ordinance.

Burton says he remembers the offer to pay the postage and that it was discussed at one time with the solid waste commission, but that nothing ever came of it.

Lusk complained that the county's failure to act on delinquent trash service customers causes a breakdown in the system designed to encourage participation in the mandatory garbage pick-up law. He said as it stands now, no one is going after people who do not dispose of their trash properly.

"[T]he court is going to have to come up with somebody to fight them—a deputy, or Mr. Burton, if he would be sworn in as a deputy," Lusk said. "Somebody has to put out a citation...[County Attorney] Scott Preston said he would prosecute, but there's a gap in between the two implementations. Somebody has to cite them."

The filed-away lists and resulting lack of enforcement are only one example of how Lusk has said the county has thwarted his attempts to increase participation in trash service.

The county's solid waste management plan requires the county to cross-reference Apple Valley's customer list with the list of 911 addresses to determine exactly who is and who is not taking part in mandatory trash pick-up. But Lusk claimed that has never been done.

For his part, Burton said he has tried but has not been successful in cross-referencing the 911 list with a

list of Apple Valley's customers because of differences between the two lists.

In the deposition, Lusk says he has received mixed impressions from other members of the court and that he is unsure if they support mandatory garbage pick-up or not.

For example, he says Commissioner Doug Branham did not sign up for garbage service until after he had been in office for a year and a half.

Lusk said that Sheriff Don McFaddin does not subscribe to the service and, although Lusk says he has asked McFaddin to help him by citing people without service, he says the sheriff led him to believe that catching trash violators was a "non-priority" for his office.

Lusk said part of his complaint also stems from background dealings which have caused him concern.

"There's a lot of just negative image things where the court members—the judge in particular, Branham—cast negative light on mandatory garbage collection. They didn't like it. They perceived it as somebody else's ordinance; Frankfort rammed it down their throat. At one time—this was during the campaign and we were at the judge's store. He owns Meade's Market at Flat Gap...And his father and brother came out and said... looked at our garbage truck, looked it over, and spoke to the driver and asked a lot of questions about it and proceeded to tell the driver that as soon as they got in office, they would own the company. They were going to put us out of business. They were going to take it over. Branham told Willard Burton that he wanted to build a transfer station at the county garage so that people would use a county-run system versus a private-run business."

Lusk said he has also had a problem with Meade and former County Judge-Executive Gail Gillem telling the public that they could get discount rates for garbage service, although Apple Valley never had such a rate.

"In the course of daily operation, we have an office where people pay their garbage bills and, 4,200 customers, maybe a third of them physically show up each month to pay their bill. And we had several people that would show up and say, 'Well, I talked to the judge. The

judge says that you ought to give me a discount because I'm x years old and..." whatever. And it put us in an awkward situation," Lusk said. "When they would come directly from the court, thinking that the court has the authority... in their mind, they thought the judge had the authority to do this, and they would demand that we give them a discount. And a lot of times we placated them."

Lusk said that he has only had one conversation with Meade since the judge has been in office, and that one involved money.

"The main conversation that I recall, Mr. Meade approached me and asked for a meeting in private, not in his office, and he wanted our company to start paying the county a franchise fee."

Lusk said Meade asked him to pay a 50-cent-per-household fee each month. In return, Lusk said Meade indicated the county might help increase business.

"It was vaguely implied that they would enforce or increase the participation if we paid them," Lusk said.

However, Lusk said he told Meade that his company's agreement with the county mentioned no franchise fee and he would not begin paying one.

He said he also passed Meade's request on to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

But in his deposition, Meade says he has never asked that Apple Valley pay a franchise fee to the county. He said he merely asked for a donation back to the county if the court could find a way to bring participation up.

"I said, 'If we were able to get up to 80 percent, could you afford to give the county a 25-cent or whatever, toward—back to the county as a donation, toward hiring—or clean up landfills and we could advertise that and try to get more participation, and that if we got to 90 percent...' and he thought it was reasonable to do that. Could he give 50 cents back to the county to hire someone, and to go around and promote the solid waste program, clean up landfills, and use that as an advertisement to actually, benefit his company, and help out as far as the expense we would have toward cleanups, and what we spend toward solid waste," Meade said.



MSU recognizes service

Marking its 75th anniversary as a state institution of higher education, Morehead State University celebrated Founders Day, April 4, by recognizing individuals who have played a key role in its history. At the Convocation and Awards Ceremony, the Founders Day Awards for University Service were presented to Robert S. Bishop of Morehead and posthumously to Martin Huffman by MSU Board of Regents member John Rosenberg of Prestonsburg. Posing after the presentations were, from left, MSU President Ronald G. Eaglin; Guy M. Huffman, Sarah Huffman, Madonna Huffman Weathers, Huffman's son, daughter and wife; Robert S. Bishop and Rosenberg. The day launched a yearlong celebration of the anniversary. (MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)

SuperAmerica to sponsor MS walk at Paintsville, Pikeville

The West Virginia Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society urges everyone to register now for the 1997 SuperAmerica MS Walk. The Walk will be held in 14 different sites serving West Virginia, seven counties in Kentucky, and two counties in Ohio, the weekends of April 12-13 and April 19-20.

Pikeville area participants will walk Saturday, April 12, starting at the Blue Goose Gym. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the walk itself at 9:00 a.m.

West Virginia's Walk sites include Charleston, Huntington, Parkersburg, Beckley, Bluefield, Lewisburg, Ripley, Clarksburg, Martinsburg, and Wheeling. Kentucky's Walk sites include

Ashland, Inez, Pikeville, and Paintsville. Residents in the Ohio counties are invited to register for the Wheeling, West Virginia Walk site due to its close proximity.

The West Virginia Chapter provides services throughout West Virginia; Greenup, Boyd, Lawrence, Martin, Pike, Johnson, and Floyd counties in Kentucky; and Belmont and Jefferson counties in Ohio.

Some Walk sites will feature 5 kilometer courses equaling about 3 miles. Other Walk sites will feature 10 kilometer courses equaling a little over 6 miles. Throughout each route, the Society provides support services such as rest stops, refreshments, first aid, and entertainment, all donated by local groups.

Walkers will raise funds which support the National MS Society's cutting-edge research and local programs for over 2,400 persons throughout the chapter's coverage area. Awards will be given to Walkers raising \$65 or more.

MS is a chronic, often disabling disease that attacks a person's central nervous system. The progress, severity, and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be foreseen. The symptoms run the gamut from

slight blurring of vision to complete paralysis. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40, but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can occur for the rest of their lives. Participating in the Walk provides the public an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of a third of a million Americans who daily battle the disabling effects of MS.

Every spring, people at over

600 sites across the country participate in the MS Walk. Since its inception in 1989, the MS Walk has become the country's fastest growing Walk and non-profit event.

In 1991, the West Virginia Chapter of the National MS Society began with one Walk site in Charleston, West Virginia. Today, the SuperAmerica MS Walk has grown to include 14 sites that serve people throughout the chap-

ter's coverage area.

For more information about registering, volunteering as an individual or team, awards, and fundraising goal-setting, please call Robin White or Bryan Morgan, at (304) 768-9775 or 1-800-628-5645.

The National MS Society is dedicated to ending the devastating effects of MS. The National MS Society—one thing people with MS can count on.

Mother is charged with selling daughter for sex

by Mark Grayson
Martin County Sun

A Martin County woman has been charged with selling her 14-year-old daughter for sex. According to Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young, Bessie Smith McCoy, 36, who lives at Dempsey Housing Complex at Hode, was first suspected of "selling her daughter" more than three weeks ago but Commonwealth's Attorney Anna Melvin needed time to prepare the case. Tuesday, Melvin prepared an arrest warrant which was signed by Circuit Judge Stephen "Nick" Frazier.

Ms. McCoy was arrested by Chief Sheriff's Deputy F.D.

Fitzpatrick Tuesday at about 4 p.m. at her residence and charged with 1st Degree Promoting Prostitution, a Class B felony which carries a maximum penalty of 10-20 years.

According to the warrant, McCoy allowed Joey K. Stevens, 20, of Dingess, West Virginia to have sex with the minor in exchange for money and the use of Dingess' vehicle. Stevens was expected to turn himself into the sheriff's deputies.

He will be charged with Unlawful Transaction with a Minor, a Class D felony which carries a maximum penalty of 1-5 years. Ms. McCoy is being held at the Big Sandy Detention Center in lieu of a \$10,000 cash bond.

Hospital to ask appeals court for new hearing

by Terry L. May
Appalachian News-Express

Pikeville Methodist Hospital, which last week was dealt a blow in its seven-year effort to keep its employees from unionizing, will petition a U.S. appeals court for a rehearing, a hospital attorney said Tuesday.

Attorney Ray Haley said the grounds for rehearing are "very narrow," and he doesn't know if the court will grant the new hearing.

If a new hearing is not set, Haley, a Pikeville native, said he is ready to take the case to the Supreme Court.

"This is an issue of public interest," Haley said. "It is well beyond Pikeville Methodist Hospital."

Last week, a three-judge panel of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Pikeville Methodist can't hide behind the city of Pikeville to escape the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board.

The decision upheld an earlier ruling by an NLRB administrative judge, who had ruled there was no

evidence to support claims that the city exercised any of its control over the hospital until union activities began. Seven years ago, the hospital's board of directors contended unionization was not allowable because of the city's ownership of the facility.

The administrative judge called the move by the hospital and supported by the city commissioners a "sham transaction."

Jury recommends 20 years for 'bad disease'

From the Appalachian News-Express

A Dorton man described as like a "bad disease" faces a 20-year prison sentence after being convicted of coercing minor children to engage in various sexual acts with a woman.

A Pike County Circuit Court jury recommended the 20-year sentence last Thursday for Edward Akers, 44, who was found guilty of two counts of unlawful transaction with a minor.

Akers fled the courtroom as soon as the verdict was read, and did not hear the sentence recom-

mended by the jury.

Haley, however, said there are matters the earlier hearing did not address. Haley said the legal terminology for the petition being filed is "en banc," and means the hospital is asking for a hearing in the presence of all justices within the Sixth Circuit.

He said this was one of two circuit court decisions concerning the NLRB new management training rationale.

"I cannot remember any cases in Pike County in which someone got 20 years for a crime that did not involve a fatality or serious physical injury, nor a case in which someone deserved 20 years more than Edward Akers," said Ron Burchett, an assistant commonwealth's attorney.

"He has been like a bad disease in this county for years, and we are thankful a jury had the good sense to cut it out. I have every confidence he will be apprehended very soon. We have good leads on his whereabouts."

Akers was charged with the

Pikeville Methodist Hospital is the largest private-sector employer in the county, employing more than 1,100 people.

In a written statement from the hospital, officials said, "The ruling of the court in no way overshadows the hospital's continued commitment...to provide this region with the best possible health care in a setting free from the potential disruptions of unionization."

crimes in July 1995, by Kentucky State Police Detective Kenneth Slone.

Akers allegedly picked up a female, Paula Morley, at Marlow's Country Palace and brought her home, where he coerced minor children to engage in various sexual acts with Morley.

During the trial, Morley and the juveniles denied the acts. However, Debbie Harris, with the Pike County Department of Social Services, testified about what the boys and Morley told her soon after the charges were brought.

The case was prosecuted by Burchett and Elizabeth Graham.

Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results
April 9, 1997
LOTTO KENTUCKY
 13-17-19-33-35-41
 Next Estimated Jackpot
 \$10.1 million
POWERBALL
 17-36-42-43-45-16
 Next Estimated Jackpot
 \$8 million



Johnson County

Williams named acting director of HomePlace

Mountain HomePlace has a new director—at least temporarily.
 The Paintsville Lake Historical Association has named Paintsville Tourism Director Jim Williams as acting director.
 At Tuesday night's meeting of the Paintsville Tourism Commission, Mayor Robin Cooper said he was at first reluctant to let Williams devote any time away from the tourism commission.
 But Cooper said the appointment is necessary to get the history farm on the road to self-sufficiency.
 Cooper said the move would not be permanent.
 On a related note, the council also approved a request from the Tourism Commission to allow the commission to give HomePlace an additional \$10,000 to help get the attraction open.
 Cooper said the money would not be spent all at once, but over the entire season.

In other news, the council:

- Met in closed session to discuss what Cooper termed a potential "major employer" looking at two sites in Paintsville. The council approved for up to \$10,000 to be spent for testing of the two sites.—*Paintsville Herald*

Pennington faces new legal trouble

A man who has pleaded guilty to a single federal charge he took part in a scheme to defraud the fiscal court of money paid for two dump trucks is now facing another legal challenge, this time in Johnson County District Court.
 Johnny Pennington, 37, of Flat Gap, has been charged with terroristic threatening, a misdemeanor, by Eddie Abshire, 47, of Pikeville.
 According to his complaint, Abshire alleges Pennington threatened to "blow [Abshire's] brains out," March 12.
 The March 12 confrontation between the two men also produced charges against Abshire last week.
 In charges filed in district court, April 7, Pennington was listed as a complaining witness against Abshire, who stands accused of fourth-degree assault and felony wanton endangerment charges.
 According to Pennington's complaint, Abshire allegedly pointed a gun at Pennington's chest and threatened to kill him. Abshire, also allegedly punched Pennington in the mouth.—*Paintsville Herald*



Magoffin County

Garbage disposal case argued

Arguments have been presented by attorneys for both the plaintiff and defendants before the Federal District Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati in a case which challenges the state law that gave Magoffin County and other entities of local government the right to control garbage disposal within their boundaries.
 Gordon Long and William Grover Arnett presented their 15-minute argument on behalf of defendants, Magoffin County and the State of Kentucky.
 Attorneys for Eastern Kentucky Resources, a Florida-based developer that proposed to construct a controversial landfill in Magoffin County that would accept out-of-state trash, had an equal amount of time to present their case.
 EKR claims that allowing local governments to essentially ban outside waste violates the U.S. Constitution's interstate commerce protections.
 The state law provides for local governments to have

the right to form a plan to handle or exclude landfills, both in and out of state. The decision is referred to the state government for approval or veto. It has been common practice for the state government to routinely side with the local government.
 "The Sixth Court of Appeals did not seem impressed with the argument," Long said. "The entire proceeding lasted about one half hour."
 A decision on the matter is expected to be rendered within 30-60 days. The losing side has the right to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. Less than one percent of all cases referred to the Supreme Court are ever heard by the Justices.—*Salyersville Independent*

Water for head of River on way?

Approximately 100 citizens attended an organizational meeting that could have signaled the expansion of county water lines "up the river."
 The proposed project will expand the current service area of the Magoffin County Water District to the Magoffin-Floyd County line. Lines currently end at Salt Lick Road South, approximately 12 miles south of Salyersville on Route 7.
 One hundred applications are required before funding for the project can be secured. Forty-seven residents who attended the meeting applied for the service.
 Others who submit an application before May 15 will get the benefit of a reduced fee for meter installation.—*Salyersville Independent*



Martin County

Martin County faces huge \$250,000 deficit

Martin County will be short an estimated \$300,000 in revenue next year because of a decrease in coal severance tax money, according to the county treasurer, Craig Justice, and the county judge-executive, Kelly Callahan.
 But the county is also expected to be \$250,000 in the red by July 1 — money which must be paid off with general funds. The budget shortfall will have serious repercussions on each of the county officeholders, who rely on fiscal court to pay fringe benefits for their employees, office supplies and other items — *The Martin County Sun*

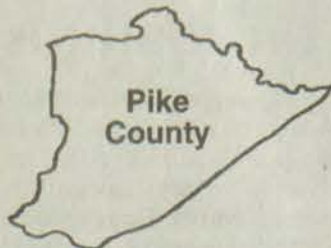
Center for bingo games will be notified within the next two weeks that their license to conduct the game will be revoked.
 About 124 bingo operations face closure for failing to contribute 40 percent of bingo proceeds (after payouts) to charity. During the past two quarters, AMVETS Post No. 99 only kept about 38 percent of bingo proceeds for charity. The Martin County Senior Citizens Center kept about 35 percent. Martin County Oddfellows Lodge kept nearly 70 percent of its proceeds for charity. — *The Martin County Sun*

Younger Spaulding brother makes bail; older brother in jail

One of two brothers charged last week in armed robbery on a Warfield cemetery has been released on bond.
 Roy Spaulding, 25, was charged with receiving stolen property in connection with the Easter Sunday robbery of 47-year-old Joyce Litton of Kermit. Litton was visiting graves in the cemetery about 2:30 p.m.
 Bill Don Spaulding, 29, allegedly placed debris in the road to prevent Litton from leaving the cemetery. He reportedly threatened to beat her with a lead pipe and took her purse, containing \$1,500.
 While Roy Spaulding's bond was reduced, his brother's bond was not, and he is still lodged in the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center. — *The Martin County Sun*

Warfield bingo to be shut down

State Justice Cabinet officials said last week that both organizations which use the Warfield Community



Pike County

Lookout man killed in head-on collision

A head-on collision involving a pickup truck and a tractor-trailer left a Lookout man dead last Thursday afternoon.
 Stanley H. Stanley, 37, was killed after his pickup veered left of the center line and crashed head-on into a tractor-trailer driven by Arthur Tackett.
 Tackett, who was wearing a seat belt appeared to be uninjured at the scene, authorities said.
 Due to the severity of the crash, authorities were

unable to determine if Stanley was wearing a seat belt. Stanley's truck, which was damaged extensively in the crash, caught fire and burned. — *Appalachian News-Express*

Trespasser shot

A Pike County man was shot and killed in West Virginia last Thursday night after he trespassed on another man's property and an argument ensued, authorities said.
 Conard J. Fields, 25, of Ransom, was killed at the home of Keith Hinkle, 34, of Taylorville, West Virginia, as a result of a shotgun blast.
 West Virginia State Police officials said Hinkle went outside his house with a shotgun when he saw Fields — who was reportedly intoxicated — trespassing in his driveway.
 The two men began arguing and at some point during or after the argument, the shotgun discharged and killed Fields, authorities said. The case is under investigation. — *Appalachian News Express*

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Sis boom bah!

After attending nearly 4,000 basketball games in my lifetime. I've come to the conclusion that if schools ever hope to have adequate parental participation, parent/teacher meetings should be held at half-time of the games.

Imagine how wonderful it could be if just half of the sports fans who showed up for the games were also actively involved in the improvement of their schools.

People who had never attended a parent/teacher meeting would be privy to information such as: curriculum, scheduling, grade averages, academic accomplishments, and many more interesting facts regarding their children.

The results could be mind-boggling.

"And now for our half-time activities, the secretary of the local parent/teacher association will read the minutes of the last meeting."

"At our last meeting, approval was given to send two students to Duke University..."

"Did you hear that, Cleve!" a man in the crowd exclaimed as he crunched on his pop-

corn. "Some kids are going to Duke."

"Doesn't surprise me. Did you see how well Bodine carried/pitched the ball on that last play?"

"...and because of their GPA ratings," the secretary continued.

"I wonder what a GPA rating is?" Cleve asked.

"I think it's a sports term meaning great passing ability."

"Are you sure?" That woman doesn't look like an athlete to me. She isn't even wearing tennis shoes."

"Looks can be deceiving. Those high heels could be the kind I've seen women on TV wear in that basketball commercial."

"...T.D. classes will begin at 9 a.m. providing..."

"Did you hear that? Special classes for touch downs! We've needed that type of instruction for years."

"What will they think of next?"

"...and weekly fluoride treatments will be initiated. If additional monies are available, new recreational equipment will be purchased."

"The sports department has needed a dental program for ages. I wonder if they're going to

have orthodontists, too?"

"Probably not. But I'm glad to hear we're going to get some new sports equipment."

"It's getting more expensive. Last week I paid \$200 for a pair of basketball shoes for my son."

"They must have been a special kind."

"They're the kind you wear when you're sitting on the sideline. The type you wear on the court cost 50 dollars more."

"...studies show that children who get adequate amounts of sleep and eat nutritiously enriched foods have better scores..."

"If I've told Johnnie Joe once, I've told him a thousand times that you can't score points by staying up half the night eating Doritos and drinking Pepsi."

"This is the best half-time show we've had in years. It's encouraging to know there are still people interested in our children. What I can't understand is why so many people went to the concession stand and missed it."

"That's easy. Some people don't want to get involved."

Though it's nice to think of fans waving "Make 'em, Eat Dirt, Academically" banners at the games, we'd undoubtedly lose a lot of enthusiasm when it came time for the membership drive. And as bad as I hate to admit it, Cleve and I have a lot in common.



**Smile
Awhile**

Sara Hopson

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The Weekend

Louisville Youth Orchestra makes Prestonsburg debut

The Mountain Arts Center and the Kentucky Center for the Arts will present the Louisville Youth Orchestra in concert at the Mountain Arts Center, April 13, at 4 p.m.

This is a free concert made possible by the cooperation of the Mountain Arts Center, the Kentucky Center for the Arts and the Louisville Orchestra. The Louisville Youth Orchestra will play and diverse program that will include works by Duke Ellington, Shostakovich, Smetana and Weber.

The Louisville Youth Orchestra (LYO) is celebrating 38 years of presenting Kentucky's finest young classical musicians.

The LYO has performed hundreds of community concerts, toured throughout Kentucky, performed at the Governor's Mansion and the State Fair, and proudly represented Kentucky in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Nashville, Buffalo, Columbus and Lausanne, Switzerland.

The LYO has premiered works by renowned composers including Samuel Adler, Nelson Keyes, Gonzalo Rieg, Frederico Rojas, David McHugh, and Carol McClure. Guest conductors and artists have included Uri Segal, Jorge Mester, Lee Luvisi, Peter McHugh, Karl Haas, Sidney Harth and Robert Whitney. The LYO is

currently conducted by Jim Bates, who holds a Masters Degree from

Indiana University and is currently pursuing a degree in Musciology at the University of Louisville.

Maestro Bates has been the double bass instructor at the International Music Camp in North Dakota since 1987, and he has led the Louisville Mandolin Orchestra in performances at the International Mandolin Orchestra Festival in Remiremont, France and La Coruna, Spain. Bates also currently serves as bass instructor at the University of Louisville and is also an instructor at the Kentucky Governor's School for the Arts.

The Mountain Arts Center and the Kentucky Center have a history of working together that will serve as a strong foundation for many future partnerships and co-presentations.

The Mountain Arts Center opened its doors in the fall of 1996, and it has already presented a wide range of artists in addition to serving as the permanent home of the Kentucky Opry.

A reception will be held immediately following the performance where the audience can meet the members of the Louisville Youth Orchestra. Although this is a free concert, Mountain Arts Center, box office at 886-2623 or 1-888-622-2787.



Christopher Lee: Classy actor, classy story

by Sally Stone

The Arts & Entertainment Network (A&E) is airing an epic six-hour miniseries based on the classic novel, "Ivanhoe," by Sir Walter Scott. Part I begins Sunday, April 20; Part II airs Monday, April 21; Part III airs Tuesday, April 22. The film stars Steven Waddington as Ivanhoe, the gallant Saxon knight; Victoria Smurfit as Rowena, the Saxon princess whom Ivanhoe loves; Susan Lynch as Rebecca, the Jewish healer for whom Ivanhoe risks his life when she's condemned as a witch.

And taking front and center in this panoply of talented performers is Christopher Lee, who plays Lucas De Beaumanoir, the Grand Master of the Templars whose torment over his attraction to Rebecca leads to her condemnation.

"I read 'Ivanhoe' when I was a boy in

school," Lee said. "I was very much taken by the book. Of course, I read it several times since. And each time I find something else in the book that I had somehow overlooked before; perhaps because I hadn't learned enough about people, about the world, about anything," he said. "At first, you see the villains as villains and the heroes as heroes. But as you get older, and you learn more about people, you realize that those whom we regard as evil, as villainous, don't see themselves that way at all. As a matter of fact, they see themselves as righteous folk doing the right things."

Lee, the veteran English actor whose film career started in the 1940s and never stopped, may well hold the record for having appeared in major roles in more movies than anyone else. He was in Karachi, Pakistan when we chatted on the phone.

"I'm involved in a fascinating project here," he said. "We're making a film on

the life of Mohammed. Working in Pakistan has been an extraordinary experience. I can't wait until tomorrow when my wife flies in so I can show her the city and, later, when I have more time, we plan to travel through the country a bit."

Christopher Lee was especially pleased that there was no problem with him playing the Prophet. "I am, after all, an English Protestant. But that didn't seem to matter."

Religion, of course, is one of the major themes of "Ivanhoe." The basic story deals both with King Richard the Lionhearted going off to the Crusades and leaving his brother, King John, behind, as well as with the tensions between the old Saxon nobility and the Normans.

But, as Christopher Lee makes clear, "The real power was in the Church at that time. And, as happens whenever power becomes absolute, or close to absolute, there is always the danger of

corruption. For my character, as the Grand Master of the Knights Templar, it was as much his duty to keep his priests free of corruption as it was to ensure that the people — including the nobility — remain true to the Church. He would not allow his priests to get sexually involved with women, and if any did, he would regret it.

"The Knights Templars," Lee continued, "were warrior priests who went into battle with the soldiers, and had the added obligation to take care of their spiritual needs. They were called Templars because they founded their order in Jerusalem on the site of Solomon's Temple.

"For De Beaumanoir, my character, his most sacred obligation was to save souls. He considered sex the most dangerous obstacle to salvation. While he might tolerate it within marriage, he

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Critic's Corner

by Michael Greene

Liar, Liar

We all know that "honesty is the best policy." However, suppose you were absolutely incapable of uttering an untruth? You wouldn't be able to get rid of that pesty telemarketer by saying you were on your way out or some other lie. You'd have to sit there and listen! Consider the other scenarios in which you might find yourself if you were compelled to be completely truthful at all times. That's what this flick is all about.

Jim Carrey portrays Fletcher Reede, a smooth-talking attorney who's adept at placating his clients and playing up to juries. He basically could talk the birds out of the trees. The problem is, he's also a shallow type of guy with his son, Max, whom he continues to disappoint. When Fletcher misses Max's birthday party, giving some flimsy excuse, the kid makes an innovative wish over his candles as he blows them out. He wishes that his father were forced to tell the truth for a period of 24 hours.

That's when the trouble begins for Fletcher. If he has to tell the truth, he's not going to be very successful at getting any kind of settlement for a promiscuous woman (Jennifer Tilly) who's been cuckolding her husband for years. He's also going to have a dickens of a time trying to suck up to his bosses and become a partner in the firm, something he's been angling for for quite some time. Fletcher's also going to have to be truthful, for once, with his son and his ex-wife, meaning, he's actually going to have to grow up and take responsibility for himself!

As always, Carrey is the stand-out in this flick. The supporting players do little or nothing but show him up to his best advantage. I'd venture to say that to date, this is Carrey's best performance, bringing out more in him than we'd seen in the past. He's becoming more of a well-rounded performer, capable of nuances I never thought we'd see from him.

All in all, this is a three-and-a-half star film and highly recommended.

News of the Weird

by Chuck Shepherd

— Saddam Hussein filed a libel lawsuit in February in Paris against the magazine Le Nouvel Observateur for its September 1996 story in which he was described by other Arab leaders as stupid and incompetent and referred to, among other things, as an "executioner," a "monster," a "murderer," a "perfect cretin" and a "noodle."

— In February, the electric co-op in the Philippine province of Illocos Norte shut off power to the refrigerated crypt of former president Ferdinand Marcos because his wife, now a member of the legislature, is about \$215,000 behind in the electricity bill. The government will not permit Marcos to be buried in Manila because he was suspected of having appropriated billions of dollars during his 20-year reign that ended in 1986. Shutting off power, said Mrs. Marcos, was "the ultimate harassment, the harassment of the dead."

THE ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

— Each December for four months, the Ice Hotel residential igloo opens in the Lapland region of Sweden, housing about 40 people at about \$130 a night for a double room, and with a bar, restaurant, conference facilities and a bridal suite. Room temperatures range from 27 to 45 degrees Fahrenheit, and sleeping bags are used, cushioned by spruce boughs and reindeer skins.

— According to a trade association of prostitutes in Harare, Zimbabwe, massive layoffs in the economy have led to an oversupply of women taking up prostitution and a reduction in men's spending power, causing them either to ignore prostitutes or to visit bars only to drink and flirt before going home to the wife. To save their jobs, the association recommended in January that prostitutes raise their price from about \$2.80 to about \$4.60, but also requested that wives loosen the purse strings to allow husbands to spend more when they go out.

— The Associated Press reported in February on the Time Machine lounge in Tokyo, and the "relief room" at the Yamanakako resort, in which stressed-out workers pay from about \$80 to \$125 for a few minutes of satisfaction by smashing fake ceramic antiques in a museum-like sitting room. Often, say the proprietors, the names of tyrannical bosses or unfaithful spouses will be yelled out as the destruction takes place.

— A February Associated Press story described how two mid-career, Berkeley, Calif., professionals (nurse Raphaela Pope, 52, and lawyer Sam Louie, 36) became prosperous telepathic "pet psychics." Pope charges \$40 per half-hour by telephone, which sometimes includes talking directly to the pet. Said one of her customers, "I learned (from Pope) that Scarlett (the cat) thought I didn't want her around. Scarlett changed immediately after talking (sic) to Raphaela, and we're happy again."

— Locksmith Harley Hudson filed a claim for damages against the city of Wenatchee, Wash., in November, saying that he is due about \$250,000 in damages for lost business because the friendly police department helps for free, motorists who lock themselves out of their cars. Hudson calls this kindness an "unconstitutional gift of public funds."

I'VE GOT MY RIGHTS

— In February, the Palm Springs (Calif.) Regional Airport Commission issued hygiene rules for cab drivers serving the airport, including requir-

(See Weird, page four)

A Look At Sports

Same old Reds as we have known for the past year

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH....

To Allen Central's Todd Howard who turned 17 this past Thursday. Todd is the hot-shooting two guard for the Rebels. Happy birthday,



Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

REDS IN A SLUMP?

The Cincinnati Reds. A very, very good minor league team. The Reds continue to suffer from pitching woes and the future doesn't look too good for the Little Red Machine.

Some changes have to be forth coming and soon and the best place to start is with a new manager. Let's face it, Ray Knight is not a baseball manager. Some of the decisions he has already made this early in the season have not been good.

If the Reds are expecting to fill the stadium, changing the name will not get it done. There have to be changes elsewhere. The Reds need to open the pocketbook and get some quality players.

Not only has the pitching soured, but the big bats that boomed in the first three games have been quiet of late. The Colorado Rockies have rocked the Reds pitching while holding the Reds bats down.

The Reds continue to roll on a four game skid and with Florida coming in this weekend, don't look for things to get any better.

The weather in Colorado has been anything but good. From the warm sunshine of Florida to the winter like conditions of Colorado, it had to be miserable.

Baseball should not be allowed to start in Colorado until mid May.

FOOTBALL, TRACK ATAC?

There are questions marks floating around the Allen Central school over whether football and track could be two sports of the past at AC.

Coach Glenn Reeves will be leaving after this school year to Southwestern Pulaski County as a football assistant. With the cuts the Floyd County school board is having to make, it looks as if Dewey Jamerson may not be back to coach track. Kevin Spurlock, Rebel baseball coach, will get the cut. So there are three sports that will need someone in-house to fill.

Word is that football will not return to the school and some of the players are considering transferring to Prestonsburg. That's just what is being said.

Coach Johnny Martin told me last year at a football game, that the sport will stay alive even if he has to coach it. Spurlock expressed an interest in taking the program, just to keep it going. But Spurlock is not a good bet to be back.

(See A Look at Sports, page eight)

Allen Central's Samons signs with Alice Lloyd

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Amanda Samons ended a brilliant six-year high school career at Allen Central High School and inked a letter-of-intent with Alice Lloyd College this past Wednesday afternoon.

Samons signed the scholarship in front of her parents Green and Naomi Samons of Martin. Also present was Lady Eagle coach Denise Campbell, who said she was elated to have landed a player the caliber of Samons.

"Words can't describe her," said the Lady Eagle coach. "She is an outstanding citizen. She is probably one of the sweetest girls I have ever met. Both athletically and academically, she is solid. At Alice Lloyd College, academics come first. I think we are getting an overall good player."

Logistics entered in Samons' decision to sign with Alice Lloyd.

"It's close to home. I just like over there. I've been there and scrimmaged with them and enjoyed playing with the other girls," said Samons. "That had a lot to do with signing with them. I love it over there."

Samons averaged almost 18 points per game her senior year. She

led Allen Central in free throws, three-point shooting, and rebounding. She hit 37 percent from the three-point arch, while shooting 47 percent from two-point range. She

connected on 106 of 140 free throws attempts for 75 percent and averaged just over eight rebounds a contest.

Allen Central coach Bonita

Compton said the positive attitude Samons displayed over the past six seasons, has worked for her.

"I feel like I raised Amanda," said the Allen Central coach. "You

look at her grade school days and her freshman years when she lost all the weight. She has worked hard at it.

"She went to all the camps. Her attitude is one of the best you can have. She has never been a back-talker. Out of the six years, we had one small incident but probably the best thing to happen to her. She said it woke her up and made her realize some things."

"Coach Compton has taught me, not only about things on the basketball court, but things out in life. That it is not always easy. Basically, how life is going to be."

Samons played on three Class A regional championship teams and was named All-District, All-Conference and All-Regional her junior and senior seasons.

The next level will present some challenges for Samons, but Coach Compton feels she will rise to meet the challenges.

"If she is going to play the five position, she needs to work on some moves underneath the basket," said the veteran coach. "She needs to get stronger. She needs to work on her defense. Guarding people outside the post area. That's a weakness."

(See Samons, page eight)



Inks with Lady Eagles

Allen Central's Amanda Samons signed a letter-of-intent to play basketball at Alice Lloyd College next season. Samons averaged 17 points per game and pulled in eight rebounds per contest her senior season. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Betsy Layne pounds out 12 hits in 6-3 win over Pikeville

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Senior Brandon Castle and Matt Kidd combined for a three-hitter as two of the 15th Region's best met on the diamond at the Allen Park Tuesday night.

Betsy Layne posted a 6-3 win over Dave Thomas' Pikeville Panthers and improved to 11-2 on the season. The Bobcats pounded three Panther pitchers for 12 hits, four going for two-baggers.

Castle picked up the win in the six innings he pitched. He shutout the Panthers on just two hits through six. Coach Junior Newsome elected to bring Kidd in to face Pikeville in the seventh and it took one swing of the bat to lose the shutout.

Kyle Bow's long drive to left field stayed fair as it sailed over the fence for a three-run home run.

The two teams played scoreless until the bottom of the third inning, when Betsy Layne pushed across four runs for a 4-0 lead. Pikeville starter Clark Batten stopped Betsy Layne through the first two innings, although he did struggle.

The Betsy Layne third unfolded with Chad Case leading off by being hit with a pitch. On a hit-and-run play, Case reached second when Craig Johnson grounded hard to short. Castle then ripped a single to

center scoring Case. Catcher Brent Tackett grounded a single into left field and Castle scored on Doug Keathley's RBI single. Kidd then roped a long drive to right center for a two-run double and a 4-0 game.

Castle breezed through the first three innings retiring the first nine batters he faced. He gave up a lead off single to Eric Stepp, who was left stranded at third base when Chad Childers lined hard to Keathley at third base.

Back-to-back doubles by Case and Johnson gave Betsy Layne a 5-0 lead in the fourth inning.

Former Bobcat, Shannon Potter, relieved Batten to start the bottom of the fifth inning and he gave up a lead off single to Keathley, who is starting to attack the ball more. Betsy Layne loaded the bases on a walk to Brad Reynolds and Chris Holbrook's second hit of the game. Case hit a soft liner for a single, scoring Keathley for a 6-0 game. Josh Shofner relieved Potter and got Johnson on a pop foul to the catcher to end the inning with the bases loaded.

In the Pikeville seventh, Kidd plunked Shofner with his first pitch of the inning. Chiders fouled to Tackett but Kidd walked Derrick Vliegenhart to set up Bow's three-run drive.

Castle, in picking up the win, allowed no runs on two hits, while

striking out five. He did not issue a walk. Kidd hurled the final inning giving up three runs on one hit. He walked one and hit a batter.

Batten went the first four for Pikeville, allowing five runs on eight hits. He struck out two and hit one batter. Potter worked two-thirds of an inning allowing a run on three hits. He fanned one and walked one. Shofner pitched one and a third innings of shutout baseball. He allowed one hit, striking out one.

Chris Holbrook continued to sting the baseball with two hits, including a second inning double. Case, Johnson and Keathley all had two hits apiece.

Keathley was outstanding at third base and showed why he is considered the top defensive third baseman in the region. His strong accurate throwing arm doesn't leave much time for a runner to get to first.

Brad Reynolds made some good pickup's at the first base bag. Josh Kidd and Castle each had a stolen base.

Betsy Layne committed two errors and left nine runners stranded. Pikeville had two errors and left three runners on base.

Betsy Layne will entertain Prestonsburg tonight at the Allen Park in their second district game. The Bobcats will travel to Paintsville Monday evening.



Home run trot

Betsy Layne's Brad Reynolds is not sticking his tongue out at anyone but just enjoying the trot around the bases after clubbing a home run against Millard last Monday night. It was the second round-tripper of the year for Reynolds. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Allen Central girls edge Paintsville in track meet

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Central girls track and field team picked up their first win of the still young season by edging Paintsville 108-106 last Tuesday evening at the Allen Central facility.

The deciding race was the girls 400 meter relays, as both Paintsville and Allen Central were tied with 100 points apiece. Cordia High School placed third with 60 points.

"What it came down to was, we had to win to beat Paintsville," said Allen Central coach Dewey Jamerson. "This was the last race of the day."

Allen Central's foursome had a time of 5:34.02 to pick up the needed eight points. Paintsville finished second at 5:48.60 for six points.

Paintsville, a very young team, won the girls 800 meter relays over Allen Central to set up the tie. The Lady Tigers had a time of 12:58.70 to Allen Central's 13:32.39.

Cyndi Combs, of Cordia, took first place in the girls 100-meter dash, just missing the stadium and meet record set by Prestonsburg's Crystal Stone. Francis Puig and Allison Runyon of Paintsville finished second and third in the event.

Paintsville's Courtney Swain edged out Allen Central's Crystal Martin to capture the girls 400-meter dash. Swain had a time of 1:10.58 to Martin's 1:16.33.

"That wasn't too shabby of a time for Crystal," said Coach Jamerson. "That's around her best time. Not too bad."

Kayla Hensley, Paintsville, finished third.

Swain came back and was four seconds faster than Allen Central's Angel Bradley to win the girls 800-meter run. Swain was clocked at 3:16.42 to Bradley's 3:20.52. Misty Meek placed third in the event.

Cordia's Amelia Cody recorded a time of 6:42.74 for first place in the girls mile run (1,600 meters).

(See Allen Central, page eight)



Over the bar

Allen Central's Crystal Martin just cleared the high jump bar in last Tuesday's track and field meet at Allen Central. Martin placed first in the high jump. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Dale Jarrett, 994.	1. Todd Bodine, 1,216.	1. Butch Miller, 468.
2. Terry Labonte, 899.	2. Randy LaJoie, 1,166.	2. Rich Bickle, 465.
3. Bobby Labonte, 858.	3. Phil Parsons, 1,153.	3. Kenny Irwin Jr., 447.
4. Jeff Burton, 837.	4. Jeff Green, 1,082.	4. Jay Sauter, 431.
5. Jeff Gordon, 810.	5. Dick Trickle, 1,042.	5. Chuck Brown, 430.
6. Ricky Rudd, 775.	6. Elton Sawyer, 1,004.	6. Jack Sprague, 419.
7. Geoff Bodine 740.	7. Buckshot Jones, 998.	7. Jimmy Hensley, 416.
8. Mark Martin, 709.	8. Mark Martin, 938.	8. Mike Bliss, 413.
9. Ward Burton, 709.	9. Mark Green, 907.	9. Ron Hornaday, 403.
10. Dale Earnhardt, 703.	10. Tim Fedewa, 803.	10. Dave Rezendes, 401.

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP: All along, Jeff Burton said he liked Texas Motor Speedway. Other drivers looked at him like he was crazy, but he kept saying it anyway.

So it should have come as no surprise when Burton won the first race of his Winston Cup career on a track that he alone seemed to like.

Burton, 29, had said that the \$150-million track would be kind to drivers who were not regulars in victory lane. The sticky new surface would take away some of the advantage held by the experienced teams with their voluminous setup notes gleaned from years of experience at every track.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL: Mark Martin gave Texas fans their official first taste of racing on the state's new high-banked speed palace.

Martin, who claims to put more emphasis on the Winston Cup Series, has now won four Busch Grand National races in six 1997 starts on the second-string series. As a Winston Cup driver, he is zero-for-his-last-39.

At the finish he led Jimmy Spencer by 1.57 seconds, or about 150 yards. On a day marked by mostly follow-the-leader racing, Martin slipped by Spencer's Chevrolet when Spencer strayed from the racing groove on lap 188.

TOP 10

Weekly rankings by NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton. Last week's ranking is in parentheses.

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|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| 1. Dale Jarrett (1)
Perpetually up front | 6. Ernie Irvan (4)
Mistake-prone |
| 2. Jeff Gordon (2)
Caught in crash | 7. Mark Martin (6)
Desperate for a win |
| 3. Terry Labonte (3)
Seldom makes mistakes | 8. Dale Earnhardt (8)
Sixth is his best |
| 4. Jeff Burton (7)
First-time winner | 9. Bobby Labonte (9)
Best in class |
| 5. Rusty Wallace (5)
Ready to rumble | 10. Ted Musgrave (10)
Doesn't like Bristol |

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Pole*	Winner*
April 6	Interstate Batt. 500, Fort Worth, Texas	D. Jarrett (Martin)	Jeff Burton (Gordon)
April 13	Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn.	(Craven)	(Wallace)
April 20	Goody's 500, Martinsville, Va.	(Irvan)	(Martin)
April 27	Winston 500, Talladega	(T. Labonte)	(Wallace)
May 4	Save Mart 300, Sonoma, Calif.	(Gordon)	(M. Waltrip)
May 17	The Winston, Charlotte	(Gordon)	(Jarrett)
May 25	Coca-Cola 600, Charlotte	(Gordon)	(Gordon)
June 1	Miller 500, Dover, Del.	(Gordon)	(Gordon)
June 8	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	(Gordon)	(Gordon)
June 15	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	(Hamilton)	(R. Wallace)
June 22	California 500, Fontana, Calif.	x	x
July 5	Pepsi 400, Daytona	(Gordon)	(Marlin)
July 13	Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, N.H.	(Craven)	(Irvan)
July 20	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	(Martin)	(Wallace)
Aug. 2	Brickyard 400, Indianapolis	(Gordon)	(Jarrett)
Aug. 10	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	(Earnhardt)	(G. Bodine)
Aug. 17	ITW Devilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	(J. Burton)	(Jarrett)
Aug. 23	Goody's 500, Bristol	(Martin)	(R. Wallace)
Aug. 31	Mountain Dew Southern 500, Darlington	(Jarrett)	(Gordon)
Sept. 6	Winston Cup 400, Richmond	(Martin)	(Irvan)
Sept. 14	New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.	x	x

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Jack Roush vs. Pontiac drivers

The Ford car owner's comments were taken as a personal slap by the eight Pontiac drivers competing on the Winston Cup Series. Roush expressed the view that NASCAR rules had given Pontiac an unfair advantage, adding that if any of the top 10 drivers drove a

Pontiac, "he would drive off and be gone."

Gazette Motorsports Writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Roush was out of line. Even if he meant it, he shouldn't have said it."

Mike Skinner is on track a

Mike

The winningest driver in the brief history of the Craftsman Truck Series is now the favorite for Winston Cup rookie of the year.

Mike Skinner was the Truck Series' first champion, in 1994 and finished third in the point standings the following year, when he won more races (8) than any other driver. He drove a black Chevrolet truck owned by Richard Childress, and now he is the driver of Childress' second Winston Cup car.

WHO'S HOT ... W

WHO'S HOT:

■ Point leader Dale Jarrett has finished in the top three in five races in a row, with two victories.

WHO'S NOT:

■ Mark Martin, who suffered engine failure at Texas while his teammate Jeff Burton was winning, now has gone 40 races without a win since the fall of 1995.

AROUND

Bruton Smith talks a

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

FORT WORTH, Texas — The odd, truncated tri-oval that marks the shape of the new Texas Motor Speedway was invented by Speedway Motorsports CEO Bruton Smith. If you don't believe it, just ask him.

Smith says he came up with the shape when he was constructing Charlotte Motor Speedway in 1959-60.

"I went to some of the architectural firms downtown," said

Smith. "They all expressed interest but then they said they didn't know what to do with it. Nothing like that had been done at the time. So I had to get some books and learn how to do it myself." Smith prefers not to call his tri-oval tracks tri-ovals. The front straight, to his way of thinking, has two distinct doglegs, unlike the sweeping, more orthodox tri-ovals at tracks like Daytona, Talladega and Michigan.

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FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR

At the 1970 Southeastern 500 at Bristol, David Pearson held the top qualifying slot, but Bobby Isaac, Pearson's best friend, had established during practice that his Dodge was the fastest car. Late in the session, Isaac took the track. As he boomed off the fourth turn, Pearson dashed out of the infield to the apron of the track, waving his arms to distract Isaac. Sure enough, Isaac lifted for a split-second and Pearson had his pole. Isaac angrily chased a cackling Pearson around the infield.

WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

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ALMOST HOME COOKING
Ridgewood Barbecue, located between Bristol and Elizabethton, is typical of the family-style, sweet-tea-serving establishments popular in the hills. Get yourself a minced-pork platter and enjoy.

Martin is overdue for a victory, as are his teammates, Ted Musgrave and Texas winner Jeff Burton.



Martin

KEY TO THE RACE: Perhaps the most thrilling spectacle in all of motor-sports, Bristol races often go to the driver who manages to stay out of trouble. Passing is extremely difficult on the concrete racing surface.

exceeds 84,000.
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Jeff Gordon.
OTHER FAVORITES: Rusty Wallace won the Goody's 500 last August and has six career victories on the tight, high-banked track. Darrell Waltrip is the all-time winningest driver with 12 victories, and Dale Earnhardt has eight.
THREE WHO COULD SURPRISE: Mark

National drivers will run the Saturday 250-lapper, where Martin could tie Jack Ingram's record of 31 career victories in the series.

PROFILE



John Clark/ NASCAR This Week

is a favorite for Winston Cup rookie of the year.

Mike Skinner

WHY I LIKE ...
Tell us in 100 words or less why Mike Skinner is your favorite driver. One letter will be drawn from the entries and the winner will receive a NASCAR This Week hat. Send your entry to:
NASCAR This Week/Why I Like; c/o The Gaston Gazette; 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054.
Nettie Lou Ferry of Chattanooga, Tenn., won a hat for her Why I Like Morgan Shepherd letter.
RECORD: 21 starts, no wins, 1 pole, 0 top fives, 0 top 10s, over \$200,000 in earnings.
FIRSTS: Start (April 27, 1986, at Martinsville), pole (Feb. 16, 1997, at Daytona), win (none).
HOW DO YOU EVALUATE YOUR ROOKIE SEASON SO FAR? "I'm really enjoying myself out here so far. The car is running pretty competitively right now. It's neat to be a part of

Winston Cup and NASCAR in general, whether in trucks or Busch or Cup. This series is awfully healthy right now, and it's just an honor to be a part of it."
DESCRIBE THE LEVEL OF COMPETITION AT THE CUP LEVEL: "I see five or six cars in one league. There's 25 cars in another league; then there's a few in another league. In those 25 cars, you've got a lot of good race cars and a lot of good race car drivers. Everybody in that group wants to be in that first group."
HOW ARE YOU AND THE TEAM GETTING ALONG? "We're getting better and better every week as far as communication with the crew goes, communication with the race car. I've got a good race car. A lot of times we get to a track and don't have to turn a screw on it. We're competitive."

YOUR TURN
READERS ASK THE QUESTIONS

Dear Your Turn,
I understand NASCAR cars don't come off the assembly line from Chevrolet, Ford and Pontiac. They are basically all the same cars, built mostly of pipe, with a Ford, Chevy or Pontiac engine. They only resemble Ford or Chevy. But what bothers me is that Monte Carlos come off the assembly line as a front-wheel drive with only a V-6 engine and they race with rear-wheel drive against Ford T-Birds, which come out with rear-wheel drive and a V-6 or V-8 engine. Why doesn't NASCAR make Chevrolet race their cars the way they were manufactured? Chevrolet owners are always crying foul about the T-Birds. Why don't the T-Bird owners cry foul about the Chevrolets?
Sandy Oxley
Dyer, Ind.

Dear Your Turn,
The governing body of NASCAR is in too deep. Chevy teams are crying about recent rule changes given to Ford teams, yet they forget about the big rule change back in 1995 that allowed Chevy teams the luxury of enlarging the entire rear section of their new Monte Carlo that was found too narrow for NASCAR racing.
Now ... NASCAR is trying to fix every make of car and everyone has their hand out for help. Why doesn't NASCAR just stay out of body modification and leave that up to the manufacturers?
If that wasn't enough, now I hear NASCAR is looking at the engines and will probably start taking away from the Fords there too, since I know Ford engines have more compression over the GM motors. NASCAR has no right going there. If some other team wants more horsepower, they should switch to a Ford block.
There's no way NASCAR can totally make the field equal, for different-make cars. If NASCAR wants to ruin our sport totally, why don't they just make one giant, boring IROC series?

Trace Fitterer
Fox River Grove, Ill.
If you've got a question or a comment, write: NASCAR This Week Your Turn, c/o The Gaston Gazette, 2500 E. Franklin Blvd., Gastonia, N.C. 28054.

Crew of the Week
Veteran crew chief Buddy Parrott earned his 45th career victory, expertly directing 29-year-old Jeff Burton into victory lane for the first time on the treacherous Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth. Parrott had Burton make his last pit stop a lap ahead of other drivers.

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TRIVIA

- Who was the first stock car driver to earn more than \$100,000 in a season?
- Besides Bill Elliott, name three famous stock car drivers from Dawsonville, Ga.
- In the 1979 Daytona 500, Richard Petty won because what two drivers crashed on the last lap?

ANSWERS
1. Fred Lorenzen.
2. Gobet Seesebe, Roy Halland, Lloyd Seay.
3. Cale Yarborough and Donnie Allison.

THE GARAGE

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is straight," Smith said.
OH, WISE GUY, EH? When Ricky Craven was informed he would be transported to Dallas' Parkland Memorial Hospital for examination after his Texas practice crash, he reportedly said to the attending physician, "Just don't drive through Dealey Plaza, OK?"
Dealey Plaza, of course, was the site of President John F. Kennedy's assassination on Nov. 22, 1963, and the slain president was rushed to Parkland.

BAD BLOOD: A serious spat has developed between Ford engineer Preston Miller and Winston Cup Series director Gary Nelson. Angered by the latest rule change, in which a quarter-inch was shaved off the rear spoiler on the Ford Thunderbird, Miller angrily questioned the integrity of Nelson and NASCAR officials.
He was not alone.
"It was a poor decision on NASCAR's part," said Rusty Wallace, a Ford driver.

MECHANICS' CORNER

The fifth in a series of tips compiled by crew members at Bahari Racing's Pennzoil-sponsored Pontiac team: "A mix of three parts water and one part Windex makes an effective substitute for windshield washer fluid. The mixture is particularly effective at cutting through grease and grime."
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Owens sets meet record as Central rolls

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Central boys track and field team made it a complete sweep of last Tuesday's meet at the local facility by scoring 137 points to win over Paintsville and Cordia. It was the third straight win for the Ridge Runners.

Jackie Owens set a new meet record in the boys 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.76, besting his previous time of 48.61, the previous meet record.

"It may be his fastest time ever," said Allen Central coach Dewey Jamerson.

Nathan Goble finished second at 57.05, while Paintsville's Mike Hampton took third place at 57.18.

Paintsville finished one and two in the 110 meter hurdles with Mike Hampton running in at 21.61 for first place over Nathan Phillips, also of Paintsville.

Gordon Reeves, who was at Prestonsburg two weeks ago, transferred back to Allen Central and captured first place for the Ridge Runners in the boys 100-meter dash. Reeves had a time of 12.19

for first place, finishing just ahead of Prestonsburg's Hank Mullins. John Goble of Allen Central placed third.

Prestonsburg went one, two and three in the boys 200-meter dash. Jeremy Caudill had a time of 27.19 to better the 27.40 of Mullins. Mark Branham was clocked at 27.49 for third place.

Paintsville's Bobby Frye was two seconds faster than Cordia's Mike Smith in winning the boys 400-meter dash. Frye had a time of 1:05.80. Smith was clocked at 1:07.14.

In the boys 800-meter dash, Cordia's Troy Strover was 10 seconds off the stadium record, finishing with a 2:29.44. Allen Central's Nick Samons placed second at 2:33.47. Central's Israel Shepherd took third place.

The meet record fell when Cordia's Rhet Mosley ran the mile run in 4:54.98 for first place. He bettered the previous record held by Prestonsburg's Ryan Hardy of 4:55.88.

Mosley didn't settle just for the meet record in the mile, but set out to establish both a meet and stadi-

um record in the boys two-mile (3200m) run. Mosley had a time of 10:53.31, running ahead of Jesse Robertson of The Piarist School. Jake Karn, of Paintsville, finished third.

Allen Central won the boys 400-meter relays over Paintsville with a time of 51.74. Paintsville finished at 53.10.

In the 1,600 relays, Cordia was an easy winner over Paintsville with a time of 4:48.28. Cordia also captured the boys 3,200 relays, this time over Allen Central. Cordia had a time of 9:58.06, just shy of a stadium record. Paintsville placed third.

In the field events, Jackie Owens owns the stadium and meet records, but it was threatened by Allen Central's James Seward with a good showing of 5' 4" for first place. Owens placed second at 5' 2."

John Goble, of Allen Central, won the pole vault event clearing the bar at seven feet even.

Owens was measured at 17' 7" for first place in the boys long jump. Seward finished second at 14' 8" and Prestonsburg's Hank

Mullins was third.

Owens set a new stadium and meet record in the boys triple jump. Owens landed in the sand pits at 40' 6" and Seward was second at 33' and five inches. Mullins, of Prestonsburg, placed third.

Levi Wells came back in the shot put and won over Prestonsburg's freshman Jeremy Caudill. Wells' first throw traveled only 39 feet, while Caudill was measured at 43 feet. But Wells came back and had a toss of 44' 6" for first place. The 43-foot toss was Caudill's best. Chris Williams, of Paintsville, took third place.

Wells was not happy with his best throw in the discus, but it was good enough to take first place over Cordia's Tony Elam. Wells best throw was 104 feet and two inches. Elam was short at 102 feet, five inches. Ryan Owens placed third.

"Ryan was a very pleasant surprise for us," said Coach Jamerson. "Overall, we did well. We need some work in our relays. We need to get faster but speed is something you can't teach."

Allen Central will host their next meet this Tuesday afternoon.



Winning throw

Allen Central's Levi Wells grunted hard on this throw of 44 feet in taking first place in shot put Tuesday at a track and field meet at Allen Central. Wells is one of the top throwers in the region. (photo by Ed Taylor)

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Samons

Her freshman and sophomore seasons found the center playing mostly under the basket, but Coach Compton made a change her junior and senior seasons.

"I thought she needed to learn to play the four (small forward) as well as the five (center) position," she said. "That is one of the reasons we brought her out. She will play a lot of four in college and that will help her inside game."

Coach Campbell said the versatility of Samons is one thing that attracted Alice Lloyd to the Lady

Rebel.

"At Christmas, we lost all our big players," said the second year coach. "My goal for this year was to get good inside players. Just my watching her, she is a left-hander and that makes her a little special too. Her overall ability to run up and down the floor. Her attitude is the biggest one, I think. Her overall work ethic.

"Being able to step outside and shoot the three makes her even more special. I saw her in the Ohio/Kentucky All-Star game and

she can pop out and hit the three, or she can take the nice little short jumper. She can also dominate the game inside."

Samons' mother, Naomi, said it hurts to see her leave Allen Central, but realizes it is just another step on to something else.

"She really likes it at Alice Lloyd," she said. "It breaks my heart that she is having to leave Allen Central. It is like one step is behind her and something else is there to step on. I'm going to enjoy going and watching her play at Alice Lloyd."

Green Samons, her father, says her signing with a college is something he has been looking forward to, but.

"It is something I have been hating to see come," he said. "I've enjoyed her time here at Allen Central. I just wish it could go on. Time changes things and we have to move on."

Several other schools showed interest in Samons, but once she visited the Alice Lloyd campus, that was it, according to her father.

"Several schools contacted her and she had a few other offers, but after going over to Alice Lloyd, that made her mind up."

Coach Campbell will be getting not only an inside player, but one who works well on the boards.

"That is another advantage for us," she said. "We're going to get a great rebounder. She has great hands. She knows where the ball is coming off the boards. That takes special talent. That is something you just cannot learn, but is instilled

in you."

"Amanda took a lot of pride in her rebounding ability," said Coach Compton. "She blocks out so well."

Samons will always have the memories of her years at Allen Central, like most seniors, but realizes it is time to play at the next level.

"Playing here six years at Allen Central has been my foundation years. I started here at Allen Central and it has ended here. There is a possibility I could be starting at Alice Lloyd next season and that would be great. I would have to work extremely hard, but I am willing to do that."

Coach Campbell agreed. "She could come and start for us," she said. "I've got my four and five palyers back from last year. They know they will have to work to keep their starting positions. With Amanda's ability, I definitely see her as our six or seven player coming off the bench."

Samons plans to major in special education while at Alice Lloyd.

Wheelwright LL to hold sign up's today

The Wheelwright Little League will conduct baseball sign up's today at 5:30 p.m. at the old Wheelwright High School cafeteria.

All players, whether you played last year or not, must register on this date.

Allen Central

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She bested Allen Central's Bradley. Paintsville's Amanda Hensley took third.

In the two-mile run, Jennifer Gray, of Paintsville, finished ahead of Cordia's Amelia Cody for first place with a time of 14:15.44. Kate Karn ran in third place. Karn is from Paintsville.

Allen Central went one and two in the girls 100-meter high hurdles. Cheryl Combs placed first over teammate Rosanna Slone. Combs had a time of 26.23 to Slone's 32.09.

Ashley Roe, Paintsville, ran a 1:06.02 for first place in the girls 300-meter hurdles. She finished ahead of Combs of Allen Central.

Paintsville captured both the girls 400 and 800-meter relays. The Lady Tigers had a time of 1:06.24 in the 400 and recorded a 2:07.85 in winning the 800.

In the field events, Allen Central dominated placing one and two in the high jump event. Crystal Martin and Sarah Nichols, of Central, tied for first place.

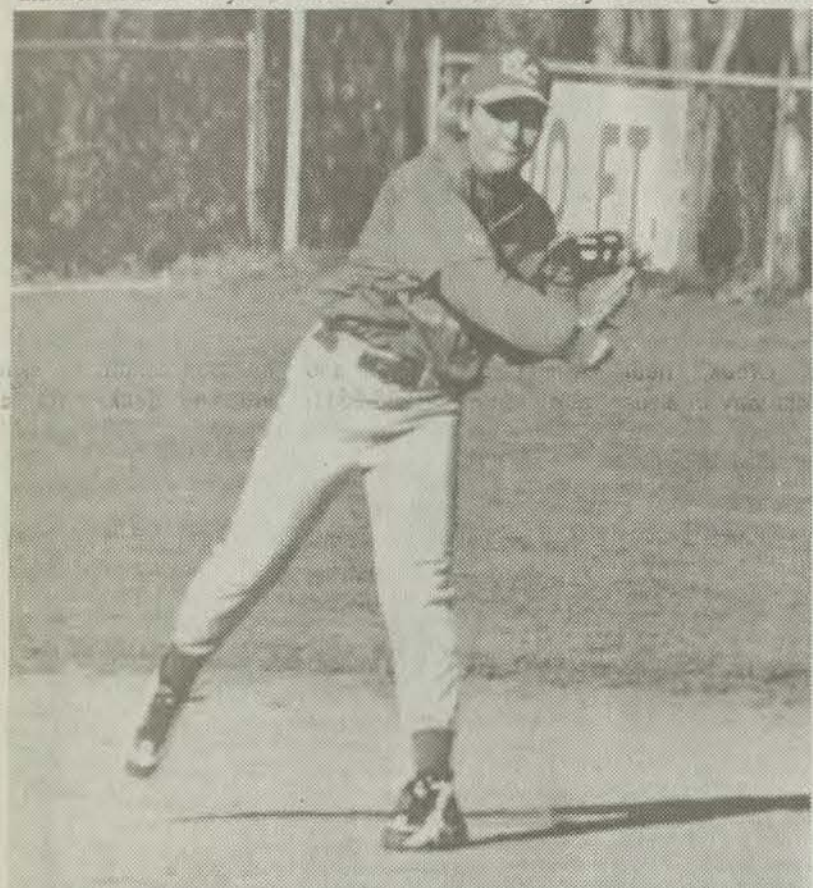
Cyndi Combs set a new stadium record in the girls long jump. Her leap of 14' 6" bettered the previous record set by Prestonsburg's Crystal Slone. Paintsville's Frances Puig placed second. Crystal Martin took third place.

Allen Central took three of the top five spots in the girls shot put, but it was Combs of Cordia taking home first place with a toss of 33-feet. Jenny Wells, of Allen Central, finished second and Jessica Martin placed third. Combs throw was both a stadium and meet record held by Allison Holbrook of Johnson Central.

Combs continued to be impressive by setting a new stadium and meet record in the girls discus. Her toss of 89' 7" took first place over Wells, who was measured at 74' 8."

Jessica Martin took third place. "Jesscia is getting better," said Coach Jamerson.

Allen Central's next meet will be Tuesday evening at home.



All-star shortstop

Betsy Layne Lady Cat, Jessica Johnson, shows good form in throwing out a runner at first base against Magoffin County Monday night at the Allen Park. (photo by Ed Taylor)

A Look At Sports—(Continued from page five)

All this is a shame. Spurlock has done great things with the baseball program and has it heading in the right direction. He works hard and would surely be missed.

Jamerson. Well, it is documented what he has accomplished with the track and field program at Allen Central.

Of course, all this could change before the next school year gets here. I hope so. The football program, as well as track and field, are two very important extra-curriculum programs. Some way needs to be found to assure they will be back next year.

AAU BASKETBALL...

Growing more popular every year, AAU basketball tournaments will abound aplenty this weekend at Pikeville College.

In the girls 13-and-under division, two games are set for Saturday and four games scheduled for Sunday at Pikeville College.

Saturday, Wheelwright faces Elkhorn City at 2:30 while Belfry and Phelps square off at 3:45.

Sunday, Allen will play the winner of the

Wheelwright/Elkhorn City game at 2 p.m. Fallsburg and Mullins meet at 3:15, while Sheldon Clark will take on the winner of the Belfry/Phleps game at 4:30.

Allen Central #1 and Allen Central #2 square off at 5:45.

In the boys 13-and-under, tonight, Virgie meets Pikeville at 6 p.m. and Dorton faces Sheldon Clark Red at 7:15, with the two winners meeting Saturday at 6:15 for the championship.

In the 14-and-under, Betsy Layne is already in the finals awaiting the winner of the Sheldon Clark Red/Johns Creek game. The championship game is set for 7:30 p.m. Saturday night.

The McDowell and Allen Central girls 12-and-under have already advanced to state tournament play at Danville on April 11-13.

The 10-and-under Prestonsburg boys will travel to Danville on April 25-27 as well as South Floyd. I wish each team the best and hope they bring home a state title.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports. Take the kids to Sunday School and church this Sunday.

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HOME FOR SALE: New vinyl siding, double carport, large front porch w/columns. Three bedrooms, two full baths, new 24x24 family room with skylights and double French doors. Central heat/air. Total electric. Very quiet and private neighborhood. \$49,900 or best reasonable offer. Four miles from Paintsville at Thelma. Call 606-789-5190.

LOTS FOR SALE on Arkansas Creek, near Martin. Lots vary in sizes from 1.20 acres to 4.50 acres and are priced from \$5,000 to \$12,000. Phone (606) 285-9991.

GOVT FORECLOSED homes from pennies on \$1. Delinquent Tax, Repo's, REO's. Your area. Toll free 1-800-218-9000, ext. H-6778 for current listings. (4-21-97)

BUILDING AND PROPERTY FOR SALE: South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. Former location of John's Clubhouse. Call 874-9649, leave message.

NEW THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH. Carport. Free gas, public water. McDowell area. Asking \$79,900. Call 377-6888, 437-6147 or 437-9809.

HOUSE LOTS FOR SALE: Located on Jacks Creek. Price range: \$9,500-\$13,500. Call 377-6888, 437-6147 or 437-9809.

HOUSE LOTS FOR SALE: McDowell area. Water on site. Free gas to 2 lots. Price range: \$9,500-\$16,000. Call 377-6888, 606-437-6147 or 606-437-9809.

Autos For Sale

MUST SELL! 1990 Olds Cutlass Supreme. Quad four, automatic, 4-door, air, tilt, cruise. Call 606-789-9324.

1996 CHEVY Z-71 4X4. Silver. Loaded! 350 Vortec. Only 15,500 miles. \$21,700. Call 606-298-7893.

1990 OLDS CUTLASS CALAIS. Good condition. \$4,500. Also, 1989 Ford Probe, \$2,500. Call 478-1632.

1978 DODGE PICKUP for sale. One owner. 130 Farmall tractor. Double disc plow. Call 874-9148.

FOR SALE: 1993 Astro Van Ext Mark III conversion. \$11,000. Call 285-3131 after 5 p.m.

1991 TOYOTA CAMRY DX. Metallic blue. All options including sunroof. Excellent condition. 82,500 miles. \$8,000 firm. Call 874-9967.

1984 CHEVY CAPRICE WAGON. 84,000 miles. 305 motor, ps, pb, a/c. One owner. Good tires. \$1,200. Call 285-9553.

FOR SALE: 1987 Volkswagen Fox for \$700. Good dependable work vehicle. For more information call 874-2830 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1991 Cavalier. Four cylinder, five speed, four new tires. Motor has 50,000 miles. \$3,900. Call 886-9527.

1990 TOYOTA COROLLA with low mileage. Excellent condition. Asking \$5,500. Call and ask for Bonita at 886-3311; or after 5 p.m. call 886-9529.

SEIZED CARS from \$175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMWs, Corvettes. Also, Jeeps, 4WDs. Your area. Toll free 1-800-218-9000, ext. A-6778 for current listings.

Mobile Homes For Sale

HINDMAN MOBILE HOMES: Located between Hindman and Hazard on KY Rt. 80. Phone 378-3143. We sell Fairmont homes with thermopane windows, 2x6 sidewalls, natural oak cabinets, picture window in living room, perimeter heating, plush carpet and much more. We have the lowest price! 26x40, \$27,500. Also have used office trailer, 10x40, \$3,000.

1975 12X65 THREE BEDROOM, ONE BATH mobile home. Can stay on lot. City water. Very good condition. Asking \$5,500. Call 606-478-1293.

MOBILE HOME LOANS from Green Tree Financial. Sellers/Buyers/ Owners. 5% down payment. Refinance/equity loans; land and home loans; realtor calls welcome. Call 1-800-221-8204.

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FOR SALE: Older two bedroom mobile home. Has tip out. In good condition. \$6,500 firm. Call 358-9142.

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TWO BEDROOM 12X65 TRAILER for sale. Has an 8x16 built-on addition. Includes large air conditioner, gas heater, gas cooking stove, electric furnace, power pole, new sheet rock, new closet door with mirrors, new cherry trim and underpinning. \$2,000 firm. Call 285-0148.

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FOR SALE: 1991 doublewide trailer and land. Located one Caney Fork of Middle Creek. City water. \$35,000. Phone (606) 285-9991.

FOR SALE: 1978 24x40 Manchester doublewide. Three bedroom, two bath. Includes central air, skirting and deck. All for \$12,500. Call 606-884-5558 after 5 p.m. weekdays.

WHITE HALL MOBILE HOMES

14' wide, two bedroom for \$137/month. 16x80 three bedroom, two bath with payments starting at \$169 per month. Three bedroom, two bath doublewide with payments starting at \$192 per month. All homes are total electric with storms, frost free refrigerators and sheetrock walls. White Hall has been Eastern Kentucky's Home Team for over 30 years. Located on the Hazard Bypass. Call 606-436-2123.

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Living room suits; daybeds; gun cabinets; bedroom suits; recliners; odd chests; dinette sets; bunk beds; odd beds; loungers; used washers, dryers, refrigerators; and lots more! Call 874-9790.

ROSE'S USED FURNITURE: Six piece dinette set; new mattress sets; pool table; electric guitar; sectional; lift chair; recliner; beds; chests; dressers; washers, dryers, stoves and refrigerators (30 day exchange); glassware; what nots; bedroom sets; dehumidifier; oven cabinet; island hood; wringer washer; pro bike; much more. Between Goble Lumber and Lancer intersection on Rt. 1428, across bridge to Goble Roberts, turn left at Sheila's Grocery, blue block building. Open Monday-Saturday. Call 886-8085 days or 889-9898.

For Sale or Trade

FOR SALE OR TRADE: 15 1/2 ft. HydroSport Bass Boat. \$5,600 or will trade to Honda 300 or 400 four wheeler. Call 285-9082.

For Rent or Lease

FOR RENT OR LEASE: Small building containing living quarters and small business area. Intersection of Rt. 80 and U.S. 23. References definitely required. Curtis Hatfield, 606-673-3452.

Houses For Rent

HOUSE FOR RENT: Downtown Prestonsburg. Two bedroom, carpeted, stove and refrigerator. Small fenced yard. \$325/month plus utilities. \$200 deposit. Call 874-1246.

FOR RENT: Three bedroom, two bath home with garage, fireplace and large living areas. Located two miles from Prestonsburg in Spradlin Branch. \$600/month plus deposit. Call 606-271-9342 and leave message.

FOR RENT: Three bedroom house. 1 1/2 miles out of Wayland. \$375/month. \$100 deposit. References required. Call 358-9637.

Apartments For Rent

TOWNHOUSE FOR RENT: \$375/month. Call Goble Lumber at 874-9281.

FOR RENT: Nice, clean efficiency apartment. Furnished. Electric heat/air. Well-maintained. \$275/month, utilities extra. Deposit required. Call 886-6208.

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT: Five minutes from Highlands. Heat, water and major appliances included. \$350/month. Deposit required. Call 886-8224 after 5 p.m.

ATTRACTIVE, FURNISHED ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT. Located at Radiology Management, next to HRMC. Call 886-6633.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: Nice, spacious. Martin/McDowell area. Partially furnished. Call 285-3980.

ONE AND TWO BEDROOM APARTMENTS. Unfurnished. Stove and refrigerator only. In Prestonsburg. Call 886-8991.

NICE ONE BEDROOM APARTMENTS. Hueysville. (18 miles from Prestonsburg.) Call 886-9478.

NOW TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR two bedroom apartment at Eastern. Call 358-9142.

ROOMS FOR RENT: By the week. Furnished. \$100/week. Located in Martin. Call 285-0650.

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT. Mountain Parkway. \$250/month. HUD accepted. Call 886-6900 or 606-745-1556.

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT in town. Furnished. Utilities paid. Available now. Call 886-6900 or 606-745-1556.

DUPLEX FOR RENT: Two bedroom, total electric. Central heat/air. Stove and refrigerator. Excellent condition. On U.S. 23, one mile from Prestonsburg. Call 886-9007.

TWO 1-BEDROOM APARTMENTS. Mouth of Abbott. \$300/month plus utilities. Call 349-5987 or 349-6513, ask for Mike or Louetta.

Mobile Homes For Rent

TWO BEDROOM TRAILER. Also have trailer for sale. Half mile up Corn Fork. Call 886-3994.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom trailer. All appliances including washer and dryer. \$200/month. \$100 deposit. Call 478-9199.

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT: Three bedroom, two bath. 1 1/2 miles on Arkansas Creek. HUD approved. Call 285-3376.

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH TRAILER with central air, microwave. Private lot at Banner Deck. \$350/month plus utilities. Call 874-9946.

FURNISHED TWO BEDROOM TRAILER. Just off Mountain Parkway on old Rt. 114. Call 886-8724.

FOR RENT: 14x75 trailer. Two bedroom, living room, kitchen, den. \$250/month plus utilities. \$150 deposit. Call 874-9983.

FOR RENT: Small trailer near Prestonsburg and Dewey Lake. Air conditioning, new appliances. Private. Large patio. Neat, clean. Call 886-3941.

TRAILER FOR RENT: Two bedroom. Route 7, Salt Lick. Call 358-4524.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom mobile home. Total electric. New carpet. Large yard. Stove and refrigerator. Call 886-9007.

TRAILER FOR RENT: 1 1/2 bedroom. Akers Trailer Court, New Allen. Call 874-874-8151 or 874-2114 evenings.

Office/Retail Space For Rent

FOR LEASE PREMIUM OFFICE SPACE
*Parking
*1 Block from Courthouse
*First Floor
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*Kitchenette
*10 office suite or two 5 office suites.
Located in Downtown Prestonsburg.
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PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE. Completely remodeled. Complete with kitchen and bath. Convenient location on South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg. \$585/month, utilities included. Call 886-6870 between 7:30-5 p.m.

BAIT STORE FOR RENT: Lake Road at Lakeview Marathon. Call 886-6458 or 886-9463.

Mobile Home Lots For Rent

LARGE TRAILER LOT for rent. Private. Call Ronald Frasure at 886-6900 or 606-745-1556.

Vacation Rentals

FOR RENT: At MYRTLE BEACH. ONE WEEK in 1 bedroom unit with full kitchen. Sleeps 4. May 17 through 24, 1997. ON THE BEACH! \$450. Call 886-6135.

Employment Available

AVON: BUY OR SELL. Call Jancy at 886-2082.

NOW AVAILABLE: Lexington Herald-Leader has an early morning newspaper route available in the Martin area. Monthly profit approximately \$600 with delivery time of 3.5 hours daily. Good transportation and refundable bond required. Call 1-800-999-8881.

ARCHER PARK IS now accepting applications for lifeguards, concession workers and ticket office. Lifeguards must be fully certified and possess valid driver's license. Bring your certification cards and driver's license to main office at Archer Park during regular business hours. No phone calls please.

ADMINISTRATOR: A local personal care home is in need of an administrator. The successful candidate will have a BS degree in Business Administration or a related field. Please send a cover letter, resume and salary history to: Administrator, HC 80 Box 25, Lackey, KY 41643.

ABBOTT ENGINEERING, INC. has an opening for an entry level AutoCADD Technician. Send resume to: Abbott Engineering, Inc. 3073 KY Route 321 Prestonsburg, KY 41653

JOB ADVERTISEMENT
Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. is accepting applications for Family Preservation/Family Reunification Director. A Master's Degree in social work is preferred, but will consider a Bachelor's Degree with work experience in social work, family counseling or clinical psychology. Applicants should have good knowledge of crisis intervention, cognitive and behavior interventions and good communication and parenting skills. This person will work out of the Central Office in Paintsville, but will work with clients in Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike Counties. The starting salary is \$25,000 with excellent fringe benefits and client related mileage reimbursed. Applications should be submitted through the Department of Employment Services. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

DENTAL ASSISTANT/RECEPTIONIST NEEDED. Experience in computers or dental assisting helpful, but not necessary. 2-3 days per week. Could develop into full time. Send resume to: 659 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

HELP WANTED: Clerical, including computer, light billing, filing, telephone. Pay based on experience. Send resume to: P.O. Box 1225, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED: Monday-Friday, 10a-2p. Must know how to iron, must drive and must like children. Smokers need not apply. Call 886-9914.

CARPENTERS, METAL STUD FRAMERS, DRY-WALL HANGERS & HELPERS needed immediately in the Prestonsburg area. Call 1-800-709-4780 weekdays for more information.

GENERAL MANAGER NEEDED for 70-room limited-service hotel opening in Prestonsburg. Prior supervisory experience required. Send resume to: Kim Thompson 501 Darby Creek #19 Lexington, KY 40509

SALES POSITION. Mine supplies. Large industrial distributor. Four county area: Pike, Martin, Floyd and Knott. Experience required. Send resume to Sales Position, P.O. Box 100, Banner, KY 41603. EO/EM/F/H/V.

YARD WORK, HILLSIDE CLEANING, TREE TRIMMING. Will haul junk or clean out garages. Call 874-8510.

FENCING: AUXIER FENCING COMPANY will do fencing in Floyd and surrounding counties. Call 606-884-8152 for free estimates.

POSTAL JOBS: Start \$12.68/hr plus benefits. For application and exam info, call 1-800-256-7606, ext. KY109, 8 a.m.-9 p.m. 7 days.

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Permanent, full time. \$13.00/hr., with government benefits. Apply today for clerk/carrier application info. Call 9 a.m.-9 p.m., 1-800-270-8015, ext. 95.

BABYSITTER NEEDED: Duties include caring for four-year-old, light house-keeping and meal preparation. 3-4 evenings per week. Driver's license required. Call 874-4135.

EARN \$\$\$\$ WITH AVON. Work your own schedule. Call 1-800-840-4902.

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Free Job Search Training (CDL, Etc.), Housing Assistance 886-3582 (COLLECT)
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Pets & Supplies

FREE TO GOOD HOME. St. Bernard mix. Female, six months old. Very gentle with kids. Call Ned Pillersdorf at 886-6090 or 886-9645.

Canine Training

DOG SCHOOL? Your (canine) best friend can be a good citizen with some training in the basics of obedience. Classes to be held in Prestonsburg beginning April 28. Mixed breeds welcome. For information regarding registration call 1-800-865-1360 any evening. Registration closes 4/24/97 or when 20 registrations are received.

Garage & Yard Sales

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.

Flea Markets

BETSY LAYNE FLEA MARKET, north of Harold, on U.S. 23 is open Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Some dealers set up through the week. Fresh produce Friday-Sunday. We have two inside stalls for rent. Will have more sheds this week.

Tree Service

TREE CUTTING AND TRIMMING, topping, brush removal, land clearing, etc. Large or small jobs. Free estimates. Call 874-9271.

Auto Insurance Network Agent Lowell Samons Jr. now writing auto insurance through over 20 companies. No matter what type of traffic violations you may have, including speeding, DUI, or accidents, we can write your insurance at the lowest rates available. Stop in or give us a call at 606-874-8444. Located on U.S. 23, Banner, next to Lowell Samons' Service Station and Samons' Used Cars.

Lawn Service

RESPONSIBLE COLLEGE STUDENT wants to cut grass during summer. Have references. Call 285-9486, leave message.

LAWN WORK: Cutting, trimming. Large or small jobs. Free estimates. Call 478-5338, leave message.

Services

SPRING CLEANING: Will do interior/exterior painting. 12 years experience. Also, two ladies will do office or house cleaning. Call 452-1094 anytime.

Clerical Service

YOUR OFFICE ASSISTANT: Stratton Services. Bookkeeping, Wills, Deeds, Taxes, transcription and research--for less. Efficient and Affordable. Phone/fax: 606-478-4782.

Payroll Processing

SMALL BUSINESSES, are you tired of paying big bucks to process your payroll? Turnkey Payroll is your answer. Experienced. Reasonable rates that include set up, quarterly reports, W-2's, etc. Call 886-5187 (beeper) for information.

Social Security Claims Services

TURNED DOWN ON SOCIAL Security/SSI? Free Consultation. 1-800-896-1130. No fee unless we win your case.

Home Inspection Service

TOP TO BOTTOM HOME INSPECTION SERVICES, INC. Do you know the true condition of the house you are buying or building? Call 606-358-5505 for a home inspection. Timothy Ray Shepherd inspecting new and older homes.

Pressure Cleaning

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Complete pressure cleaning service. Houses, brick, block or any type siding; mobile homes; any type buildings; concrete sidewalks; driveways; patios; trucks; cars; large equipment; boats; decks; porches. Also, sealants for brick, block, concrete and driveways. For any and all your cleaning needs call 874-8057 or 874-8656. Free estimates! **YES, WE CAN!!**

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High Pressure Washing and Steam Cleaning
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Any type buildings, parking lots, mobile homes, mining equipment, heavy trucks and equipment. If you need it cleaned, call us for a free estimate! 606-874-0673 Mobile, 606-434-2696.

Auto Insurance

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EAST KENTUCKY LAWN CARE

Commercial, residential, and cemetery plots. Free estimates. Reasonable rates. Five years experience. Please call 874-8483, leave message.

LAWN SERVICE

Prestonsburg and Allen areas. Call 886-6287.

Mobile Home Repair

MOBILE HOME REPAIR and setup services. Reasonable rates. Call (606) 789-6682. (4-23-97)

Taxi Service

MARTIN CITY CAB
Need a ride?
Can't drive?
We have fast service, friendly drivers serving all Floyd County and surrounding areas. Call 285-0320. Medicaid accepted. Judy Barnett, owner.

EAST KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION, INC.

Taxi Service. Friendly and courteous service, reasonable rates. Medicaid accepted. Wheelwright: 452-2402 Allen: 874-8546.

MOUNTAIN TRANSPORTATION

Now accepting local and long distance medical trips. Medicaid accepted. 24 hour service. Call 886-0923 or 886-6407 anytime.

Mobile Home Movers

NEED YOUR MOBILE HOME MOVED? Call Crum's Moving Service at 886-6665 or 886-5375 (pager). Insured and bonded.

LITTLE'S MOVERS

285-0633 Hwy. 80, near Martin Move single or doublewides. Fast and dependable service. Insured. No waiting!

Home Repair

WILL DO INTERIOR/ EXTERIOR PAINTING AND MINOR HOUSE REPAIR. Fifteen years experience. References on request. Call Chris Shepherd at 886-9978 after 5 p.m.

Ditch Witch Service

BRYANT'S DITCH WITCH SERVICE: Gas, water, sewage, electrical, drainage. Free estimates. Call 606-377-2449 or 606-432-6757. Leave message.

Driver Training

DRIVER EDUCATION Save money on car insurance. Check with your agent. Take Driver Education at PCC, Monday through Saturday. Cost \$250. Six hours on the road and six hours classroom instruction. Call 886-3863 to register.

Work Wanted

CERTIFIED NURSE'S AIDE looking for work. Very friendly, great personality. Works well with people. If you are in need of an aide call for more details, 889-9038.

Carpentry Work

CARPENTRY WORK, ALL TYPES: New homes from ground up; remodeling or additions; all finish work; drywall; painting (interior, exterior and trim work); all types concrete work, driveways, sidewalks, foundations, etc.; any size pole buildings; garages; decks. Over 20 years experience. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

ROGER ROWE CONSTRUCTION: Complete home building; remodeling; additions; garages; decks; walks. Free estimates. For all your building needs, call 886-6528.

Masonry

NEED A STONE MASON? We do anything in stone. Chimney's are just one of our specialties. Call 886-6938.

Contractors

C&S CONTRACTING: Residential work; remodeling; add-ons; porches; decks; roofing; painting; concrete. If you need it done, we can do it. Reasonable prices! Guaranteed work. Call 874-8125 or 285-9803 anytime.

Roofing & Construction

FOR ALL YOUR ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION NEEDS call Ricky Yates. Remember for the best rates, call Yates Construction at 886-3452 or 874-9488.

BUDGET ROOFING & REMODELING: All types of roofing and remodeling. We have the area's lowest prices on vinyl siding and replacement windows. All work guaranteed. Call 606-886-2420.

STATEWIDE ROOFING AND CONSTRUCTION: New construction, decks, patios, porches, roofing, siding. Free estimates. Call 889-0310.

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PORTER PLUMBING COMPANY
Allen, KY
Commercial, residential and service work. Licensed and insured. Rotor roter service, drain cleaning, etc. CALL US FIRST! 874-2794.

Firearm Classes

JOHN ENDICOTT, CERTIFIED FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR, is holding concealed weapons permit classes on Saturdays. This permit allows you to carry a firearm, switchblade, brass knuckles, club, etc. concealed on your person. Complete class \$75. Call 874-8119. Long distance just dial 741-5955 (free call).

Personal

REDUCE: Lose weight while you sleep. Take OPAL. Available at Reid's Pharmacy, 127 Main Street, Martin.

Miscellaneous

VISIT THE LARGEST PANELING CENTER in Eastern Kentucky at Goble Lumber. Over 80 different prefinished panels in stock and as low as \$4.95 per panel. Call Goble Lumber, 874-9281.

Want To Buy

WILL BUY VINTAGE BARBIES. 1959 to 1969 only. Call 886-8402.

REDS USED AUTO PARTS. Buying cars and trucks. We pick up, or for more money you can drive in. Also selling used auto parts. "Let's keep our money local!" Call 478-8827.

WANT TO BUY: Junk cars. Running or not. Call 874-2421.

WANT TO BUY: Boundary of standing timber. Can give references. Phone: 631-9684 or 432-2975.

Reward Offered

\$200 REWARD for information leading to the recovery of a Honda Z-50R stolen from an 8-year-old boy on Fitzpatrick Road on Mountain Parkway. Strictly confidential. Call Bill Henry Montgomery at 886-1663.

\$500 REWARD OFFERED for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for breaking into the home of Kenny Music on Stumbo's Hollow. Also, separate reward offered for the return of one brown bomber jacket and one black leather Orlando Hard Rock Cafe jacket. Call 886-1032.

Legals

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Floyd County Solid Waste, Inc. is interested in receiving bids from qualified engineering firms to perform groundwater and surface water monitoring at the Floyd County Landfill. Specifics may be obtained by obtaining a Bid Package from the Solid Waste Office, Suite 101, Courthouse Annex, Westminster Street in Prestonsburg, KY. Phone: 606-886-8060. Final proposals will be due on April 28, at 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 858-5049, Amendment No. 1

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that, Beech Fork Processing, Inc., P.O. Box 190, Lovely, Kentucky 41231, has filed an application for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.1 mile southeast of Odds located in Johnson and Floyd Counties. The amendment will add 1.29 acres and delete 3.27 acres of additional surface disturbance and will underlie 1,894.42 acres making a total area of 2,923.40 acres within the amended permit boundary. The proposed operation amendment area is approximately 1 mile Southeast of the Right Fork of Daniels Creek road's junction with old Rt. 3 and located along Sycamore Creek. The latitude is 37° 44' 46" and the longitude is 82° 40' 36".

The proposed amendment is located on the Offutt and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The surface area to be disturbed by the amendment is owned by Sally Turner Heirs. The amendment will underlie land owned by Sally Turner Heirs, Consol Coal Co., Richmond and Harkins Heirs and Pocahontas Development. 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, 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.

PUBLIC SALE

Date and time of Public Sale: April 25, 1997 at 11:00 a.m.

Type of Collateral: 1996 Toyota Tacoma 4x4, S/N 9247.

Contract Date: 10/21/96
Location: First Commonwealth Bank Parking Lot, 169 North Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653.

For further information, call Mike Haney, 886-2321.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE Phase III

In accordance with the provisions of 405KAR 10:040, notice is hereby given that Coal-Mac, Inc., P.O. Box 3428, Pikeville, KY 41502 intends to apply for a bond release on Permit Number 436-0102, Inc. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 which was last issued on October 5, 1987. The application covers an area of approximately 280.21 acres located 1 mile north of Woods in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 0.5 mile west from the KY 194 junction with Right Fork Road and located 0.5 miles south of Right Fork at Home Branch. The latitude is 37° 39' 00" and the longitude is 82° 39' 28."

The total bond now in effect is surety bonds for: Inc. 1, \$15,700; Inc. 2, \$70,300; Inc. 3, \$26,200; Inc. 4, \$57,800; Inc. 5, \$17,200; Inc. 6, \$28,600; Inc. 7, \$45,900; Inc. 8, \$111,300; Inc. 9, \$32,300; Inc. 10, \$17,400; Inc. 11, \$14,300 of which 100% is to be released which would constitute a phase III release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in December 1989. Results achieved include initial growth of vegetation as per the revegetation plan and the establishment of the post mining land use.

Written comments, objections, requests for a public hearing must be filed with the Director of the Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by date 30 days from the last advertisement which will be May 19, 1997.

A public hearing has been scheduled for May 20, 1997 at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653, at 9:00 a.m.

The hearing will be canceled if the Department does not receive any public request within the time frame stated above.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application No. 836-5259

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 has applied for a RENEWAL of a permit for an underground coal mining operation located 1.2 miles southeast of East McDowell in Floyd County. The operation includes 8.0 acres of surface disturbance and underlies 442.0 acres overlying surface area for a total permit area of 450.00 acres.

The operation is approximately 0.2 mile northeast from Route 1929's junction with Hoods Fork Road and located 0.2 mile north of Hoods Fork. The latitude is 37 degrees 26' 15" and the longitude is 82 degrees 42' 41."

The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area is owned by David Akers. The operation underlies land owned by David Akers, Betty Caudill, John C. Huff, Tommy Burke, Luther Tackett, Roland Moore, Denzil Hall, Lizzie Hayes, Eugene Hamilton, Bennie Caudill, Curtis Tackett, Nellie E. Hall,

Dorothy Bentley Estate, Brenda G. Moore, Sue Newman, Tessie Hall, Jimmy & Joy Hall, Nancy Tucker and William Brown Estate.

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

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Peter Fork Mining Company, P.O. Box 2666, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for Phase III bond release on increment #1 and a Phase II bond release on Increment #2 of permit number 898-0011 which was last issued on November 13, 1996. Increment #1 covers an area of approximately 27.58 acres and Increment #2 covers an area of approximately 11.21 acres located 1.0 mile east of Osborne in Floyd County.

The permit is approximately 1.0 mile south from KY 1484's junction with Dog Fork Road and located 0.5 mile southeast of the Left Fork of Toler Creek. The latitude is 37° 28' 38" and the longitude is 82° 35' 38."

The bond now in effect for Increment #1 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of thirty-six thousand, nine hundred dollars (\$36,900.00). Approximately fifteen percent (15%) of the original bond amount is included in this application for release.

The bond now in effect for Increment #2 is a certificate of deposit in the amount of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00). Approximately fifteen percent (15%) of the original bond amount is included in this application for release.

Reclamation work performed on Increment #1 includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding, mulching and tree planting completed in the Spring of 1987 and 1991.

Reclamation work performed on Increment #2 includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Spring of 1991.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by May 19, 1997.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for May 20, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office located at 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or informal conference is received by May 19, 1997.

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Addington Enterprises, Inc., 1500 North Big Run Road, Ashland, Kentucky 41102 has applied for a Phase I bond release on Increment #12 on permit number 836-0247 which was last issued on 12/4/92. The application covers an area of approximately 5.5 acres located 0.50 mile south/southwest of Wonder in Floyd County.

The permit area is approximately 0.63 mile west from Clark Branch Road's junction with Buffalo Creek Road and located in Clark Branch and Wolf Branch of Buffalo Creek and Cow Creek of the Levisa Fork. The latitude is 37° 37' 12" and the longitude is 82° 37' 30."

The bond now in effect for Increment #12 is a surety bond in the amount of \$20,400. Approximately 60% of the original bond amount of \$20,400 is included in the application for release.

Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, grading, seeding and mulching and was conducted in Spring 1994.

Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 by 5/26/97.

A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for 5/27/97 at 9:00 a.m. at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653. The hearing will be canceled if no requests for a hearing or informal conference is received by 5/26/97.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

By order of the Secured Party, the following property of Sardis Resources, Inc. is located and will be offered at Public Sale at Double D Truck & Trailer Sales Rt. 2, Box 111, Lowmansville, KY 41232 on April 18, 1997, at 9:00 a.m.

Items to be sold are: 1993 Peterbilt 379 1XP5DB9X1PN336726. Inspection may be arranged by appointment. Cash sales only. Inquiries may be made to the Associates Commercial Corporation, Branch Manager, at 1111 Northshore Drive, Suite S-590, Knoxville, TN 37919. Phone number 423-450-5108.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

Date and time of public sale: April 25, 1997 at 11:00 a.m.

Type of collateral: 1995 Olds Cutlass s/n 4270
Contract Date: 6/3/96
Location: First Commonwealth Bank Parking Lot, 169 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. For further info call Mike Haney at 886-2321.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Floyd County Local Emergency Planning Committee will hold a meeting Tuesday, April 15, at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Courthouse Annex.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY, TRANSPORTATION CABINET, DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS, NOTICE OF CONTRACTORS. Sealed bids will be received by the Department of Highways in the Division of Contract Procurement and/or the Auditorium located on the 1st Floor of the State Office Building, Frankfort,

Kentucky, until 10:00 a.m., EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME on the 18 day of April, 1997 at which time bids will be publicly opened and read for the improvement of: **FLOYD COUNTY, FD05 0979 011-019:** The Mud Creek Road (KY 979) from KY 680 (MP 11.421) extending northerly to 0.338 mile south of KY 1426 North (MP 18.350), a distance of 6.929 miles. Bituminous Surface. Bid proposals for all projects will be available until 9:00 a.m., EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME, FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 1997, at the Division of Contract Procurement. Bid proposals for all projects will be available at a cost of \$10 each and remittance payable to the State Treasurer of Kentucky must accompany request for proposals (NON-REFUNDABLE). BID PROPOSALS ARE ISSUED ONLY TO PRE-QUALIFIED CONTRACTORS. Specimen proposals for all projects will be available to all interested parties at a cost of \$10 each (NON-REFUNDABLE). Specimen proposals cannot be used for bidding.

Home Tips

SAFETY FIRST

— Hopefully, I can save someone much pain and expense. On our way to a party, I put a slow cooker of very hot soup on the floor of the car. I had done this numerous times before, but this time, I just put it down, never expecting it to tip. In other words, I was careless.

As a result, I suffered a third-degree burn on my foot. At the hospital, I was told that this happens often with hot dishes on laps, hot coffee in hand while driving and incidents such as mine.

Devise another way to carry items that are hot and think twice about driving and drinking hot beverages. Cecilia G., Lansing, Ill.

STIR FRYING

— We do all of our stir frying in a little broth instead of oil. It has the same taste with a lot less fat! Jill R., Wagener, S.C.

POTPOURRI

— When I accidentally spilled a little potpourri, I cleaned it up with my small hand-held vacuum.

For a long time after I used the vacu-

um, I enjoyed the delightful aroma of the potpourri.

So now, I pick up some potpourri with my vacuum. It's wonderful. Linda F., Irving, Texas

NEAT TRICK

— Besides keeping water off the bathroom floor by drying off in the shower or bathtub, keep dusting powder off the floor by applying it in the shower or tub. It can then be rinsed down the drain. Rita K., Maplewood, N.J.

STEP BY STEP

— Our wooden stairs are stained dark oak, but after many years, the stain has worn off.

We knew they had to be sanded and restained, but the problem was that we used those steps all the time to go to the bedrooms.

My husband came up with a great idea! Stain every other one so the unstained steps can be used while the others are drying. The next day or so, stain the other steps. Rose C., Vienna, Va.

Share special Home Tip with our readers. Send it to Diane Eckert, King Features Weekly Service, 235 East 45th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017.

Coupon Corner by Marla Armbrust

A reader recently wrote in and asked what to do about offers which required dated cash register receipts when they were no longer in his possession.

Elementary, my dear Watson! I've said this before, but I'll be happy to repeat it. Always save your cash register receipts. If necessary, you can keep them in a special file. For myself, I have them in a little basket, complete with my coupons and UPCs I might be saving for special offers.

As for those required UPCs, I have a friend whom I consider a rebate nut. She has a basement full of

empty boxes, etc., from which she'll pull UPCs when and if she needs them. Personally, I won't go that far. I don't need any more clutter than I already have in my life! If I have the necessary product and corresponding UPC, fine. If not, well, that's the way it goes!

Salmonella is much in the news these days. No longer can we "lick" the bowl after making a cake! We can't risk the raw egg contamination. Apropos of that, if we need to test a meat loaf mix, we need to cook a bit of it prior to tasting it — and cook it thoroughly! Not only is salmonella a risk if you've used eggs, but you need to worry about E. coli as well.

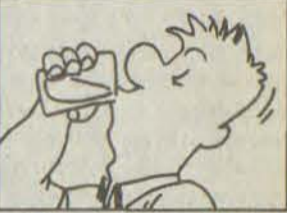
However, what if you're like me and

when you make eggs, you enjoy them over easy or sunny side up?

According to Dr. Robert Baker of Cornell University, the chance of an egg being contaminated by salmonella is one in one million. In the unlikely event an egg was contaminated, it is even more unlikely that the organism would be in the albumin, or white, of the egg. If it were, it probably wouldn't survive because the lysozyme found in the white is unfriendly to bacterial growth. A study showed that meringue was safe and that chiffon-type mixtures in which yolks are cooked and the beaten whites folded in were also safe. When making homemade ice creams, using a

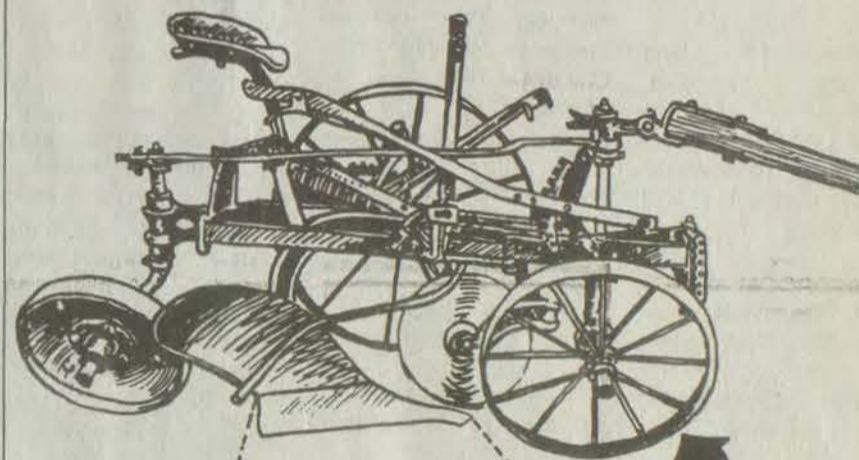
cooked custard base in which the eggs and milk are cooked before freezing eliminates risk.

As for E. coli, it's best to be sure all hamburgers, steaks, or any beef product, is cooked well. While that's offensive to many gourmets (myself included), it is the safe way to go for you and your family. Eventually, you do get used to the meat being done that way. Whatever you do, it's no longer safe or even recommended to indulge in some Steak Tartare. That's raw chopped meat and should be avoid-



The average human being can live up to two months on liquids alone.

Country Things BOBARTLEY



THE RIDING, OR SULKY PLOW WAS QUITE AN IMPROVEMENT OVER THE OLD WALKING PLOW



THE PLOW BOTTOM OR SHARE WAS QUICKLY DETACHABLE, MAKING FOR EASE IN SHARPENING, REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT.



Memories Of A Former Kid.

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The Friday Comics

Farcus

by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart



"I can do 30 miles a day."

Farcus

by David Waisglass
Gordon Coulthart



"And he sits around the house watching TV; he never offers to help ..."

R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



BRINGING UP FATHER

by Frank Johnson



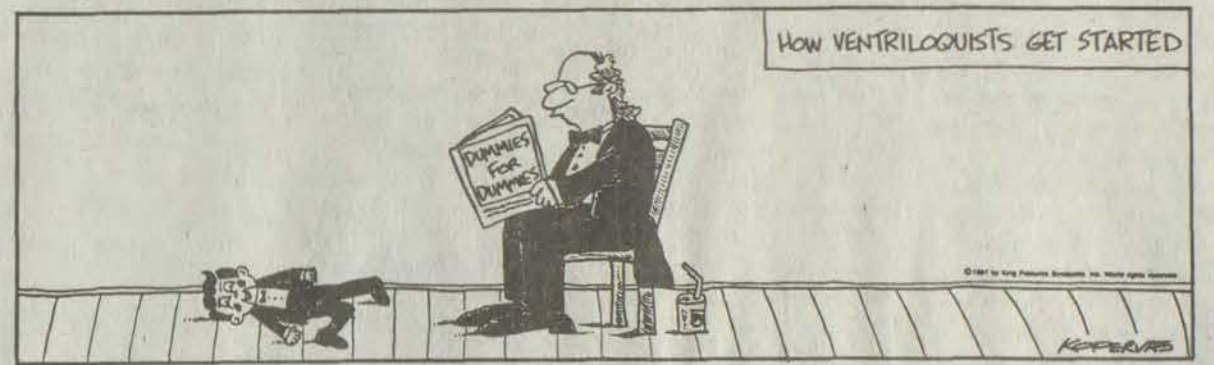
THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



Find at least 6 differences between panels. Differences: 1. Bat is shorter. 2. Logo is missing. 3. Curtain is shorter. 4. Slippers are missing. 5. Hand is missing. 6. Lamp is missing.

MAGIC MAZE

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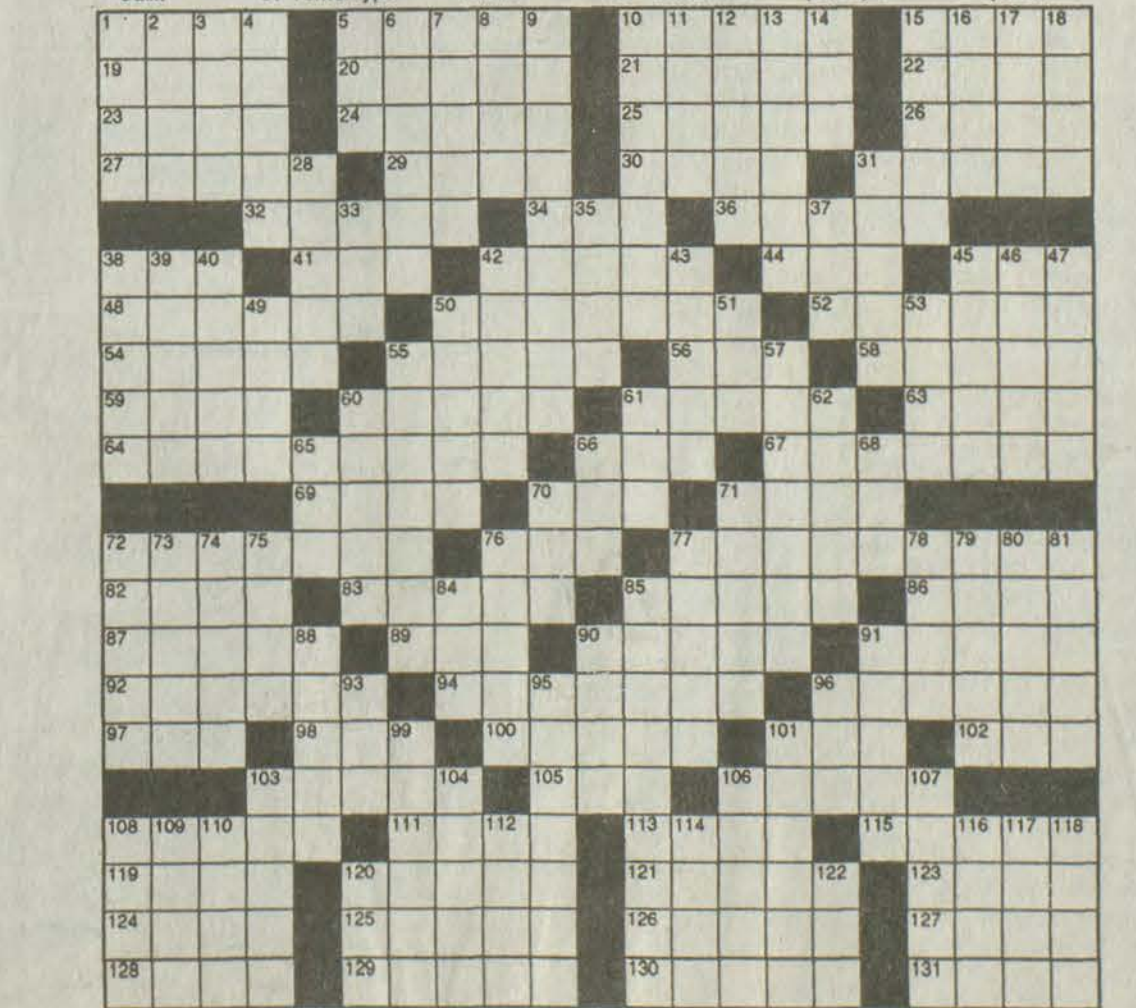
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Affidavit
- Charter
- Citation
- Contract
- Diploma
- Green card
- Lease
- Passport
- Patent
- Subpoena
- Summons
- Visa
- Warrant
- Will
- Writ

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Spring, in a way
 - 5 Scatter more seed
 - 10 Cosmetic purchase, lip —
 - 15 immense
 - 19 He's legendary
 - 20 Luncheon-ette lure
 - 21 Bellamy or Kramden
 - 22 Baseball family name
 - 23 Lily's cousin
 - 24 Spring, in a way
 - 25 "Kim" setting
 - 26 — Bator
 - 27 Inclines
 - 29 Bjorn's opponent
 - 30 Forest beauty
 - 31 "Songs of Innocence" poet
 - 32 Gramps' glasses
 - 34 "Mayberry" —
 - 36 Morocco's capital
 - 38 Peter Jennings' network
 - 41 Mauna —
 - 42 Prepare the champagne
 - 44 — Gatos, Calif.
 - 45 Initials of interest?
 - 48 Swami's chapeau
 - 50 Does a snow job?
 - 52 Consomme's cousin
 - 54 Pick up the check
 - 55 Krill connoisseur
 - 56 "— Blue?" ("29 song)
 - 58 Play ground?
 - 59 OPEC member
 - 60 Alan Ladd classic
 - 61 Stradivari's teacher
 - 63 Vigoda and Burrows
 - 64 Spring, in a way
 - 66 Spring, in a way
 - 67 Spring, in a way
 - 69 "— Shadows" of old TV
 - 70 Wilde wisdom
 - 71 He was in tants
 - 72 Actor Granger
 - 76 Spring, in a way
 - 77 Spring, in a way
 - 82 Tra —
 - 83 Savalas role
 - 85 Conflagration
 - 86 Pianist Gilels
 - 87 Terrier type
 - 89 Be too encouraging?
 - 90 Portrait painter
 - 91 Shearer of "The Red Shoes"
 - 92 "My Antonia" author
 - 94 Dumps on
 - 96 Easter purchase
 - 97 Language suffix
 - 98 Catch a crook
 - 100 Hurried
 - 101 Bleak critique
 - 102 Wordsworth work
 - 103 Blessed sound?
 - 105 Craving
 - 106 Leading man?
 - 108 Small drum
 - 111 Egg on
 - 113 Neck part
 - 115 Entice
 - 119 Prepare to fly of old TV
 - 120 Gold brick?
 - 121 Spring, in a way
 - 123 Swerve
 - 124 "Lucky Jim" author
 - 125 Barely there
 - 126 "I — vacation!"
 - 127 Sicilian smoker
 - 128 Trick
 - 129 Richards of tennis
 - 130 Croc's kin
 - 131 Spring, in a way
- DOWN**
- 1 Cover with chocolate
 - 2 Stare
 - 3 Driving need, to Nicklaus
 - 4 Yorkshire city
 - 5 Brit. fliers
 - 6 Beethoven symphony
 - 7 Charon's customers
 - 8 Atlanta arena
 - 9 Spring, in a way
 - 10 Flapjack fryer
 - 11 Penny or Primrose
 - 12 More experienced
 - 13 Spring, in a way
 - 14 — Na Na
 - 15 Spring, in a way
 - 16 — breve
 - 17 Drench
 - 18 Adjust a cello
 - 28 "Killer Tomatoes" sound
 - 31 Foundation
 - 33 A billion years
 - 35 "— Easy Pieces"
 - 37 Newhart or Mackie
 - 38 Tall story?
 - 39 Pack animal
 - 40 Type of sauce or soda
 - 42 Sing in church
 - 43 Domesticated guanaco
 - 45 Jordan's only seaport
 - 46 Northwestern sound
 - 47 Singer/actress Della
 - 49 Bete noire
 - 50 Remora's host
 - 51 Mini, to Macbeth
 - 53 Getz or Musial
 - 55 "The Age of Innocence" author
 - 57 List
 - 60 Burning bit
 - 61 Likely
 - 62 Persona
 - 65 Dentists' org.
 - 66 Mini-mouthful
 - 68 Jackie's second husband
 - 70 Pan for Yan
 - 71 College exams
 - 72 Pizza piece
 - 73 Mr. Bulba of literature
 - 74 Upper crust
 - 75 Laundry
 - 76 He's horrible, comically
 - 77 Chan's portrayer
 - 78 Tetra type
 - 79 Kind of acid
 - 80 Too pooped to pop
 - 81 Raise spirits?
 - 84 Bread spread
 - 85 Spring, in a way
 - 88 Ergo
 - 90 Mummy
 - 91 "The Waterlilies" artist
 - 93 Super Bowl shout
 - 95 Baby's bundle
 - 96 Crank's comment
 - 99 Spring, in a way
 - 101 False start?
 - 103 Spring, in a way
 - 104 Biggs' instrument
 - 106 In a stew
 - 107 Take much delight
 - 108 Leading player
 - 109 Famed orca
 - 110 Coalition
 - 112 Used up
 - 114 Disoriented
 - 116 Apportion, with "out"
 - 117 Elizabeth of "La Bamba"
 - 118 "The Parent —"
 - 120 Lab. neighbor
 - 122 Basic sound system?



(See Answers, B4)