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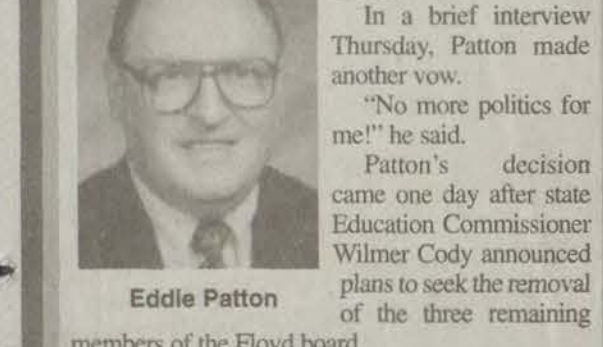
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**Patton lives up to vow, quits board**

by Scott Perry  
Times Editor

Eddie Patton fulfilled one pledge and made another Thursday afternoon.

In a one-sentence letter, Patton tendered his resignation from the Floyd County Board of Education on November 13, living up to a promise he made in January to quit the local board.



In a brief interview Thursday, Patton made another vow.

"No more politics for me!" he said.

Patton's decision came one day after state Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody announced plans to seek the removal of the three remaining members of the Floyd board.

The veteran of the three, Patton said, he did not want to fight.

"I think this board has failed," he said.

Patton's resignation, which was effective "immediately," leaves the board in legal limbo.

With just Jody Mullins and B.J. Newsome remaining, the board cannot muster a quorum. A majority of at least three members must be available for the board to meet and conduct school business.

By Patton's thinking, his resignation will spur the inevitable...a state takeover of the system.

"This effectively eliminates the board," he said Thursday. "Since all we were doing was voting and then waiting for the state to approve our decisions, why not go ahead and let them make the decisions now?"

"This will give them (the state) a jump-start," he added.

State Education Department officials could not be reached Thursday evening for comment on Patton's resignation.

The removal charges against Patton will now most likely be held in abeyance, as the state has indicated will be done with former board members Ray Brackett, Ursal Wilcox and former superintendent Gene Davis.

They can be revived if Patton should involve himself in board activities in the future, but he said that wouldn't happen.

"No more politics for me," he repeated. "You can take that to the bank."

**State initiates takeover, ousters**

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

Misconduct, neglect of duty and non-feasance charges have been filed against the three remaining members of the Floyd County Board of Education by Education Commissioner Wilmer Cody, and Cody is also asking for a three-year takeover of the school system.

The charges, released Wednesday by state officials, center on the board's failure to seek state approval before entering into contracts—including the contract with former superintendent Gene Davis.

A December 15 hearing date has been set and will be held in Frankfort. State officials also indicated they expect the hearings to continue through until December 16.

Two board members had not received copies of the charges Wednesday afternoon.

B.J. Newsome vowed to fight any attempt to oust him from office.

"I just have to fight it," Newsome said. "I ain't quitting. I ain't resigning. It's a fact of life. I don't feel I should. I don't feel I have to. I think a bunch down there (Frankfort) ought to resign for letting this go on for so long. I've got nothing to hide and I'm not ashamed of anything I've done."

Eddie Patton feels differently.

"He's probably doing the right thing," Patton said of Cody's charges. "I understand the deficit is now \$1.5 million. If that's true, we might as well cut bait. It keeps getting worse and worse. This should've been done much earlier. Cody was very deliberate, not Wild Bill. I think he's acted properly and professionally."

When asked if he would fight the charges, Patton said, "I don't have any intent on doing anything. I wouldn't touch it with a 10-foot pole."

Chairman Jody Mullins could not be reached for comment.

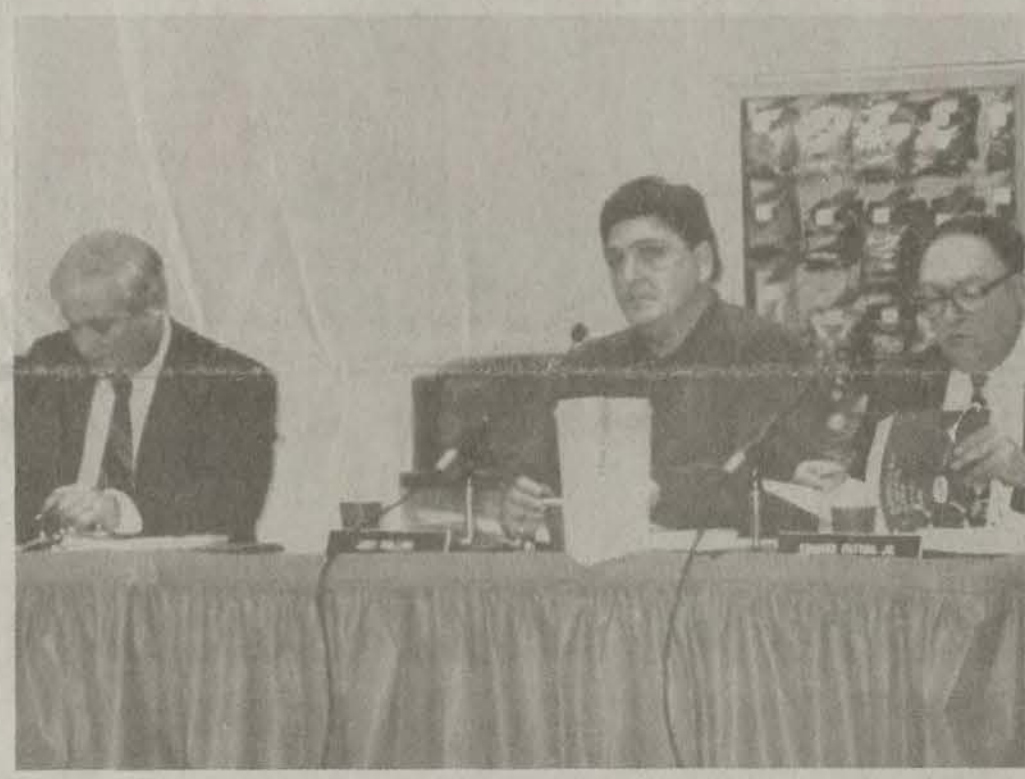
Charges against former superintendent Davis and former board members Ray Brackett and Ursal Ray Wilcox will be held in abeyance and will be pursued if the three try to return to their previous positions.

Cody's reasoning for filing charges, according to a Floyd County fact sheet released by state officials, includes:

- (the board's) failure to eliminate a budget deficit that first occurred in fiscal 1995 and which continued for 1996 and 1997;
- while in deficit, approval of expenditures without receiving prior approval of state officials; and
- allowing a pattern of significant ineffective and inefficient governance and administration.

Cody contends that newly-elected board members Newsome and Mullins

(See **Takeover**, page two)



**And then there were two...**  
Floyd County board member B.J. Newsome, left, has vowed to fight a state attempt to oust him from office. Eddie Patton, right, decided to resign Thursday rather than oppose the ouster attempt. Chairman Jody Mullins, center, has not indicated what he plans to do in response to the state charges. (file photo)

**Feds researching jury's request to probe murder**

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

Federal Bureau of Investigation officials apparently have not determined if they have jurisdiction to conduct an investigation into the handling of Andy Mitchell's case.

A Floyd County Grand Jury made an emergency recommendation last week for a probe into events that led to the murder of Mitchell's wife, Billie Jo Mitchell.

"We feel this case has been handled recklessly and with bias," the grand jury's recommendation states. "It is our recommendation that every office and person involved with this case should be investigated to the fullest extent of Kentucky and federal laws."

Pat Bashore, FBI media representative for the Louisville office, said Thursday that he was aware of the grand jury's request, but added he could not comment about the Bureau's jurisdiction into the matter because he had not read the grand jury's recommendation.

Bashore said that he talked to an FBI agent in the Floyd County area about the grand jury's recommendation, but added that the FBI's jurisdiction would be determined after officials "brainstorm" with each other and the U.S. District Attorney.

Bashore indicated that the Bureau's jurisdiction into the matter has not been determined.

(See **FBI**, page five)

**Otter Creek expansion is on the move**

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

Expansion of the Otter Creek Correctional Center (OCCC) means more than just the facility's ability to increase the prisoner population by 50 percent, it is expected to bring additional jobs and revenue to the area.

In September, the United States Correction Corporation (USCC) approved the facility's finalized proposal for the expansion of the 400-bed minimum security prison in Wheelwright to a 600-bed facility.

Aside from two additional dormitories that will house 100 inmates in each; an educational wing; visitation center; warehouse; and a fence separating the parking lot from the prison are also included in the project plans.

Floyd Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson said the expansion of the prison is expected to bring 28 additional positions to the facility, and the prison will generate several more thousands of dollars in the community.

He explained that Otter Creek's utilities bill would increase by approximately one-third, and the prison's expenditures in the community would also increase from about \$180,000 to \$216,000.

"It is important to consider the payroll for the additional guards," Sheriff Thompson said. "That money will pass through four or five different times within a community."

The first phase of the project — including the relocation of the parking lot to the outside perimeter and the fence to the inside — is scheduled to be complete in December.

"This should add to the security by removing the vehicles from inside the compound," David Carroll, deputy warden of operations at OCCC, said Thursday.

The first phase of the prison's expansion also includes a new guard shack near an additional parking lot.

The project's second phase, expected to be complete in May 1998, will provide the facility with a warehouse and an enclosed visitation pavilion that can be used year-round.

"We currently have a shelter for visitation," Carroll said, "but it is only a shelter and is used during the warm months. The renovated area will enable visitation throughout the year."

Carroll said the visitation center will also be used for recreational purposes during non-visitation times.

The third and final phase, which will begin at the same time the second phase is initiated, is expected to take approximately two more months to complete. Completion date for the final stage of the project is scheduled for July 1998.

The final stage will provide housing for the additional 200 inmates.

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**Around the Region**

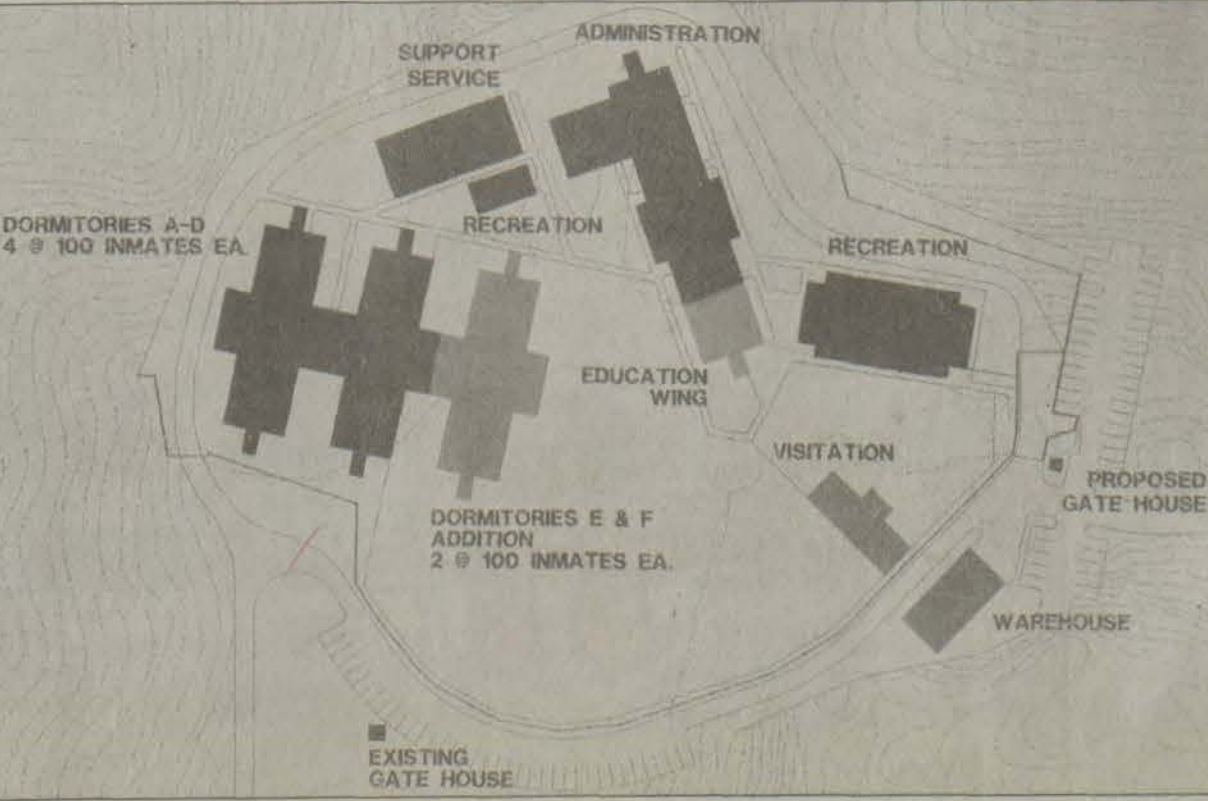
**Marlow's Christmas to include Floyd nursing homes**

**The Week Ahead**

Preregistration for the Floyd County Grand Jury will be held November 19. The grand jury will be in session November 24.

**Crime does pay...**

Otter Creek Correctional Center could offer 28 new jobs in connection with a plan to expand the Wheelwright prison's facilities. The expansion includes an enclosed visitation center, an education wing, a warehouse, and a new dormitory that will house an additional 200 inmates.



**Mother charged after injured child goes untreated**

by Chris McDavid  
Staff Writer

A Floyd County mother was jailed Wednesday after she allegedly neglected to seek medical treatment for her four-year-old child, who was in an automobile accident with her allegedly intoxicated father.

Tracy Martin, 27, of Drift, was arrested by Floyd deputy Steve Little when he discovered the child had been taken home and no attempts were made to take her to the hospital.

Martin was originally charged with fourth degree assault, child abuse. During her arraignment Thursday, a motion was presented

(See **Child**, page three)

# Takeover

were aware or "should have been aware... when (they) took office... that the Floyd County School District was a deficit district."

Cody said the board violated state law by spending more funds than were budgeted and that actions taken by the board, knowing the district was in a deficit, "have been inconsistent with insuring that the Floyd County School District's deficit be eliminated and, in fact, have permitted the (district) to end the 1996-97 school year with a deficit."

Cody noted that since January 9, 1997, the board has held nine regular and 25 special meetings with the budget deficit being on the agenda for only three of those meetings.

The last time the budget deficit was on the board's agenda was on April 4.

Also, the board is accused of failing to implement all parts of a state-approved deficit reduction plan and would be approximately \$1.1 million in debt if the district hadn't received about \$700,000 in unexpected revenue.

Failure by the board to effectively manage the district's financial affairs is grounds for non-feasance and willful neglect of duty charges, Cody asserted.

Contracts cited by Cody that the board approved without seeking prior state approval, as required under law because the district was under an emergency declaration for its deficit, include:

- on January 14, the board renewed its contract with board attorney Phil Damron;

- the board approved amendments to the bus drivers' United Steel Workers' contract which included a 2.6 percent rate increase;

- the board awarded contracts for food and supplies for the food service program;

- approval of a retirement incentive plan in March;

- approving a \$300 expenditure for a bus driver's salary to take the Allen Central High School Junior ROTC to Knoxville, Tennessee;
- at a special March 19 meeting, the board entered into a contract with Gene Davis to serve as superintendent with an annual salary of \$75,000;

- On April 8, the board approved a contract with the Kentucky Educational Development Corporation for professional development activities for certified personnel;

- approval of a contract with Mountain Telephone and Data Service for temporary phone service at Prestonsburg High School;
- the purchase of basic furniture for the science, art and administrative rooms at Prestonsburg High School;

- approval of a contract with MTS for a security system at South Floyd High School;

- approval of expenses to move a mobile classroom from Prestonsburg High School to the Maintenance Department;

- renewal of a contract with Josten's for the 1998 Floyd County yearbook;

- approval of a contract with Wilder Inc. for tile at Prestonsburg High School;

- approval of payment to Dixon Nunnery for the appraisal of the Maytown Elementary property;

- board approval to reinstate three Talented and Gifted teachers;

- awarding insurance contracts for the district's legal and general liability, property, boiler and fleet, and loss control services;

- approval of a contract with Pikeville Methodist Hospital for physical and occupational therapy;

- approval of a contract with Larry Jarvis for psychological and educational evaluations;

- approval of a contract with Data Futures Inc. to assist the finance department;

- entering into a service contract with Inacomp for technology services;

- the purchase of a pickup truck for the Food Service Department;

- approval of expenses to move a mobile classroom from Prestonsburg High School to Allen Central High School;

- approval of blacktopping projects in the district;

- approval of a contract with Coleman Oil to test storage tanks;

- the creation of seven new central office positions;

- approval of a contract with Johnson and Associates Psychological Services;

- approval of a purchase order for Prestonsburg Utilities to relocate a gas line at Prestonsburg High School;

- awarding a contract to Baldwin Contracting to install a handicapped ramp at Betsy Layne High School and awarding a contract to Maria Castle for removal

of a mobile classroom;

- approval of a contract with State Wide Press for office supplies;

- approval of expenditures on behalf of Head Start; and

- approval of special education contracts for transportation, a copier lease, and with Kentucky Valley Educational.

Cody said the board's actions amounted to misconduct, willful neglect of duty and nonfeasance because state approval was not sought before the contracts were approved.

## State Takeover

At its December hearing, the Kentucky Board of Education will be asked to determine if there is enough evidence to warrant a complete takeover of the Floyd school system.

Cody incorporated the results of a recently completed management audit in charges against board members because it showed a "pattern of a significant lack of efficiency and ineffectiveness in running the school system."

Areas in which evidence is expected to be given are:

- whether there is a pattern of a significant lack of efficiency and effectiveness in the governance or administration of the Floyd County School District;

- whether the pattern of a significant lack of efficiency and effectiveness in the governance or administration of the school district continues to exist; and

- whether state management is necessary to correct the inefficiencies and ineffectiveness.

Cody's recommendation to take over the school system was based on findings of a comprehensive management audit of the system performed in August.

Problems found during the audit and noted in Cody's charges are:

- failure to adopt procedures to allow for public review and timely action in the management of the administrative, business and instructional programs;

- the lack of supporting documentation attached to board meeting minutes to determine what actions the board did take;

- no documentation that the district completed a self-audit for the American With Disabilities Act, which could result in the loss of federal funds;

- the lack of instructional materials, supplies, equipment and maintenance, textbooks, library and resource materials, and updated computers in the schools;

- the overuse of para-professionals, especially for students with physical disabilities or severe and multiple disabilities;

- the inability of the Admissions and Release Committees to make final decisions about student programs without approval from the central office;

- the need for extensive professional development in the areas of instructional programming for students with disabilities;

- the district's special education office is not located in the central office and the removal of the office from district support staff is not conducive to a positive working relationship;

- violations of state laws regarding the district's home/hospital instruction program;

- the lack of Extended School Services to be provided during the regular school year and the need for school counselors to be involved in the hiring of ESS staff according to specific criteria;

- employment of one part-time psychologist at a cost of \$90,000 per year;

- the special education director does not supervise school psychologists, which creates inconsistencies in reporting;

- the special education department is located in a sub-standard building with student records stacked on the floor;

- two high school counselors have excessive student ratios with one counselor also teaching; middle school counseling is non-existent in one of the middle schools and six elementary schools and the largest elementary school does not coordinate district counseling, school psychology or school social work programs;

- the district is in violation of state regulations regarding site-based decision making councils for staffing allocations;

- failure by the board to allow school council input into all expenditures of funds;

- Section VI funds for special education students have not been allocated and no average daily attendance adjustments have been made;

- fiscal and staffing policies are inconsistent regarding "frozen"

funds, telephone bills, management position allocations and extra curricular program funds;

- there is no defined budgeting process in the district and the budget committee is made-up of members appointed by the superintendent;

- inappropriate expenditures have been made from the capital outlay fund, including lease payments for mobile classrooms, a telephone system and furniture for May Valley Elementary;

- serious concerns about the district's ability to use the MUNIS system to monitor the status of the budget and the budget entered into the MUNIS system is "of questionable accuracy";

- the district is maintaining "considerably" more facility space than needed based on the student population;

- the lack of attendance boundaries and allowing students to attend their schools of choice in the district;

- the lack of key management decisions in the overall facility

maintenance program;

- maintenance staff is at times unsure of their responsibilities and is not adequately involved in new building and major renovation specifications which causes inadequate maintenance of HVAC equipment and other building furnishings and equipment;

- the lack of a replacement schedule for the district's bus fleet;

- the poor financial condition of the district's food service program and a 50 percent decline in the cash balance creating less than one-half month's of operating balance;

- no increase for three years in the prices of student and adult lunches;

- failure of the most efficient use of commodities, and standardized recipes are not in use;

- overstaffing at schools in relation to the number of meals served;

- ten out of the district's 19 schools had serious equipment and repair needs in the cafeterias causing sanitation and safety risks to students and staff;

- violation of the state's competitive foods regulations at two schools where vending machines were operating during the time

- meals were being served; and
- violation of the state's adult meal policy in two schools where principals received free meals.

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# Child

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to the court to seek neglect actions against Martin.

Deputy Little said Thursday that he found an abandoned vehicle which had been wrecked in the Drift area shortly before 3 p.m. Wednesday and knew that two subjects had been in the vehicle from the blood and hair on the dashboard.

After questioning eyewitnesses, Little said he went to Martin's residence to question the subjects who had been in the mishap.

"I found a girl wrapped up in a blanket and towel," Little said about the injured child. "Her mother (Martin) had given her a bath to clean the blood off of her."

The deputy said the child suffered a cut on her head and one on her chin from the accident and the mother had been aware of the child's injuries for at least an hour before he arrived at their Drift home.

"When I walked in, (Martin) said she was getting ready to call for an ambulance," Little said. "She had plenty of time to get an ambulance or medical attention for the little girl."

The Left Beaver Rescue Squad and the deputy transported the injured child to McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, where she was treated and later released.

Little said after he arrived at the hospital, he discovered that the child's father, Wade Martin, who was driving the vehicle when the accident occurred, was already seeking treatment at the hospital.

"He had gotten his father to take him to the dentist," the deputy said, "and the dentist referred him to the hospital because his jaw was broken in two places."

Little said Wade Martin reported to hospital personnel that he had been involved in an all-terrain vehicle mishap. Mr. Martin was later transported to the University

of Kentucky Hospital, in Lexington.

Mr. Martin also has charges pending against him resulting from Wednesday's incident, Little said.

Martin is charged with neglect, second degree criminal abuse, leaving the scene of an accident and several other traffic violations, including driving under the influence.

Little said his investigation into the accident revealed that Mr. Martin had picked up his daughter at the bus stop around 12:45 p.m.,

and he "rode around with her for about two hours" while he was allegedly intoxicated.

"He was driving extremely fast, went into a curve and lost control of the vehicle," Little said.

The child, who had been injured in the accident with her father, and the Martin's two other children — ages 7 and 8 — were taken by social services Wednesday night.

Floyd Circuit Judge John David Caudill has ordered that a home evaluation be conducted at the Martins' residence.

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# Prison

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mates and a two-story educational wing with four classrooms and two vocational education areas.

Thompson said inaccurate rumors that the facility will become a medium- or maximum-security prison have surfaced since the expansion project began.

"It can't happen," Thompson said about the prison becoming a medium or maximum facility. "Private companies, as in the case with Otter Creek, can only handle minimum-security prisoners."

Sheriff Thompson said state laws are specific about what type of prisoners private companies can house.

Carroll agreed with the sheriff and noted that OCCC could house only community-custody inmates and 2-A restricted minimum-custody prisoners — those who have less than 60 months from an eligible parole or release date.

The prison in Wheelwright opened in November 1993 with an initial contract for four years; however, the state consolidated the contracts for all USCC facilities in a single ten-year contract.

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# Viewpoint

## Quote of the week...

"In order that all men may be taught to speak the truth, it is necessary that all likewise should learn to hear it."

—Samuel Johnson

## Editorial

### Those crying foul weren't crying wolf

by Scott Perry

If you've been expecting us to crow like one of Peter Pan's Lost Boys now that the state has moved forward with its plans to take over the Floyd County School System, you'll have to wait a bit longer.

In fact we had hoped to slide through the rest of this week without commenting on the issue at all, but we feel compelled and obligated to speak up for those who have labored long and hard to force this issue to this point.

Long before this newspaper set its sights on offering our readers a close examination of the school system's blemishes there were people in the trenches battling for change. Neither we nor they should cheer the fact that one of our county's most important institutions has been found inept, inadequate and, now, indefensible.

But the folks who have struggled for improvements deserve more than a shrug of the shoulder from politicians who suggest the state has overreacted to the problems in our schools or that our

problems are no different from other systems, just "more publicized."

Is there another school district in Kentucky that has violated state law for three consecutive years by running deficit balances?

Is there another system that has faced such turmoil in securing adequate leadership and offering effective education?

Name it. The state's decision to take control of this school system isn't an overreaction.

It's a delayed reaction.

By at least 12 years.

It is also authentication, verification and notification that those dreaded education "activists," who have cried foul for decades, weren't crying wolf as well.

Those folks aren't the sort to gloat or holler "we told you so," but they've certainly earned the right.

This is not a time for celebration, but a time for realization.

There has been no excuse for allowing our schools to sink so low, and there is no excuse now for missing this opportunity to refloat them.



## Letters to the Editor

### Take a lesson from Shriners funding

Editor:  
I was pleased to learn that former Gov. Breton C. Jones praised the Shriners for their wisdom in funding the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children by spending only the interest accrued from the endowment fund. Gov. Jones indicated that it would be helpful if surplus dollars collected by the state was placed in a special fund that could be used incrementally for providing universal health coverage for all Kentuckians over a period of several years.

During the 75th Anniversary of the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Shriners plan to spend more than \$425 million for operating expenses (\$21 million allotted for research) and \$66 million for buildings and equipment. Since the first Shriners Hospital was dedicated in Shreveport, Louisiana, 75 years ago, more than \$3.4 billion has been used to operate Shriners Hospitals, and more than \$770 million has been spent on construction and renovations. Shriners Hospital funding is obtained solely from tax-deductible contributions from bequests, income from the endowment fund, Shriners Hospital membership assessment, cash contributions, fund-raising activities, etc. Shriners Hospitals do not receive local, state or federal tax funds, or reimbursements from insurance carriers. Yet, 96 percent of the contributions received is used for patient care.

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### Asks gifts for foster children

Editor:  
This is to inform the public that the Floyd County Foster Parent Association is holding a toy and book drive to help with their first annual Christmas party, December 22, for children placed in foster care.

Items can be dropped off until December 15, at the following address: 92 Lick Branch, Prestonsburg.

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appreciated.

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Edwinna Blair  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Prestonsburg

### Opposes year-round schools for children

Editor:  
As the executive director of a summer camp for needy children, I would like to express my opposition to year-round school for Kentucky's high school and elementary school children.

Our camp, which is sponsored by the Kentucky Sheriff's Association for needy children throughout Kentucky, opens the first week in June and runs through the first week of August each summer. Hundreds of boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 11 who come from low income households, attend camp each year. Our maximum capacity at camp is approximately 120 children each week. If our camping schedule is reduced because of schools being in session during the summer, many needy children will be denied the privilege of attending our camp. Approximately half of the 1,000 children who are now privileged to attend would not be able to do so. This camp has hosted at least 20,000 children in the past 22 years.

Eligible children in Kentucky need the camping experience they obtain at the Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch. For many of the children attending, the week they spend at our camp is the only positive influence they have in their lives on a recreational and educational basis.

We also employ many Kentucky college and university students as counselors for nine weeks during the summer at a pay rate of \$150.00 per week. Our counselors depend upon their jobs for college money and the necessary experience they will need working with children in their chosen careers. It would certainly place a hardship on us in finding qualified help to oversee the camping program if we were forced to operate fewer weeks during the summer. I can readily see where it would be difficult for other businesses, especially in tourist areas throughout the state, which depend upon high school students for summer help.

I would like to urge the decision makers to consider all the pros and cons of year-round school before deciding to implement this program. There is much to be considered before this drastic change is made.

Ray Stoess  
Executive Director  
Kentucky Sheriffs' Association  
Kentucky Sheriffs' Boys and Girls Ranch

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## Meeting of the minds ... annually!

Imagine the power. Power vested in one, single politician to choose at will a policy issue affecting millions of people and place it in the hands of other politicians who are compelled by public expectation, to reshape, reform or destroy the spirit of that policy. If you can't imagine it, read the Kentucky constitution which endows upon our governor the sole power to convene the General Assembly for an extraordinary session. But is there anything "extra ordinary" about these sessions? They are now so common that you can almost adjust your calendar by them (for those of us who need to adjust our calendars from time to time).

Critics continue to say and write that last month's fruitless health care session was a complete waste of time and \$600,000 of taxpayers' money. But if the glass we see is half full and not half empty, then we can find at least some good to have come out of the session. Our General Assemblymen, instead of giving into public pressure to hastily do something (or anything), chose instead to stick to their current, yet divided, positions and face the political consequences from their inaction. This doesn't say much for the spirit of compromise and cooperation necessary for effective lawmaking (and is small consolation for those facing skyrocketing health insurance costs), but compromise and political negotiation takes time.

## The Political Party



by Dave Porter

Time for negotiation wasn't factored into the creation of the special session by the constitutional framers, who were looking only to provide an avenue for quick change in an emergency, and could not have foreseen the modern abuse of that avenue. By not passing a bill, and refusing to condone the current "do it, and do it now!" style of policy making through the twisted application of the special session, our legislature has brought to light the pressing need to change from biennial regular sessions to annual regular sessions.

Only six other states (all western states), other than Kentucky, hold regular legislative sessions every two years. The other 43 states hold annual sessions. Our current constitution was written over a hundred years ago in an era of furious public distrust of public officials (among other events, State Treasurer 'Honest' Dick Tate had just emptied the state's bank account and moved to Mexico), and thus certain restrictions on government power were necessarily included, such as term limits for state-wide office holders and government power were necessarily included, such as term limits for state-wide office holders and only biennial legislative sessions. In 1969 and again in 1973, another era of distrust (need I give examples of government misdeeds?), Kentucky voters turned down a constitutional amendment which would have allowed annual sessions.

In 1992, Kentucky voters removed the one-term limit on the Governor and state-wide officers. Today not only has public confidence been restored to, at very least, a level of tolerability (we, I believe, would now trust our legislature with annual sessions), but the need for more frequent and thoughtful attention toward Kentucky's complex and evolving problems and issues has never been greater.

While some may long for the good old days, they have been swept away with the coming of the economic, social, educational, and technological revolutions. We have collided with the future and now live in the age of laws and regulations where a legislature meeting biennially just can't keep up, with either its own laws or changes in federal policies which must be met.

A domineering governor in Kentucky is also part of the past. The exclusive power to call special sessions (over and over) contrasts and denies the emergence of the legislature into its rightful, controlling role in our government. Annual sessions are part of that role, both for lawmaking and oversight of the executive's (governor's) administration of those laws.

The two most glaring drawbacks of annual sessions are the cost of salary increases (per diem) for legislators, and the extra burden the legislators will face. The latter should take care of the former and, should the truth be known, our legislators are underpaid as it is. In the long run, for various reasons too numerous to list, annual sessions would save money.

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For the fourth consecutive year, Floyd County deputy Bobby Hackworth Jr. will receive the Governor's Award for Drunk Driving Enforcement during a recognition luncheon on December 4. Hackworth made 59 driving-under-the-influence (DUI) arrests from October 1996 through September 1997.

## P'burg retains insurance agency

by Susan Allen  
Staff Writer

Prestonsburg's city council voted Wednesday to hire Hatton Allen Insurance Agency as its insurance provider for fiscal year 1997-98.

Councilman Estill Lee Carter recommended, unsuccessfully, that council seek a 30-day extension on its current policy so that a comprehensive bid package could be prepared for the service.

The city's bid advertisement for insurance services was not specific enough to allow bidders to prepare proposals, Carter said, which did not put all bidders "in a fair situation."

"I can see where there's room for either party to say they weren't treated fairly," Carter said.

Councilman Robert Allen agreed saying, "I don't think we put them in a fair situation."

Denzil Allen, representing Hatton Allen Insurance, the city's current provider, said it was company policy that the city either renew its policy or not, regarding a 30-day extension.

At Monday's city council meeting, council sent the issue back to the finance and revenue committee for a recommendation on which carrier to choose after committee member Trent Nairn said no consensus could be reached.

One issue council reviewed at Monday's meeting was a comparison of the two bidders—River City Insurance and Hatton Allen—put together by city attorney Paul Burchett.

Burchett's document said that River City would charge an additional premium for any vehicles added during the year.

River City president Tommy Lafferty said Wednesday that was erroneous and that there would be no cost for additional vehicles.

Burchett said Wednesday afternoon that his comparison was in error and that he informed committee members of that on Tuesday. The issue was not discussed at Wednesday's special meeting.

Another issue discussed Monday was River City's \$2,500 deductible for any claims filed against the police department.

On Wednesday, Carter said the deductible had been lowered to \$1,000 but Nairn said that could not be considered because it would amount to the bid being altered.

Lafferty said Wednesday afternoon that the committee had asked both companies to see if any changes could be made in their proposals.

Allen told council Wednesday that he did not have an opportunity to change any quotes in his proposal and felt it was unfair to allow Lafferty to do so.

Lafferty said Allen had the same opportunity as he did to revise the proposal.

Councilman Robert Allen asked Denzil Allen at Wednesday's meeting about elected officials coverage concerning punitive damages.

Allen said city officials would be covered for both punitive and exemplary damages in the new policies.

The motion to accept Allen's proposal passed on a 4-2 vote, with councilmen Billy Ray Collins and Hansel Cooley voting no.

Councilmen Danny Hamilton and Gormon Collins Jr. were absent from Wednesday's meeting.

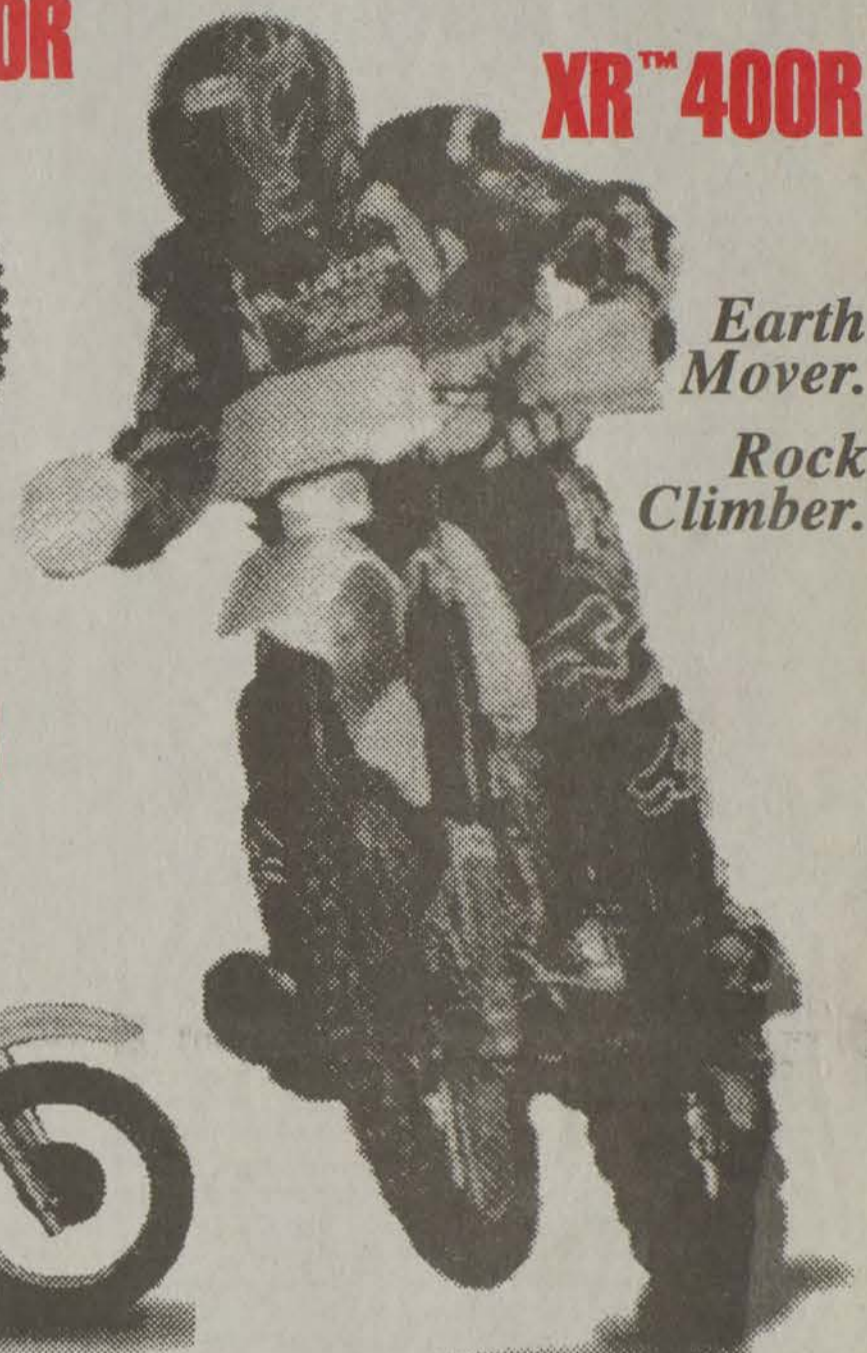
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## FBI

(Continued from page one)

mined. "We might have jurisdiction," Bashore said, but "it could be any number of things."

The grand jury's request was made four days after Ms. Mitchell's murder, the same day Mitchell was indicted on a capital murder charge, three counts of first degree stalking, burglary and rape.

The handling of court orders against Mitchell became a controversial topic after a warrant, which identified him as "armed and dangerous," was not served before Ms. Mitchell was killed.

Four days after the warrant was issued, Mitchell had not been taken into custody and Ms. Mitchell's body was discovered in her Ivel home.

# Construction in Progress

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Representatives from each school pictured are Jennifer West, Adams Middle School; Ruby Mayo, May Valley; Amy Halbert, Allen Central; and Joyce Watson, Floyd County Math Coordinator. Not pictured are Robin Nairn of Prestonsburg Elementary and Carolyn Ferrell of Betsy Layne Elementary.

## Five Floyd Schools share grants

by Rita Brock  
Contributing Writer

Floyd County has five schools that will share the Kentucky Mathematics Portfolio School team mini-grants.

The 1996 General Assembly passed legislation stipulating that mathematics portfolios are not to be used in baseline calculations during the 1996-97 and 1997-98 school years.

The Kentucky Mathematics Portfolio Assessment Program will enter into the research and development phase for the school years dated from 96-98. The 97-98 year will provide a "practice year" for all of Kentucky schools to implement the model that will be finalized in the summer of 1999.

## Labor department renews push to eliminate silicosis

With the help of 60 industry, labor, government and professional organizations, the U.S. Labor Department aims in the next six months to put new informational materials on preventing silicosis into the hands of 250,000 American workers at risk for this serious lung disease.

The planned educational push continues a national campaign to eliminate silicosis launched one year ago by the Labor Department's Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), along with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and the American Lung Association®.

"Each year, more than 250 American Workers die with silicosis," said Secretary of Labor Alexis M. Herman. "There is no cure for silicosis, but it is 100 percent preventable. We need to reach out to workers who may be at risk with information on how to prevent this lung disease. Employers will be advised on how to take appropriate action to eliminate the hazard."

Herman said that the campaign's co-sponsors will ask 60 organizations that participated in a national "best practices" conference on silicosis prevention earlier this year to help distribute new pocket cards for high-risk occupations, booklets in both English and Spanish, information on best practices, and other educational materials. In the next six months, plans call for reaching at least 250,000 workers in construction, mining and other industries who may be at risk for silicosis with specific information that can help workers take steps to protect themselves from this serious disease.

Additional plans for the silicosis campaign's second year include:

- Starting work on a new comprehensive OSHA standard for occupational exposure to silica.
- Continuing to conduct inspections in industries and occupations at high risk of silicosis;
- Pilot testing a NIOSH-funded model training program for workers performing abrasive blasting; and
- Conducting x-ray screening for 600 surface coal miners in Wyoming and West Virginia.

Silicosis is a disabling and sometimes fatal lung disease caused by overexposure to silica dust. More than 1 million workers across the country are exposed to dust containing silica—a major component of sand, rock and mineral ores. Activities such as sandblasting, jack hammering, drilling or cutting through sandstone or granite, manufacturing glass, and working in foundries, pose the greatest potential

risk to workers.

"It is important that we continue our efforts and enlist new partners in this historic campaign to inform employers and workers about the risk of silicosis, provide appropriate technical assistance, and find new ways to prevent this all too well-known disease," said NIOSH Director Linda Rosenstock, M.D., M.P.H.

Renewing the ALA's commitment to the National Campaign to Eliminate Silicosis, ALA past president and spokesman Dr. Alfred Munzer, M.D., said, "The vision of the American Lung Association is a world free of lung disease. The elimination of occupational lung disease is an essential component of that vision. Silicosis is a terrible disease that robs people of their breath and eventually leads to their death."

The national campaign to eliminate silicosis was launched October 31, 1996, with the theme "If It's Silica, It's Not Just Dust." Earlier this year, MSHA, NIOSH, OSHA and the American Lung Association, with support from 60 other organizations, hosted a national "best practices" conference on silicosis prevention which drew more than 600 participants from 40 States and five foreign countries. Other silicosis prevention activities in the campaign's first year have included:

- Conducting more than 650 inspections in general industry and construction that resulted in citations for more than 1,650 silicone-related violations with penalties totaling about \$1.2 million.
- Inspecting the 650 surface coal mines in the country during five days in April to ensure miners are protected during drilling operations;
- Screening more than 1,700 surface coal miners in Pennsylvania; and screening construction workers in the Cleveland, Ohio, area;
- Working to develop a silica monitor for on-site analysis of silica samples;
- Sponsoring training and loaning air sampling equipment to small stone operations so companies can monitor their workers' exposure to silica and noise;
- Completing NIOSH-funded lab and field tests on safer substitutes for the silica in abrasive blasting;
- Conducting 20 "best practices" workshops for more than 700 miners and employers in small communities across the country; and
- Collaborating with a trade association to produce the first in a series of training videos.

Workers and employers can get a package of free materials on how to prevent silicosis by calling the NIOSH toll-free telephone information service at 1-800-35-NIOSH.

Blanton, Melanie Cooke and Melita Meade. May Valley - math department chair Ruby Mayo, teachers, Tammy Farmer and Greta Thornsberry. Prestonsburg Elementary - math department chair Robin Nairn, and teacher Glendine Hale. Allen Central High School - math department chair Amy Halbert, teachers, Charlotte Moore, Pam Frasure and Robert Mayton.

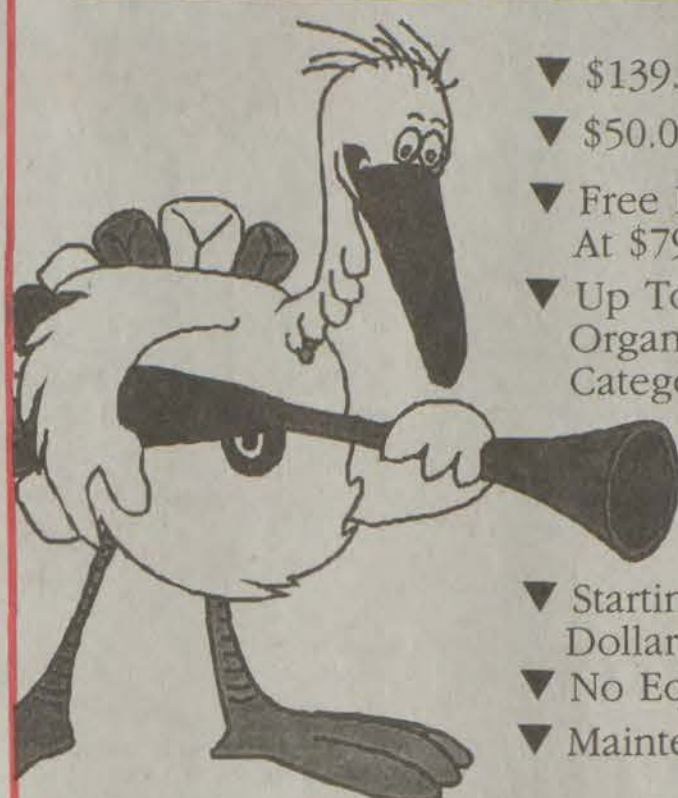
### Clarification

In a story Wednesday concerning a lawsuit filed by a Prestonsburg Community College employee, the lawsuit filed against PCC for discrimination does not specifically name PCC president Deborah Floyd as a defendant, but mentions Floyd throughout the lawsuit as an agent of the college.

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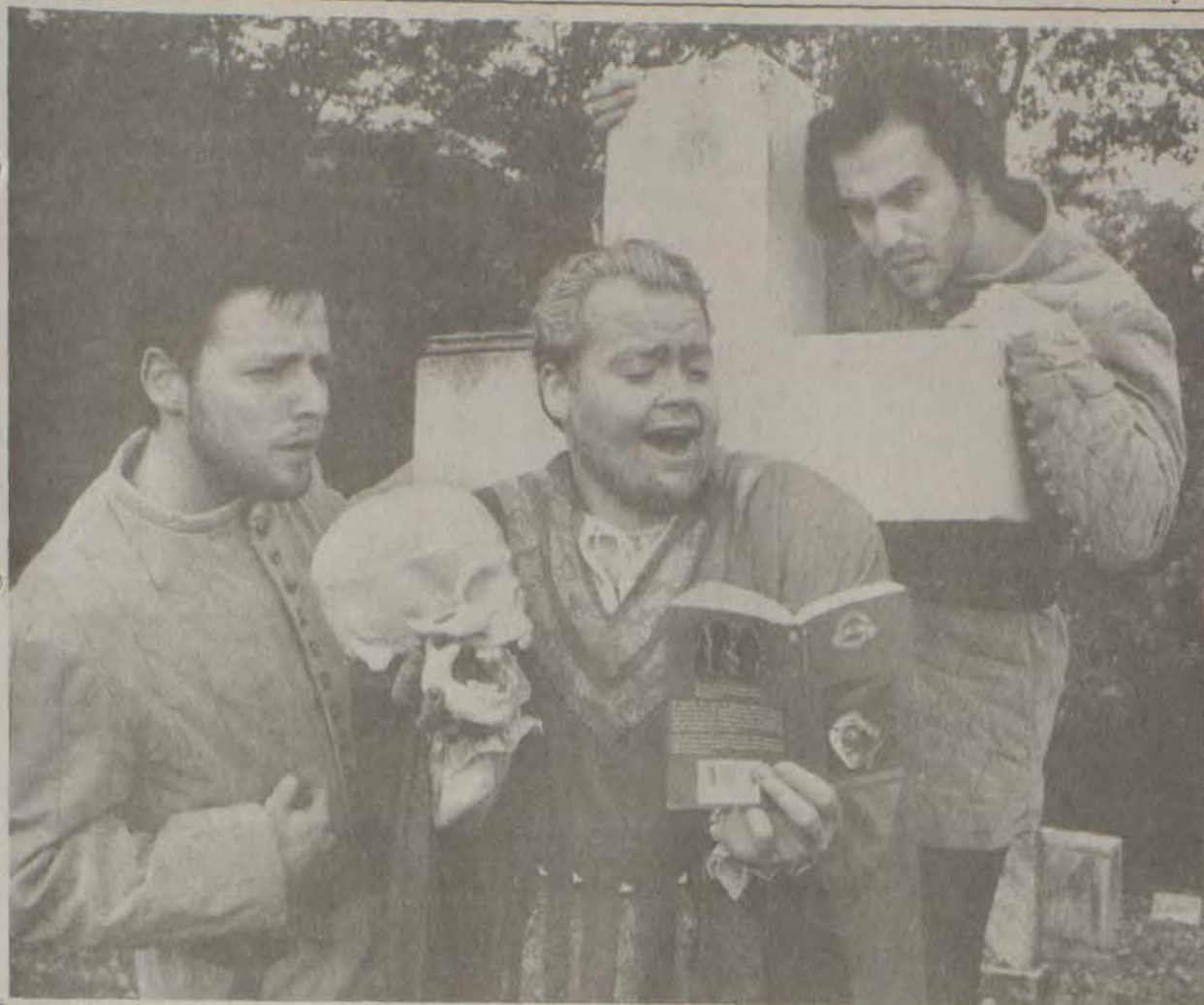
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Morehead State University theatre students will present Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," Tuesday through Sunday, Nov. 18-23, in Kibbey Theatre. Appearing in leading roles are seniors: Tres Dean, left, Tutor Key; Shawn Slone, Prestonsburg, and Brian Isaac Phillips, in back, Nicholasville. (photo by Tim Holbrook)

## Award-winning play coming to MSU

Morehead State University theatre students will present Tom Stoppard's "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead," Tuesday through Sunday, November 18-23, on the campus.

Among those appearing in the production are Shawn Slone, a senior from Prestonsburg, the son of Paul and Carol Slone, who will portray the Player in the production. A senior history and theatre major, he is a member of the MSU Players and

Theta Alpha Phi.

Jeanie Branham, daughter of Eugene and Mary Branham of Prestonsburg, is a musician in the production. A freshman music education major, she is a member of the MSU Marching and Symphony bands.

Michael Slone, the son of Gleason and Louise Slone of Bypro, is a musician in the production. A sophomore philosophy major, he was also a musician for the recent

theatre production "Working."

Showtime for the presentation, which will be held in Kibbey Theatre, is 8 p.m., with a 2 p.m. Sunday matinee. Because of limited seating, reservations are necessary.

Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$2 for senior citizens and high school students, and free to MSU students with valid ID card. Additional information is available by calling MSU's Theatre Box Office at (606) 783-2170.

## Goal set at 2,750 pints for annual Big Blue Crush

Central Kentucky Blood Center is challenging Big Blue fans to donate a record-breaking 2,750 pints during the Tenth Annual Big Blue Crush blood drive competition, November 17-21. The yearly Battle for Blood between Kentucky and Tennessee is celebrating 10 years of providing blood for local hospital patients during the Thanksgiving holiday. The competition series stands at five wins for Kentucky, three wins for Tennessee and one tie.

"Competing against Tennessee generates tremendous school spirit among our Floyd County donors," said Susan Berry-Buckley, CKBC's chief executive officer. "Thanks to their support, a Thanksgiving blood shortage has been prevented for the past nine years."

All donors who would like to help "crush" the Volunteers of Tennessee can give blood at the Prestonsburg Donor Center, N. Lake Dr., from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. during the event. All donors will receive a free Blue Crush gift and a chance to win a football signed by UK coach Hal Mumme.

Honorary chairperson for the competition is UK Athletics Director C. M. Newton. For more information about the Tenth-Annual Big Blue Crush blood drive competition, call Georgia Sanders at 886-1557.

## Census Bureau to gather important employment data

Data on characteristics of the nation's labor force, including people who are employed full or part-time, and anyone seeking employment, as well as hours worked and earnings, will be collected during the week of November 19, when employees of the Commerce Department's Census Bureau visit the area to conduct the Current Population Survey (CPS).

By law, the Census Bureau keeps all information about respondents and their households strictly confidential. "Labor force data collected in the CPS are one important measurement of the economic condition of our nation" said Susan B. Hardy, director of the Census Bureau's Charlotte regional office.

On December 5, the Department of Labor in Washington, D.C., will release labor force statistics for the United States based on the data provided by local households across the country in the November CPS.

Local households selected for the survey receive a letter from Martha Farnsworth Riche, director of the Census Bureau, informing them of the survey. Census Bureau interviewers carry an official identification card bearing their photograph and signature.



Cynthia Carol Hamilton, daughter of Billy Joe and Judy Hamilton of Teaberry, was elected queen at the recent Alice Lloyd College Homecoming. Cynthia is currently a senior majoring in education at ALC. She also serves as a resident advisor at Lilly, one of the girls' dormitories.

## Cooperative extension service helps rural communities weather times

Kentucky's small towns face a bewildering array of changes and challenges. Among the issues communities must cope with are urban sprawl, increased farming costs, fluctuations in Department of Agriculture funding and tobacco's uncertain future. Cooperative Extension Service faculty and agents will contribute their expertise to a symposium to help communities meet their challenging needs November 5-7 at the Center for Rural Development in Somerset.

"Changes are being imposed on our rural agricultural communities," said Extension associate Jennifer Thompson, co-coordinator of the Second Southern Gathering on Agricultural Problem Solving (SGAPS). "We will provide skills people can use to deal with these changes."

Extension agents from several Kentucky counties will bring teams of leaders from their communities. The teams will work together to learn the techniques to identify issues, make decisions, develop action plans—and resolve the conflicts that come up along the way.

The first day will feature a model public issues deliberation. "Deliberation lets people explore options cooperatively instead of taking sides and fighting," Thompson explained. "We encourage them to discuss, and to project what supporters and detractors of each option would say. This model helps build public understanding of the strengths and weaknesses in each action."

The second day is devoted to concurrent sessions on conflict management, action planning and public deliberation. The trainers include county agents and Extension specialists from the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture. Participant teams will be encouraged to have at least one member at each session.

On the final day, participants will discuss what they've learned and how to apply it to addressing an issue as a community. A panel discussion will feature a case study of a Pulaski County group that went through similar training and has applied the process in a real-world context.

"We'll conclude by bringing the teams together with others working on similar issues, and to think about how they can use the techniques they've learned," Thompson said. "We hope that people will go back to their communities and apply these skills to issues that are concerning them at home."

The Center for Sustainable Systems, Kentucky Leadership for Agricultural and Environmental Sustainability (KLAES), and the Appalachian Center and Community Farm Alliance have also contributed to the project. Funding was obtained through a USDA competitive grants program to promote sustainable agriculture

practices, and from the Kettering Foundation.

For more information about the Second Southern Gathering on

Agricultural Problem Solving, call Jennifer Thompson at (606) 257-2043, or contact a county extension service agent.



Carolyn Jones, (second from left), daughter of Wm. Gerald and Edith Jones of Prestonsburg, was elected princess at the recent Alice Lloyd College Homecoming. Carolyn is currently a sophomore at ALC and is majoring in biology.

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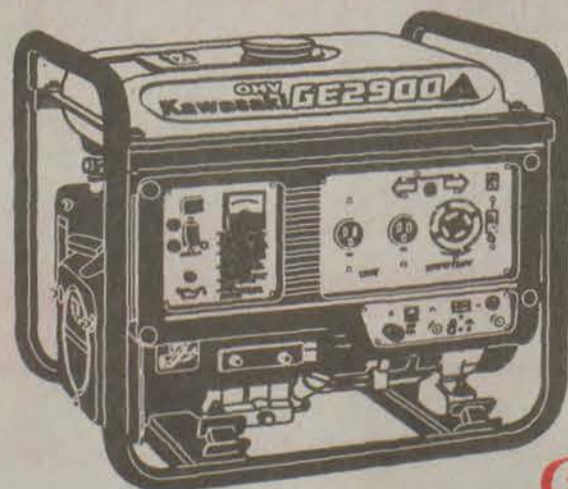
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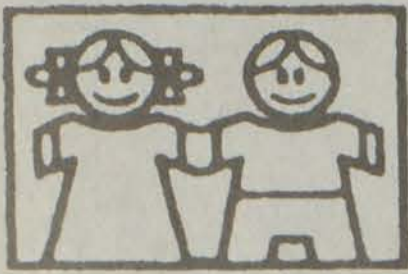
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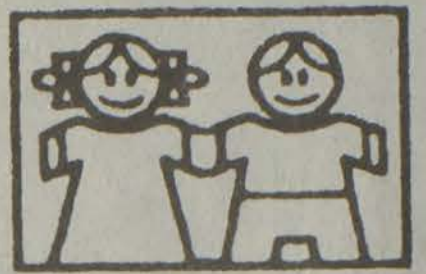
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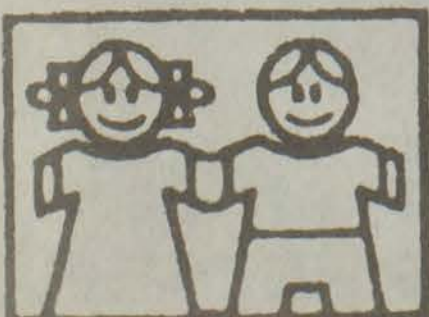
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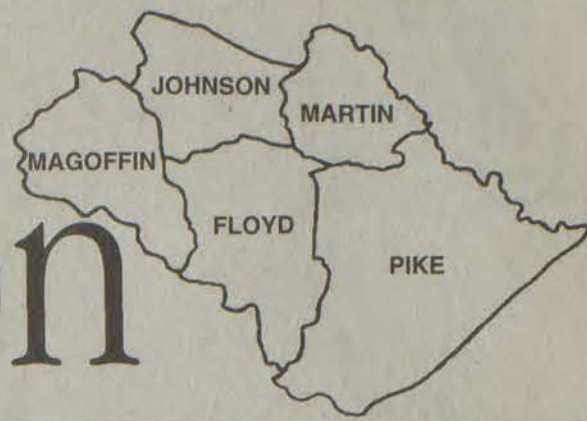
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# Around The Region



## Regional Events



### CPR class cancelled

The November 20 and 21 CPR Instructor Class at Pikeville Methodist Hospital has been cancelled.

### Celtic music at Stonewall Theatre

The Virginia Opry will begin its sixth year of performing at the historic Stonewall Theatre (circa 1905) by hosting Roaring Jello, a band from Shawsville, Virginia, that specializes in olde-timey, Celtic, and bluegrass music, on Saturday, November 15, at 8:00 p.m., on stage at the Stonewall Theatre, Clifton Forge, Virginia.

Tickets may be reserved by calling Olde Forge Travel at 540-862-1234 or the Stonewall Theatre's Box Office at 540-863-9606.

### Branham running for legislature

A Pikeville attorney has announced his candidacy on the Democratic ticket for the 94th legislative district seat in the House of Representatives.

Ira Edsel Branham, who has been an attorney for 14 years, will seek the Democratic nomination.

The current representative is Herbie Deskins, who announced last week he will not seek reelection.

Branham, whose parents are Ira and Gladys Branham of McDowell, spent his first years in a coal camp at McDowell. His first job after law school was working for Greg Stumbo and John David Caudill in their Martin office.

"That was a tremendous experience and I learned a great deal," Branham said.

As an attorney, Branham has worked as a prosecutor, a legal adviser, and an advocate for victim's rights. As a prosecutor and legal adviser, Branham was appointed to those positions by Gary Johnson, who was county attorney at that time, and Governor Paul Patton, who was the judge-executive.

Branham worked for the Legislative Research Commission as a legislative intern and was awarded a legislative commendation for his past dedication to legislative service. It was during his internship that Branham first began thinking about political office.

"My appetite was whetted in 1980 when I served as a legislative intern," he said. "I think now is an excellent opportunity for me to come forward to serve in that capacity as someone concerned for the poor, but also who has a knowledge of payroll."

Branham said he will address several issues in his campaign including the unfair nuisance tax, the need to elevate the education level of young people, the needs of coal miners and their families, to provide a way the mine worker can profit, etc.

In declaring his candidacy, Branham imparted the main themes of his campaign as being fiscal responsibility and the belief that government should help those who are unable to help themselves.

"I believe in fiscal responsibility and honesty and efficiency in government," Branham said. "I believe the government should help those who are unable — not unwilling — but unable to help themselves."

(Portions of this article were written by Kim Stacy, news editor of the Appalachian News-Express)



Ira Branham

## Marlow's Christmas to include Floyd County nursing homes

by David Gross  
Appalachian  
News-Express

For 20 years, Marlow Tackett has helped provide a festive Christmas to area children and families that otherwise might not have had one.

This year, the eclectic country musician and night club owner will include the area's elderly on his list of seasonal beneficiaries.

Tackett, whose annual holiday party has become a Pike County tradition, announced last week that he will also spearhead the first Nursing Home Christmas Week.

Early next month, Tackett and other volunteers will visit 12 area nursing homes, supplying cards, ornaments and other items

to more than 1,000 residents in four counties.

"I've always wanted a way to give back to the people who helped me. Now, I have this opportunity," Tackett said.

"And it's such a worthy cause. We can make this thing take off and grow. When I kick this off, I want it to last."

Tackett's original holiday benefit — Marlow's Christmas Party — has lasted.

The event, held each year since 1976 at Marlow's Country Palace, has provided food, clothing and toys to many of the area's needy children and families.

The idea for the nursing home visits

grew out of the Christmas Party, Tackett said.

As the 21st annual holiday bash nears, volunteers said they wanted a way to help the people who worked with the party

- Mt. Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg
- Riverview Manor Nursing Home, Prestonsburg
- Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin at 3 p.m.
- Golden Years Rest Home at Lackey at 4:30

through the years, but are now relegated to area rest homes.

Tackett and other volunteers have already assembled thousands of Christmas items to distribute, and are asking members of local communities to donate food and

other gifts and attend the nursing home visits.

Editor's Note: Area nursing home directors plan to ask Governor Paul Patton to declare Nursing Home Christmas Week statewide.

Tackett will be in Floyd County on December 2 to film a Christmas Show for the Needy on WPRG-TV at 2 p.m., and December 3 at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg at 10:30 a.m.; the Riverview Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg at 1 p.m.; Our Lady of the Way Hospital at Martin at 3 p.m.; and Golden Years Rest Home at Lackey at 4:30 p.m.

To donate to either of Marlow's projects, call 432-4181 or 478-8383.



### Biology club donates funds to MSU library

Morehead State University's Biology Club recently contributed \$350 to the University's Camden-Carroll Library to be used to purchase biology reference materials. The club's officers making the presentation were, front row, from left, Brandy Bromagen, Owingsville junior; Elsie Pritchard, chair of the library's Collection Development Committee, and Chris Hunter, Martin senior. Back row, from left, are Carrie Hieneman, Greenup junior; Jamie Salyer, Salyersville senior, and Stephen Kiser, Pikeville senior. (MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)

## Board resorts to mudslinging match Tempers flare over juvenile treatment center controversy

By Kim Stacy  
Appalachian  
News-Express

When it was all said and done, more was said than done as Pike County Board of Education members and Superintendent Reo Johns slung words at each other Tuesday night and tempers flared over an ongoing battle about an alleged "cover-up" concerning the sale of Sycamore Elementary School and the opening of a juvenile treatment center.

The school board meeting, which was packed to an overflowing crowd, got out-of-hand when two board members, John Blackburn and Bobby Varney, attempted to have an item placed on the agenda to discuss why an investigation by the school board was stopped two weeks ago by board chairman Alvin Newsome.

Johns even attempted to have two Sycamore residents evicted from the meeting by a sheriff's deputy for speaking out of turn.

When Blackburn attempted to have the issue placed on the agenda, Johns said it could not be without a majority vote of the board members.

The motion failed on a vote of 3-2 with Blackburn and Varney voting "yes," and Newsome, Shannon Justice and W. Keith Hall voting "no."

In the past, school employees and board members have been allowed to place items on the meeting agenda without any kind of vote.

Newsome then stated he felt the issue should not be discussed because it was

under investigation by the Kentucky Department of Education's Office of Education Accountability.

When Newsome called off the investigation into Johns' alleged connections to the Kentucky Youth Academy, the OEA opened its own investigation and was in Pike County this week and last week doing an investigation into the purchase of the former Sycamore Elementary School property, its connection to the Kentucky Youth Academy, etc.

The two residents were asked to be evicted by Johns after they asked why the item could not be addressed.

Later, one of the residents, Cheryl Baker, said she expected to not be allowed to speak, but said she only wanted to ask the board some questions regarding the closure of the school.

Tempers flared again when Hall made a motion to not discuss the issue until the

ing the door."

Hall's motion asked that the school board not be involved in the investigation.

The motion calls for the board to wait for OEA investigation and recommendation and directs Attorney Pam Robinette May to act as a liaison in the investigation to provide documentation, information and legal counsel.

Blackburn contested the involvement of May due to a conflict of interest in which she is currently employed as the school board's attorney for its comprehensive attendance program.

"The taxpayers are paying for a personal attorney for Johns. It's a definite conflict of interest," said Blackburn. "She's being paid with taxpayers' money, and she doesn't even know what she's doing."

However, May said she would be loyal to the board and that she understands she is being hired by the board for this specific investigation and will report back solely to the board.

The state is investigating allegations that Johns and his son Barry Johns were involved in the purchase of the school at public auction after it was closed.

The property was purchased this year, and has been leased to the Kentucky Youth Academy for \$192,000 a year as a residential treatment center for troubled boys.

The home was scheduled to open November 15, but the academy has not been issued a license and was notified it would not receive that license until after an investigation is completed.

In addition to the OEA, the issue is being looked at by the Attorney General's Office and the Kentucky School Boards Association.

**"The taxpayers are paying for a personal attorney for Johns. It's a definite conflict of interest,"**

**— John Blackburn, board member**

## Ten children taken from area homes

by Jerry Pennington  
Big Sandy News

Ten kids were taken from two Lawrence County homes last week after police determined that their welfare was in danger.

The first two separate incidents came on Sunday, November 2, following a domestic violence complaint. Kentucky State Police said they were answering a complaint of a physical altercation between Billy Church, 25, and Cindy Burns, 28, at a Webbville residence.

When Trooper Randy McCarty entered the home, he discovered various types of drug paraphernalia and a box containing about four pounds of marijuana.

A police report said McCarty determined that the welfare of five children was also very poor. The children — ages 8, 6, 4, 3, and 1 — were placed in the custody of relatives.

Both Church and Burns face five counts of endangering the welfare of a minor and one count each of menacing, assault and trafficking in marijuana. They were arrested and taken to the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center in Johnson County where they were later released on bond.

The second case came on Monday when McCarty responded to the home of Sherry L. Boyce of Buchanan to check on the welfare of five children at her Nebo Road residence.

A police report said that "upon arriving, Trooper McCarty determined that the children's welfare was in danger." Boyce, 24, was arrested and charged with five counts of endangering the welfare of a minor.

She was taken to the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center where she too was later released on bond.

## New attendance program could mean \$500,000

by Kim Stacy  
Appalachian  
News-Express

If school officials can keep attendance at its current pace, the Pike County School System would receive an additional \$500,000 from the Kentucky Department of Education.

The latest statistics available, which include the first two months of school, show an improvement in school attendance to 96.50 percent, up from 95.80 percent at this time last year.

According to attorney Pam Robinette May, who was hired by the school system to oversee its new comprehensive attendance program, and Lester Collins, director of pupil personnel, the figures indicate the school system will receive about \$44,160 more each month.

The program was adopted earlier this year and allows the school system to hold parents responsible if students are not in school by punishing the parents through the court system with fines and jail time.

School officials decided to develop the attendance program because it loses about \$2 million a year in state funding due to excessive absenteeism.

And although there has been a state law in existence for some time which allows school districts to prosecute parents through the court system, many school districts have been hesitant to enforce the laws.

# Big Sandy Briefs

## Open house is no longer school rule

The tradition of local schools sponsoring an Open House for parents each fall is no longer a requirement among Magoffin County schools.

With the district's current financial concerns, the Magoffin County Board of Education has decided to cease the funding of such events.

That means that the responsibility costs incurred from the evening falls to the individual school. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Even though the cut-thru is completed, a pared down workforce is still working on the finishing touches, such as guardrails and fences. — *The Salyersville Independent*

## Taking water farther into Magoffin County

The Magoffin County Water District has just completed a project which extended county water lines over 20.5 total miles of formerly unserved area and is making plans to begin another extension project to the tune of \$850,000.

The project, which has only recently drawn to a close, cost \$755,000 in grant money from the Rural Economic Community Development.

Approximately 150 customers signed up for the water service in the areas of Right-Hand Middle Fork, KY Route 30, Boardtree, Bloomington Branch, Brown Fork, Licking River, Road-Lakeville, Meredith Branch, Shawnee Branch and Jake Fork. — *The Salyersville Independent*

## Water flows through cut-thru project for the first time

Water flowed through the Salyersville Cut-Thru for the first time last week.

Recent rains put the \$12 million project through a test run. A small amount of water was diverted from the normal course of the Licking River and through the large diverted channel at Sugar Camp Road.

The channel has only recently been completed with a layer of concrete to discourage erosion.

## City officials agree to let tourism train stay in park

City officials relented Tuesday, November 11, from their previous position and told Pikeville-Pike County Tourism Commission board members that the agency's headquarters can remain in the historic train car located in the city park.

The backstep came despite a recent vote that terminated the city's lease with the tourism board and reaffirmed officials' intentions to replace the train car with public restrooms. The city is renovating the Academy Building in downtown Pikeville and plans had already been made to relocate the tourism board to an office there next year.

After a public outpouring at a recent city commission meeting and a successful petition drive by tourism board members, city officials reconsidered their deci-

sion to move the train car. — *Appalachian News-Express*

## West Virginia man dies as a result of accident

A West Virginia man who was involved in a traffic accident in South Williamson on October 26 died in a hospital last Wednesday, authorities said.

According to a Kentucky State Police report, John L. Fields, 50, of Lenore, West Virginia, was pronounced dead at St. Mary's Hospital, where he was flown by Health Net from Williamson Memorial Hospital, after he tried to turn left onto Harvey Street Bridge from U.S. 119 and pulled into the path of another car.

The accident is under investigation. — *Appalachian News-Express*

## Police have suspect in drug store burglary

Burglars apparently went through a 12-inch vent pipe on top of the roof of the Inez Drug Store early Friday morning after shedding a jacket, a cap and sneakers which were left at the scene and recovered by Martin County Sheriff's deputies.

The thieves apparently took drugs labeled controlled substance. The drugs could have a potential value of up to \$50,000 on the street, according to Ruth Dunbar, pharmacist at the drug store. — *The Martin County Sun*

## Suspects surrender to police authorities Sunday

One man was shot and another beaten with a hammer in an attack at the mouth of Marrowbone in West Virginia last Friday. Three Martin County men turned themselves in to authorities in connection with the assault while another remains at large.

According to police reports, five people were in an automobile at the time of the attack. The five were on

their way to court, accompanying Brent Brewer as he answered charges of malicious wounding, when the incident occurred.

The attackers were in a second car that bumped into the car a couple of times until the vehicle with Brewer stopped, according to a friend of the victim. Shots were then fired into Brewer's car.

Four Martin County men were accused in connection with the incident. Police are still searching for the fourth man, Paul (Poggy) Mills, involved in the incident. — *The Martin County Sun*

## Daniels helps preserve heritage

Jim Daniels, curator and director of the Floyd County Historical Society, was on hand last Thursday, to promote the creation of a Martin County Historical and Genealogical Society. Daniels also distributed a copy of "The Floyd Countian," the official quarterly publication of the Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society. — *The Martin County Sun*

Adkins said the projects looked at for such parks include golf courses, cabins or a lodge. In the case of Yatesville, he said a golf course was definitely a possibility. — *The Big Sandy News, Louisa*

## Two resign as members of Louisa City Council

A diminished Louisa City Council took up as their first order of business last night one of their most pressing problems — replacing two members who had resigned.

Council member Jeff Kinser resigned Tuesday night and Tim Chambers on November 1, leaving only four members on the council, just enough to have a quorum to vote.

Kinser resigned because he is moving outside city limits and will no longer be eligible to sit on the council. Chambers said he had a new job description requiring him to be out of town during the week.

Several people have expressed interests in filling the vacancies. — *The Big Sandy News, Louisa*

## Adkins to ask for golf course at Yatesville Lake

With a state budget surplus of anywhere from \$150 million to \$200 million, State Representative Rocky Adkins said he would like to see some of that money go to improving underdeveloped state parks such as Yatesville Lake.

Adkins, who spoke to the Louisa Rotary Club last Thursday, said he is going to ask the governor to appropriate a portion of the money to do one major project at each of the state's underdeveloped parks that have a high tourism potential.

Governor Paul Patton said within the next few weeks he plans to come up with a prioritized list of projects that he would like to have funded by the surplus after consulting with lawmakers.

A couple of years ago, Patton appropriated money to give Yatesville a \$1.2 million marina, which is under construction and a \$2.3 million campground which will be let for bids on December 3. Despite the projects, Yatesville is still considered by the state to be an underdeveloped state park.

## Tobacco leaders demand answers from Sen. Lugar

A plan by U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, D-Ind., to buy out farmers' tobacco quotas has prompted questions from tobacco state leaders.

Letters mailed to Lugar on October 29 by a large number of tobacco farm leaders probe "the full intent" behind his plan that would also eliminate the 60-year-old federal tobacco program. — *The Licking Valley Courier*

## Drug-sniffing canine joins local law enforcement team

Beadrow, a two-year-old German Shepherd owned by West Liberty Police Sergeant James Keeton, completed his search and rescue/drug detection training last summer and in September became an official auxiliary to local law enforcement agencies after successfully completing his first drug-detecting assignment.

On September 24, Sgt. Keeton and Beadrow were called on by the Morgan County Sheriff's Department

to assist in a search for suspected marijuana. Acting on a complaint, Sheriff Bill Frank Lacy with Sgt. Keeton and other officers converged on the parking lot at the county road department garage where Beadrow got his first on-the-job drug sniffing test and passed it with flying colors. — *The Licking Valley Courier*

## \$2 million for rural sewer project now law

U.S. Representative Hal Roger's request to provide \$2 million to build a sewage plant for the Morgan County Water District has become law.

The first part of the project will include providing a new wastewater treatment facility and collection line system for the community of Ezel in western Morgan County. It is the county's first rural sewer system and will service 270 customers as well as Ezel Elementary School.

The second part involves new extension lines from the City of West Liberty to the Liberty Road area just outside the city limits to serve some 100 residents. — *The Licking Valley Courier*

## Hindman parking hot topic

Meetings are planned this week for the city of Hindman and Knott County officials concerning parking, following heated remarks about parking issues during last week's city council meeting.

At issue is the effort by local officials and business persons to make shopping and conducting county business in the county seat easier. One of the major problems discussed for the county seat in the community development initiative proposal to be a "new town" was improved access and parking. — *The Troublesome Creek Times*

## Jury unable to reach verdict

A Knott County jury deliberated ten hours November 6 before reporting that it was unable to agree on a verdict in the trial of Carlos G. Sandifer, 29, of Red Fox, charged with first degree sodomy. Judge John R. Morgan then declared a mistrial.

The defendant, a former employee for the LKLP Carl D. Perkins Headstart Center at Brinkley, Ky., was alleged to have sexually abused a four-year-old boy at the center in 1996.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Richard A. Counts. The

Commonwealth intends to retry this case and will be asking the court to set a new trial date in the near future.

This was the third trial in the present term in which a jury was unable to reach a verdict. — *The Troublesome Creek Times*

## "Carr Creek Legacy" book ready for big screen

When he wrote the book "The Carr Creek Legacy," Dr. Don Miller, Morehead State University professor emeritus of education, knew it was special. He didn't realize how well it would be received by others until representatives from the movie industry asked for the script. Among those showing interest are the Walt Disney Corporation, Steven Spielberg and Ron Howard.

Dr. Miller recently presented a copy of his work to Clara Keyes, head of Special Collections at the University's Camden-Carroll Library. The book, which chronicles how a small school overcame insurmountable obstacles to play basketball in a national competition, is available at the University Bookstore or from the author.

A two-time graduate of MSU, Miller was a member of the '48 Carr Creek basketball team and retired from MSU after 29 years of teaching. — *The Troublesome Creek Times*

## The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results	Nov. 12, 1997
LOTTO KENTUCKY 1-7-12-17-26-41 Next Estimated Jackpot \$4,700,000	POWERBALL 13-14-16-29-41 Next Estimated Jackpot \$16,000,000

## Mayor says ambulance service still needed

Before a standing-room-only crowd, Paintsville's ambulance service was submitted to heavy scrutiny and survived.

Representatives from Paintsville Fire and Rescue sat shoulder-to-shoulder with representatives from Johnson County's two private ambulance services, Burchett's and First Response, while the Paintsville City Council discussed how the service has performed in its first year of operation.

Mayor Robin Cooper read a report on the service prepared by Fire Chief Bob Dixon detailing the service's expenses and receipts. According to Dixon's report, the service paid out \$84,665.09, of which \$71,605 has gone toward salaries. Meanwhile, the service has billed out for \$149,459.50 in services, of which, \$43,376.29 has been disallowed by Medicare, Medicaid and insurance companies. The service has collected total payments of \$48,867.16.

Yet despite the wide gap between expenses and collections, there was some dispute about how well the service is performing financially. — *The Paintsville Herald*

## Board eyes Tiger logo copyright

Talk of copyrighting the Paintsville Tigers' school logo was tossed about at Monday night's regularly

scheduled meeting as board members seek ways for school boosters and clubs to increase profits.

The idea to copyright the logo was brought up by a board member after the board approved the sale of Christmas goods, such as coffee cups, mugs, candy, and t-shirts, by the Parent Teacher organization and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

A number of area retail stores sell products bearing the Paintsville Tiger's school logo, but the school system doesn't see a return on those items sold. The board discussed copyrighting the logo so the board could collect royalties. The consensus of the group was that the idea was worth looking into, and that the Kentucky School Boards Association needed to be contacted to further their inquiry into getting the logo copyrighted. — *The Paintsville Herald*

## Sick leave buy-back is no more

County government employees will no longer be in the business of selling their sick leave back to their employer. The Johnson County Fiscal Court voted Monday to end its policy of buying back accrued sick leave hours at the end of the year, a practice begun during the administration of Hobert Meade.

County Judge-Executive Gail Gillem said he doesn't think the practice is wise, because employees who contract a serious illness down the road would not have enough sick leave accrued to cover their leave of absence. — *The Paintsville Herald*

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96 GEO METRO... 25,000 miles	4980	189 mo.	92 BUICK PARK AVENUE... Leather, moonroof	8980	189 mo.
96 HYUNDAI ACCENT	8175	189 mo.	93 FORD TAURUS SHO... Leather, moonroof	11300	189 mo.
94 CHEVY CAVALIER RS	5880	109 mo.	93 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER 5TH AVE... 33,000 miles	11300	189 mo.
95 HYUNDAI ELANTRA... 28,000 miles	5980	109 mo.	93 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE SSE	13700	189 mo.
94 MITSU ECLIPSE	6980	129 mo.	97 MERCURY SABLE GS WAGON	15700	13980
96 DODGE NEON	6980	129 mo.	96 OLDS CUTLASS SUPREME... 2-door, 27,000 miles	13475	10980
95 MITSU MIRAGE	6980	129 mo.	97 ACHEVA SL... 27,000 miles, CD	10980	10980
95 FORD ESCORT LX WAGON... 30,000 miles	8300	129 mo.	96 FORD PROBE GT... Sunroof	18250	10980
95 MAZDA PROTEGE	8225	129 mo.	96 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX SE	14150	10980
95 BUICK SKYLARK CUSTOM	8425	109 mo.	94 CHEVY CAMARO Z28... 7-sp, extra nice	14520	10980
94 FORD TAURUS GL	9125	109 mo.	96 BUICK REGAL	13400	10980
94 FORD PROBE	8850	129 mo.	95 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE	16050	11980
94 FORD T-BIRD LX... V6	10400	129 mo.	96 FORD TAURUS... 30,000 miles	11980	11980
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95 FORD CONTOUR GL	9625	149 mo.	95 MAZDA B2300 PICKUP... 11,000 miles	10125	6980 / 129 mo.
96 CHEVY CORBICA... V6	9825	149 mo.	96 FORD RANGER... 20,000 miles	10650	6980 / 129 mo.
95 OLDS ACHEVA	7980	149 mo.	94 MAZDA B2300 PICKUP	9325	6980 / 129 mo.
95 HYUNDAI ELANTRA GL	9625	149 mo.	91 DODGE RAM WAGON VAN... 58,000 miles	8675	9980
94 DODGE INTREPID	9400	149 mo.	92 CHEVY LUMINA APV... 7-passenger	8300	6980
96 MAZDA PROTEGE	10675	149 mo.	92 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN	10750	6980
96 CHEVY BERETTA	10550	149 mo.	95 GEO TRACKER	8475	6980 / 129 mo.
94 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER	12100	169 mo.	95 FORD F150... Full size	14925	8980 / 169 mo.
95 NISSAN ALTIMA	10750	169 mo.	95 DODGE CARAVAN... 7-passenger	11400	8980 / 169 mo.
96 BUICK SKYLARK CUSTOM	8980	169 mo.	96 NISSAN SENTRA XE... 20,000 miles	10625	8980 / 169 mo.
95 MAZDA PROTEGE... 20,000 miles	10675	169 mo.	91 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4x4	9980	189 mo.
96 TOYOTA TERCEL DX	10550	169 mo.	97 NISSAN HARDBODY XE PICKUP... 4,000 miles	12400	10980
96 CHEVY CAVALIER	8980	169 mo.	97 FORD F150 PICKUP... 4x2, XL	11980	11980
95 NISSAN SENTRA GXE... Auto., all power	11100	169 mo.	95 MERCURY VILLAGER GS	17075	11980
95 GEO PRIZM	8980	169 mo.	96 FORD F150 PICKUP... Auto., air, 30,000 miles	14550	11980
95 BUICK REGAL CUSTOM	14000	169 mo.	95 PONTIAC TRANSPORT SE... 3.8 litre, all power	15850	11980
95 HONDA CIVIC LX... 4-door, 28,000 miles	9980	169 mo.	93 NISSAN PATHFINDER	14100	12980
96 OLDS ACHEVA... 20,000 MILES	9980	169 mo.	94 CHEVY S10 BLAZER 4x4... 4-door, 40,000 miles	15200	13980
96 SATURN SL2	12800	169 mo.	96 DODGE CARAVAN... Extended, 4-dr., all power, rear air	18175	13980
94 TOYOTA CAMRY	9980	169 mo.	97 CHEVY ASTRO EXTENDED... 19125	13980	13980
95 OLDS CUTLASS SUPREME	11650	169 mo.	95 NISSAN PATHFINDER 4x4 XE	17775	13980
96 FORD TAURUS GL	12925	169 mo.	97 FORD AEROSTAR XLT EXTENDED	15300	14980
96 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX SE	12000	169 mo.	96 NISSAN PATHFINDER... 13,000 miles	15980	14980
95 MAZDA 626 LX	12925	169 mo.	95 MITSU MONTERO LS... 4x4	20860	15980
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96 MAZDA 626 DX	14150	10980	94 JEEP CHEROKEE Sport 4x4	9980	169 mo.
96 NISSAN ALTIMA GXE... 18,000 miles	11980	10980	95 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE 4x4	19400	14980
92 MITSU 3000 GT... Low miles	14000	11980	95 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE... V6	20450	16980
95 MITSU GALANT LS	13625	12980	95 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE... Limited, leather	23725	16980
95 MITSU GALANT ES... 18,000 miles	15400	12980			
95 MAZDA MILLENNIA	18950	14980			
93 VOLVO 940 TURBO	18800	14980			
96 NISSAN MAXIMA GXE... 30,000 miles	15980	14980			
94 VOLVO 960 TURBO WAGON	15980	14980			
95 INFINITI J30	24525	16980			

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## After the (fall) vacation (Epilogue)

You get to know a lot of people you already thought you knew (actually more than you want) when you're in tight quarters together for long extended periods of time; particularly if you're driving 18 hours straight in a van.

It was my pleasure to spend nine fun-filled days in a warm, balmy climate with my sister-in-law, the infamous Bonnie "Suzy Homemaker" Spencer, her husband, Paul; my niece Paula and her husband, Doug, and my favorite ever cheerful, vastly stupendous, super intelligent nephew, J.D. It was so pleasurable, the 36 hours we spent in the van was just icing on the cake.

After the men (in this story the reference to men is intended to be Doug and Paul) packed up the van in Prestonsburg, we pulled out for Ft. Myers at 10:30 a.m. Our first stop was McDonald's in Martin where we got something to eat to tide us over until we reached the next leg of our destination—The Cracker Barrel.

"I don't want anything here," Bonnie protested. "I'm waiting until we get to Cracker Barrel."

"What are you going to eat there?" I asked. "Oh, just a vegetable plate," Bonnie replied as she scanned a folder that closely resembled a map.

"Are you mapping our trip for us?" I asked. "I certainly am. And our first Cracker Barrel stop will be this side of Atlanta."

"Is that a regular map?" "Well, it's a map that shows where all 25 Cracker Barrels are located. There's even one in Ft. Myers."

"How convenient," Doug replied drolly. "Dad, hand me a Pepsi," Paula requested.

"They're in the cooler right under the pimento cheese and the chip dip. While you're at it, throw J.D. a banana. They're in the sack behind the seat. Where's my Egg McMuffin?" "PoPo ate it!" J.D. screamed, referring to me.

"I thought that was mine," I uttered defensively.

As Paula peeled J.D. a banana and adjusted The Power Ranger movie on the van's VCR/TV, I sat back and thought about all the fun we were going to have in Florida. I kept thinking about that commercial where the man and woman are relaxing on the beach soaking up the rays. The man leans dreamily over to the woman and says, "pinch me." The next scene, the man is back at work screaming his head off. I couldn't wait to picture myself lying on the beach reading a John Grisham novel and thinking about what I always think about—nothing.

By the time we got to the end of the Daniel Boone Parkway, I decided to recline and sleep until we got to the next stop. "I'm going to lie down awhile. How long until we get to the Cracker Barrel?" I asked, mindlessly.

"Wasn't that you snoring for the past hour?" Doug asked.

"I was just resting my eyes," I protested.

"I just love vegetable plates," Bonnie chimed in.

(Stay tuned next week when Bonnie says, "You all aren't going to believe this, but there's a Cracker Barrel in Corbin.)

## Glenn Miller Orchestra swings into the Mountain Arts Center

"The hardest thing in the world is to start an orchestra — and the next hardest, to stop it."

That bit of wisdom was uttered by Hans Richter more than a century ago, but he might very well have been speaking about the Glenn Miller

Orchestra, which will appear at the Mountain Arts Center on Tuesday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m.

The first Glenn Miller Orchestra didn't make it at all. It was a total and absolute economic failure. But Glenn knew what he wanted, held to that dedication and relentlessly worked to succeed. He

launched his second band — the one that lives on today — in March of 1938. It's been a hit ever since.

The legendary Glenn Miller was one of the most successful of all the dance bandleaders back in the Swing era of the 1930s and '40s. A matchless string of hit records, the constant impact of radio broadcasts, and the drawing power at theaters, hotels and dance pavilions built and sustained the momentum of popularity.

Glenn disbanded his musical organization in 1942, at the height of its popularity, volunteered for the Army and then organized and led the famous Glenn Miller Army Air Force Band. It went to Europe to entertain servicemen, and then, on December 15, 1944, Major Miller took off in a single-engine plane from England to precede his band to France, never to be seen again. The army declared him officially dead a year later.

Because of popular demand, the Miller Estate authorized the formation of the present Glenn Miller Orchestra in 1956 under the direction of drummer Ray McKinley, who had become the unofficial leader of the Army Air Force Band after Glenn's disappearance. Since then, other leaders have followed Ray including clarinetists Buddy DeFranco and Peanuts Huncko, trombonists Buddy Morrow, Jimmy Henderson and Larry O'Brien and tenor saxophonist Dick Gerhart.

The 19-member band continues to play many of the original Miller arrangements which keep exciting fans who have not heard them played for a while. Additionally, they are also playing more modern selections in the big band style, carefully selecting only those newer tunes that lend themselves naturally to the Miller style and sound, carefully selected pieces that will stay around for a while. The entire repertoire, which now exceeds 1,700 compositions, keeps the band popular with both young and old.

Now, more than 45 years since the public first embraced the successful Miller Sound, both the legend and the music live on. The Glenn Miller Orchestra is the most sought-after big band in the world today for both concert and dance engagements. Still considered the greatest band of all time, its unique sound is loved by almost anybody who cares for dance music.

To get "in the mood" for Miller's Big Band Sound, call the Mountain Arts Center Box Office at (606) 886-2623 or toll-free at 1-888-622-2787.



Glenn Miller

not need a permit for his concerts because technically, he plays "acoustic."

### NOT MY FAULT

— Wendell Williamson filed a lawsuit in June in Hillsborough, N.C., against his former psychiatrist, Dr. Myron Liptzin, blaming him for the 1995 shooting rampage in Chapel Hill, N.C., in which Williamson killed two people and for which he is now housed in a state mental hospital. Williamson claims he was impelled to do the rampage because Liptzin had just retired, leaving Williamson without counseling.

— Joe Murphy of Janesville, Wis., complained to reporters in August that he had just gambled away his lump-sum \$40,000 Social Security disability grant and that it was the government's fault. Murphy is reported to have a mild mental impairment but fought authorities, and won, to have his grant paid directly to him instead of to a third-party adviser (which is typical in cases like his). Murphy's old position, quoted to a reporter: "I said, 'Just gimme the money, gimme the money, gimme the money.'" Murphy's current position: "If you're mentally or physically disabled, the government needs to protect (you). What they did was give me a loaded gun and say, 'Shoot yourself.'"

— In Philadelphia in September, a federal judge sentenced John G. Bennett Jr., 60, to 12 years in prison for a fraudulent charitable fund-raising pyramid scheme, eight years less than the minimum he should have gotten under sentencing guidelines. The judge was persuaded that Bennett committed fraud only because of a delusional disorder characterized by "unchecked religious fervor," that he believed that any conduct was justified as long as it served God through philanthropy.

— Garrett Maass, 34, who failed his bar exam in 1994 (63,868 points, vs. 65,000 for passing), sued the Oregon State Bar in federal court in Portland in September, claiming that he would have passed except for the incessant sound of a jackhammer doing repair work outside the test site. Maass, unfortunately, also took the exam in 1997 without a jackhammer and also failed, but he said he still would have passed in 1994.

— According to a Boston police detective testifying at the April murder

trial of Anthony P. Clemente, Clemente refused to accept blame for the murders of four principals of a rival mob and instead accused the police: "You (the police) should have stopped (the feud) a long time ago. You guys got snitches. You should know what's going on. The (police) department's partly responsible."

### INEXPLICABLE

— According to police in Portland, Ore., in July, Duane J. Babcock, 33, hailed a taxi to a Bank of America branch, which he robbed. The driver, oblivious of the robbery, also drove Babcock away afterward. The driver was questioned by the FBI after witnesses identified the taxi, but he could give no other information on Babcock. That evening, Babcock again needed a taxi and for some reason telephoned the same company. The same driver showed up. After taking Babcock to his destination, he called the FBI, which soon arrived to question Babcock, who was still carrying his holdup note in his pocket.

— The San Jose Mercury News reported in April that Eric Abrams, former star place-kicker for the Stanford football team, had just been hired to work with the San Jose State University baseball team as a public relations assistant. Abrams pleaded guilty in 1996 to making harassing phone calls, which the prosecutor said were in connection with Abrams' scheme to obtain nude photographs of high school athletes by telling them he was doing a physique study for college sports recruitment.

— In a domestic spat in Dallas in August, the wife of Abel Alaniz pulled a .380 semiautomatic and fired at her husband, but nothing happened except a click. According to police, Alaniz then took the gun from his wife, released the safety, and handed it back to her, admonishing, "If you're gonna shoot me, you got to do it right." Her next shot missed him, but the second one hit him in the back, sending him to the hospital.

— Adam Ismail, Mustafa Khalil and Abdullah al-Umari filed a lawsuit in July in their native Yemen against NASA, claiming that the Pathfinder Mars probe is trespassing on the planet they "inherited from our ancestors

(See Weird, page four)

by Chuck Shepherd

## News of the Weird

— In September in Columbus, Ohio, Peter "Commander Pedro" Langan was convicted of federal assault and gun charges for a 1996 shoot-out with police. Langan also has been convicted of two bank robberies and faces trial in four others as leader-of a neo-Nazi, white-supremacist gang that used the robberies to fund its activities. At his September trial, to show Langan's kinder, gentler side, his lawyer brought in a man and a woman to describe their romances with him. Both witnesses were pre-operation transsexuals; around the time of the robberies, Langan was dating both while dressing exclusively as a woman. The lovers were known as Langan's "business partners" because neo-Nazis are not known to be fond of such sexual lifestyles.

— During the summer, recent philosophy Ph.D. graduate Stephen Hare hung out a shingle to practice his trade in Ottawa. Hare charges clients around \$50 (Canadian) an hour to help them work through personal and professional problems, largely ignoring the psychotherapy wisdom of Freud and Jung in favor of the rigorous thought of Aristotle and Socrates. Said Hare, "I just help people distinguish good reasoning from bad reasoning."

— Wired magazine reported in its October issue that Jason Gorski, 39, periodically stages concerts in San Francisco-area parks with surplus, diesel-powered Coast Guard foghorns that yield a "stomach-clenching" 140 decibels of sound, thus enraging the neighbors. Because of the overpowering noise, Gorski is forced to wear head-to-toe, sound-insulating protective clothing. Local police have been dismayed to learn that Gorski does

# SOAP UPDATES

by  
Seli  
Groves

**ALL MY CHILDREN:** Gillian agreed to do some investigating for Erica. Jake, Allie, and Jack discussed the long recovery period ahead for Bianca. Trevor asked Janet why she never mentioned Tim blackmailing her to stay away. Dimitri confronted a troubled Gloria. Brooke told Laura she must help her and Jim find the sleazy photographer. Wait To See: Dimitri plans a trip for Gloria and the baby.

**ANOTHER WORLD:** Matt refused to let Amanda take the

blame for "Hadley's" scheme. Rachel found Felicia hiding in an abandoned church and reluctantly gave her money to leave Bay City when Felicia threatened Carl. Rachel then alerted Gary who found Alex had left misleading clues at the church. Later, Alexander trapped Rachel in the church. Wait To See: Felicia faces a difficult decision.

**AS THE WORLD TURNS:** Molly made an appointment for an abortion, hoping Holden will arrive before her bluff is called. Emily was

surprised to get Lucinda's blessing for her relationship with David. At Tom and Margo's Halloween party, John announced his engagement to Barbara. Jack was upset about Carly being part of his undercover assignment. Molly pulled another bluff by threatening to jump off a widow ledge, and fell for real. Wait To See: Lily realizes she may have to let Holden go.

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL:** When Sheila demanded proof that James wanted to marry

her, he gave her Maggie's engagement ring. Lauren and Sally were determined to get into the Forrester show in Italy. James put his thoughts on tape. Eric told Stephanie he had something special planned for her. Little did Stephanie know Lauren did, too. A distraught Taylor believed Ridge was avoiding her calls. Aboard the plane, Brooke persuaded Ridge they should join the "Mile High" club. Wait To See: Brooke learns Ridge is the father of Taylor's baby.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES:** Eric painfully revealed his father's secret to Marlena: He wants to remarry her before he dies. In the jungle, Hope and John fought off the attack so Rolf would have time to work on Roman's cure. In Rome, Billie woke up in Bo's arms. Meanwhile, Carrie wondered why she kept thinking of Mike. John, Stefano, Hope and Kristen (and the cure) survived the plane crash and headed back to Salem while Marlena prepared to marry Roman. Wait To See: Stefano has a plan of his own.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Katherine told Luke she'll press charges against Stefan if Luke can find the gun. Meanwhile, Alexis hid incriminating papers in Wyndemere, where Luke found them. Elizabeth arranged for Sarah to find a box of condoms among Nikolas' things. Carly rejected Lorraine's suggestion that she induce an early labor. Felicia's case involved a missing husband who resembles Mac. Wait To See: Felicia plans to check out Mac's past.

**GUIDING LIGHT:** Annie continued to taunt Reva with her knowledge about Reva's missing sister. Acting on a "tip" from Annie, Dinah arrived in Chicago and ruined Cassie's hopes of regaining Tammy with Hart's help. Jesse confronted the thugs threatening Michelle. Abby opened her door to her worst Halloween nightmare. Wait To See: Jenna faces a new problem involving Buzz.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE:** Dorian crashed Viki's party, which infuriated Mel. Nora asked Rachel to stop working for R.J. Joey explained his relationship with Dorian to Dorothy. Melinda, Kelly, and Ian arrived at Dorian's place. Blair tried to make Todd jealous by being seen with Max. Wait To See: Dorian tries to keep the past buried.

**PORT CHARLES:** Serena was placed with Child Services after Scott's arrest. Karen told Joe she's planning to divorce Jagger. Cooper continued to keep Julie a prisoner. Meanwhile, Nicole, Julie's mother, arrived with Bennett. Rex told Danielle they must file for custody of Serena. The Board bombarded Matt with tough questions. Wait To See: Mac may have a way to clear Scott.

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS:** After Chris and Paul

told Brian how Phyllis drugged him to get a blood sample for Danny's paternity test, Brian realized Daniel could be his child and agreed to testify. Chris realized Danny probably had also been drugged to believe he'd made love to Phyllis. Ashley

urged Cole to sort out the problems in his marriage to Victoria. Josh felt he had met Sarah before. Tricia found Nina being comforted by Ryan. Wait To See: Danny disappears with Daniel.

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## Home Tips

**PLASTIC WRAP** — I always press plastic wrap on opened ice cream and on leftovers that I freeze. It prevents freezer taste and ice crystals. Edna K., McGaheysville, Va.

**IN THE GARDEN** — My husband and I are avid gardeners. In order to protect peat moss, potting soil and fertilizers from the elements and to reduce waste, we bought several large garbage cans with wheels on them. They are lined up right against the outside greenhouse wall.

When we are working in the greenhouse, they are nearby and handy, without clutter or unsightliness, and when we want to work on a flower bed anywhere around the yard, they are easy to roll to the work spot and return to their resting place when we are finished.

When the time comes to replenish any item, we roll the trash can to our pickup and position it under the tailgate, pull the sack of material over the edge of the can, slit the sack and let the material pour into the can. It saves a lot of lifting and risk of spilling material. Jean S., Versailles, Ind.

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## CRITIC'S CORNER

by  
Mickey  
Greene

**KISS THE GIRLS:** As you no doubt have heard by now, this flick has generated so much early excitement that its star, Morgan Freeman, has already been approached about a sequel. I'm told he's more than interested. That's good, because once you see this movie, you'll want more as well.

Freeman portrays Alex Cross, a police detective and forensic psychologist. As such, he's not just your shoot-first, ask-questions-later type of cop. This guy thinks before he acts. He's also smart enough to get into the mind, as it were, of the bad guy he's pursuing.

Dr. Kate McTiernan (Ashley Judd), a beautiful and brilliant doctor, is kidnapped by a real psycho whose hobby is to "collect" women who intrigue him and then use them to fulfill his sick fantasies. When he's had his fill of a particular woman, he kills her. However, Kate is not about to let that happen. In the movie's most riveting scene (about halfway through), she boldly escapes. This is a real white-knuckler here. The audience fairly gasps and pants as it awaits to see if she actually succeeds.

Succeed she does. She then joins Cross in order to help him catch this

guy. In one of the picture's weaker areas, though, our smart, resourceful heroine is reduced to taking a back seat to the "guys." More's the pity.

Freeman and Judd turn in phenomenal performances, keeping the audience riveted to its seats. And for the action fans among you, you won't be disappointed. There's more than enough in this picture.

While the second half of the movie isn't as well done as the first, all in all, it's a stunner. Don't miss it.

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## NATASHA'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) If something is bothering you, this is the week to get it off your chest. Heart-to-heart talks are favored. You could receive a surprise travel invitation from a friend for the weekend.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Those seeking to make a change, whether career-wise or in domestic surroundings, find this a good week to pursue leads. Family and monetary interests are highlighted later on. The weekend brings an important realization.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You receive a valuable suggestion from an agent or adviser this week. Couples enjoy fun activities with children later in the week. Singles meet with romantic introductions over the weekend.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You handle a home responsibility early in the week. Later, you'll be excited about a new moneymaking proposition. Talks with authority figures prove productive.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) You could be helping a child out with a problem early in the week. Couples decide to share some quality time. You're both definitely on the same wave length.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) You're still concerned about something you haven't made a decision about. Information you receive helps you with this midweek. Home life is rewarding over the weekend.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Some decide to take the kids on a special outing this week to a museum or other cultural area. It's a delightful week for travel and the enjoyment of leisure. Romance comes unexpectedly.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Money owed to you finally is paid back. In general, you're pleased with the week's important career developments. Common-sense thinking is your valuable ally.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22

to December 21) You don't make the progress you thought you would on a certain work project. However, there's a lovely accent on social interests. Couples enjoy exciting times together this weekend.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) You finally get to the bottom of something which has been troubling you. Getting some unfinished projects out of the way will be a chief priority so that your schedule is cleared for socializing this weekend.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) You express yourself with ease and confidence this week. One of your friends is being a real wet blanket, so just ignore this person for now. Happiness is yours through hobbies, travel and cultural pursuits this weekend.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Shrewd thinking is your ally in business this week. Despite a minor setback, you ultimately succeed with your objectives. Try to sidestep a quarrel with a discontented relative this weekend.

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## Weird

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3,000 years ago."

— The New York Times reported in May on the dispute between Bob Manning, now 60, and the New York State Workers' Compensation Board over payment for Manning's paralysis, which occurred when he fell headfirst off a utility pole in 1962. Manning has required 24-hour medical care for 35 years but has yet to receive his almost \$2 million in awards from the employer's insurance company because of disagreement over whether Manning's wife, who is a registered nurse, can be paid for caring for him. Utilities Mutual Insurance Co. says it has no obligation to pay until all its appeals are settled.

### UPDATE

Gary Arthur Medrow, then 47, made News of the Weird in 1991 when he was arrested in Milwaukee for impersonating a police officer over the telephone as he carried out his locally well-known obsession of calling up a female and convincing her to physically pick up another female in the room and carry her around. By 1991, he had been arrested more than 30 times over the previous 23 years. In October

1997 he was charged with 24 more counts in Milwaukee County. A typical ruse, said police, was to tell a woman that she had been spotted at an accident scene heroically carrying a victim to safety, and when the woman denies that she is the heroic woman, Medrow talks her into role-playing the accident scene.

### NO LONGER WEIRD

Adding to the list of stories that were formerly weird but which now occur with such frequency that they must be retired from circulation: (21) Intense prosecutors and judges who believe overdue-library-book scofflaws deserve jail time, or at least a criminal record, such as the 90 days of supervised probation a 43-year-old, Providence, R.I., woman received in August for keeping four children's books more than a year. And (22) DUI tickets dispensed to inebriated people tooling down public roadways on a bicycle, or a horse, or in the case of Roy Embry, 34, in Morgantown, Ky., in May, a riding lawn mower.

(Send your Weird News to Chuck Shepherd, P.O. Box 8306, St. Petersburg, Fla.; 33738, or Weird@compuserve.com.)

### Answers to Super Crossword

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# St. Nicholas will be home for Christmas

Many new traditions and activities are being developed and happening at the historic Samuel May House in Prestonsburg. A new activity for this year has to do with the upcoming Christmas season.

The Friends of the May House are sponsoring a raffle fund raising effort in connection with their first Christmas Celebration on the weekend of December 6.

They are asking the citizens of the area to support the further development of the May House by purchasing tickets to own a wonderfully elegant sculpture of St. Nicholas, a precursor of the modern Santa Claus.

The glass-enclosed sculpture of St. Nicholas was artistically crafted by Mary Ann Rowe Reed of Not Just Santas by MaryAnn of New Richmond, Ohio.

Ms. Reed, a native of Pike County, donated this piece of art to the Friends of the May House for this special fund raiser. This figure of St. Nicholas is 30 inches tall.

The head and hands have been hand sculptured from a polyform clay. His beard and hair have been cut from angora skins and supplemented with cut mohair. The vestments have been taken from antique priest's robes.

The lace on the cuffs is old also. The toys were handmade by the artist.

The granddaddy of all Santas was the young bishop Nicholas. He lived in the town of Myra in what is now Turkey.

St. Nicholas delivered alms to the poor and brought small gifts to children.

Legend says that St. Nicholas saved a poor man's daughters from slavery by throwing gold coins over a brick wall, the coins went down the chimney and into the stockings the girls had hung by the fire to dry.

The gold provided the girls'

dowry, which was needed at that time to make a good marriage. It is believed that this was the source of hanging stockings at the fireplace on Christmas Eve, and the beginning of what became a tradition of receiving some small bit of gold at Christmas.

The poem "A Visit from St. Nicholas" by Clement C. Moore was instrumental in transforming this St. Nicholas of Myra into the American Santa Claus.

Thomas Nast, a newspaper artist, inspired by Moore's poem, painted the first portrait of Santa Claus. It was not until around 1945 that Santa became the fat, jolly man dressed in red and white.

It was this Santa that was spread throughout our culture by the Coca Cola Company to advertise their product.

St. Nicholas was on display in his glass case in the lobby of several local banks. The Santa will be on display at Jerry's Restaurant until November 30. On December 1, St. Nick will be in the lobby of the May Lodge at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Then he will be moved to the May House for its First Christmas Celebration, December 6 and 7, with the drawing being at 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 7.

The lucky person's raffle ticket will include St. Nicholas in all of his finery, and the glass case so he will always be protected. The tickets can be bought where ever St. Nicholas is on display.

Tickets will be \$3.00, for one, and \$5.00 for two. The sculpture of St. Nicholas will be on display at the following locations: Bank Josephine for the week of November 3, First Commonwealth Bank, week of November 10, Community Trust Bank, week of November 17, and TransFinancial Bank, week of November 24.



The Friends of the Samuel May House will give away a sculpture of St. Nicholas.

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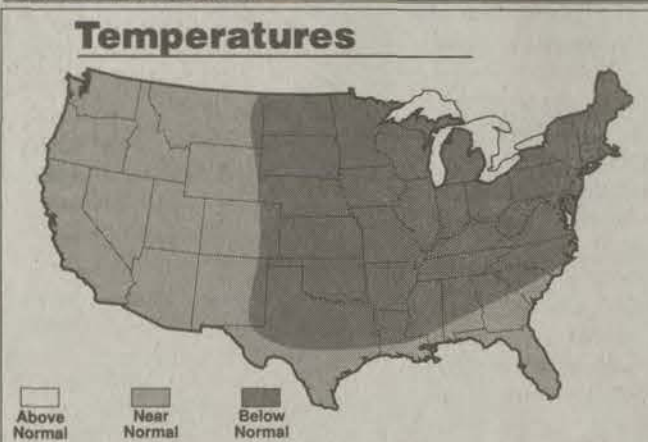
## Forecast for Floyd County, KY

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### LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Showers in the morning. 55	A shower in the evening. 39	Mostly cloudy and cold. 44/19	Partly sunny and cold. 37/17	Partly sunny and cold. 48/24	Partly sunny. 53/29	Clouds and sun; cold. 46/26	Mostly sunny. 53/36

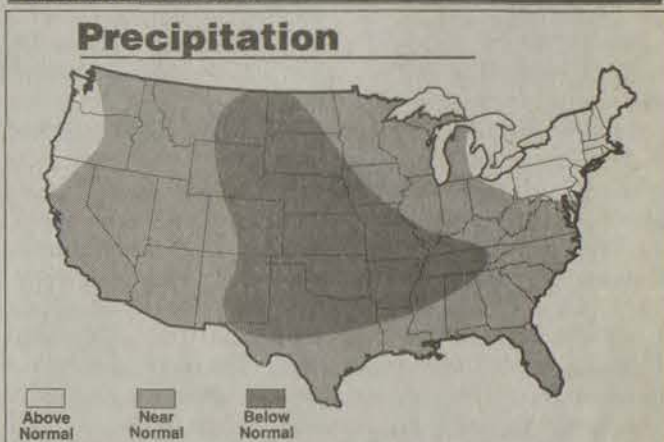
### THE WEEK AHEAD...



### NATIONAL SUMMARY

Arctic air will encompass much of the eastern two-thirds of the country. Temperatures will average as much as 15-20 degrees below normal in some areas. There will be some snow and flurries across parts of the Great Lakes into the mid-Atlantic and Northeast. It will be mainly dry in the center of the nation with some wet weather along parts of the Pacific Northwest and West Coast.

### THE WEEK AHEAD...



### U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Allanta	63 41 c	50 27 pc	45 25 pc	51 31 s	55 36 pc
Boston	39 35 sn	43 29 sh	38 25 pc	39 31 s	46 35 pc
Chicago	38 27 sn	32 15 sf	33 21 pc	42 27 pc	44 26 pc
Cleveland	43 35 sn	36 21 sn	32 23 pc	42 28 pc	46 30 pc
Denver	27 7 pc	30 12 pc	46 21 s	52 22 pc	48 23 pc
Des Moines	32 20 sn	27 12 pc	35 22 s	42 26 pc	39 23 pc
Detroit	41 31 sn	33 18 sf	33 23 pc	43 26 pc	46 27 pc
Houston	73 41 s	53 29 pc	51 32 pc	60 45 pc	64 43 pc
Indianapolis	43 29 r	32 16 pc	33 19 pc	43 29 pc	48 29 pc
Kansas City	32 15 c	28 13 pc	40 24 s	47 27 pc	43 26 pc
Los Angeles	66 43 s	75 47 pc	74 47 pc	74 47 pc	76 49 pc
Miami	82 67 t	79 64 pc	79 60 pc	76 61 pc	77 65 pc
Minn.-St. Paul	31 22 sn	26 13 pc	31 21 s	34 20 pc	36 20 pc
New Orleans	71 46 pc	57 39 pc	54 32 pc	56 39 s	61 42 pc
New York City	41 39 r	45 31 c	38 29 pc	43 35 c	48 39 pc
Omaha	30 17 sf	27 11 pc	37 20 s	43 22 pc	44 22 pc
Phoenix	69 47 t	70 45 pc	71 50 pc	70 47 pc	73 50 pc
San Francisco	61 48 sh	60 47 sh	59 47 pc	60 47 pc	65 48 pc
Seattle	53 38 pc	50 40 c	52 42 sh	50 43 c	53 43 sh
Washington	50 45 r	48 27 pc	40 24 pc	45 30 s	50 35 pc

### SUN & MOON

Sunrise	Sunset
Fri. .... 7:08 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Sat. .... 7:10 a.m.	5:19 p.m.

Moonrise	Moonset
Fri. .... 5:52 p.m.	6:55 a.m.
Sat. .... 6:40 p.m.	8:01 a.m.

Moon Phases			
Full	Last	New	First
Nov 14	Nov 21	Nov 29	Dec 7

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City	Today	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
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Buenos Aires	72 48 s	76 49 pc	64 45 pc	67 48 pc	69 51 pc
Cairo	82 58 pc	83 59 s	78 57 pc	76 55 pc	70 47 pc
Jerusalem	72 50 pc	74 51 s	70 51 pc	69 49 pc	65 43 pc
Johannesburg	77 64 sh	82 62 pc	79 56 pc	77 55 pc	77 58 pc
London	51 50 sh	58 55 c	65 54 pc	68 50 sh	67 45 r
Madrid	58 44 c	63 44 pc	67 49 s	69 50 s	69 47 s
Mexico City	74 47 s	67 47 pc	66 44 pc	65 44 pc	68 46 pc
Moscow	47 41 c	46 38 c	43 35 sh	38 31 sh	39 35 r
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Rome	60 43 pc	58 38 pc	61 47 pc	65 54 s	72 56 s
San Juan	87 74 pc	85 75 pc	87 75 pc	87 75 pc	87 75 pc
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Sydney	81 67 pc	69 64 sh	76 62 pc	69 60 pc	73 61 pc
Toronto	32 25 sn	33 10 sn	26 17 pc	40 27 s	41 26 pc
Tokyo	71 65 r	66 57 pc	74 68 pc	77 58 pc	63 53 pc
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Zurich	41 31 c	43 34 pc	54 47 s	57 51 pc	59 46 pc

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s-sunny, pe-partly cloudy, c-cloudy,  
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sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, h-ice.

# Stumbo seeks more funding for buildings

State Representative Gregory D. Stumbo is seeking a new funding boost for the School Facilities Management Commission. The commission is responsible for the renovation of schools in poor condition and the construction of new facilities.

In testifying before a legislative subcommittee and the House Education Committee, Stumbo said the tenuous physical conditions of many public schools have been schooled to the background in KERA's rush to implement its new scholastic programs.

"There are 109 districts whose school conditions have been rated fair or poor," Stumbo said. "In Floyd County, we need to complete the renovation of the athletic facilities at South Floyd and Prestonsburg High Schools."

"We also desperately need to add classrooms at May Valley and Betsy Layne Elementary Schools," he explained.

"These projects and many others around the state are vitally important to the implementation of other components of KERA,"

Stumbo said. "Legislators and educators around the state must refocus on these schools and the safety of the students who learn there."

Stumbo recently contacted Governor Paul Patton urging him to take a look at the situation and support a move within the Legislature to appropriate \$20 million to the School Facilities Management Commission that would allow a revitalization of the construction and renovation. "The \$20 million could generate \$200 million in new building projects," he said.

Stumbo said it is important that the environment of Kentucky's school buildings be capable of successfully preparing students to function adequately in the global society of the twenty-first century.

"I plan to vigorously support the \$20 million appropriation and I think many legislators who have some of the 109 districts rated poor or fair will also be adamantly supporting this allocation," he said.



Deborah Kidd received her GED certificate through the Prestonsburg Elementary Family Resource Center. Pictured with Mrs. Kidd is G.E.D. instructor Joyce Hall.

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# REGIONAL OBITUARIES

## Johnson County

Dorothy Crace Adams, 87, of Paintsville, died November 10 at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center. She is survived by Leroy Crace. Funeral services were held November 12 at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Rice Family Cemetery.

Addie Marie Wells, 82, of Paintsville, died November 10 at Riverview Nursing Home. Funeral services were held November 12 at the Highland Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in Highland Memorial Park.

Betty L. Ramey, 63, died October 25. She is survived by her husband, James Ramey. Funeral services were held October 28 at the Village Meadows Church of Christ.

Etta Arrowood, 95, of Meally, died November 4 at Mountain

Manor Nursing Home. Funeral services were held November 6 at Buffalo Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Arrowood Cemetery.

Astor Meade, 79, of Hager Hill, died November 5 at Central Baptist Hospital. Funeral services were held November 8 at the Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Meade Family Cemetery at Hager Hill.

Howard Stambaugh, 65, of Nippa, died November 8 at the home of his daughter. He is survived by his wife, Alice Jewell Van Hoose Stambaugh. He was retired from the Columbia Gas Company, and had served as a member of the Big Sandy Regional Jail Authority, and was also a member of the Masonic Lodge. Funeral services were held November 11, at the Tom's Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

## Martin County

James Chaffins, 93, of Warfield, died November 11, at his residence. He was a retired coal miner and member of Big Elk Freewill Baptist Church. Funeral services were held November 9 at the Big Elk Freewill Baptist Church. Burial was in the Chaffins Family Cemetery at Hode.

Charles Copley, 55, of Inez, died November 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center in Prestonsburg. He is survived by his wife, Martha Maynard Copley. Funeral services were held November 9, at the Calf Creek Baptist Church. Burial was in the Maynard Family Cemetery.

David Lewis Franklin, 62, of Crum, West Virginia, died November 8 in Columbus, Ohio. Funeral services were held November 11, at the Little Darcus Church. Burial was in the Bowen Cemetery.

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Vanessa Goble, six months, of Inez, died November 9, at her home. She is survived by her parents, Timothy G. and Christine Fitch Goble. Funeral services were held November 11, at the Inez Church of God. Burial was in the Maynard Family Cemetery in Inez.

Ronald Justice, 50, of Crum, West Virginia, died November 8 at his residence. He is survived by his wife, Laura Justice. Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

## Lawrence County

Rev. Aaron Damron, 82, of Louisa, died November 5. He was a retired coal miner and a minister of 41 years at the Welcome Home Church of Jesus Christ. Funeral services were held at the Richmond Callahan Funeral Home in Warfield. Burial was in the Greenlawn Cemetery at Louisa.

## Pike County

Hailey Leedy, infant daughter of Michael and Angel Leedy of McAndrews, died October 24 at Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Graveside services were held November 7 in the family cemetery at McAndrews.

Layton May, 23, of Sidney, died November 4 at Williamson, West Virginia. He was a shoe repairman, and of the Baptist faith. He is survived by his ex-wife, Leanna Edward. Funeral services were held November 8 at the Turkey Creek Freewill Baptist Church.

Ann Smith, 88, of Millard, died November 5 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. She was a cook at Justice Diner and a member of the Grace Baptist Church. Funeral services were held November 7 in the Justice Chapel. Burial followed in the Ford Cemetery at Millard.

Carnalee Varney, 63, of Stone, died November 6 at the residence of her son at Paint Lick. She was one of the first women coal miners in

Kentucky, and was of the Methodist faith. Funeral services were held November 10 in the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Foster Thacker, 50, of Pikeville, died November 8 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was self-employed in the construction business. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine Hunt Thacker. Funeral services were held November 10 in the Justice Funeral Home Chapel.

Ollie Coleman, 85, of Elkhorn City, died November 10 at her home. Funeral services were held November 13 at the Morris Chapel-Justice Funeral Services.

William Hackney, 73, of Belcher, died November 8 at his home. He

was a retired school teacher and a veteran. He is survived by his wife, Lila Mae Hogston Hackney. Funeral services were held November 10 at the Lick Creek Holiness Church of God, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Basil Hampton, 82, of Virgie, died November 8 at the Rock Castle County Hospital in Mt. Vernon. Funeral services were held November 11 at his home, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Ernest Burnette, 88, of Pikeville, died November 10 at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He was a retired saw mill operator. Funeral services were held November 12 in the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

# CAP NEWS

Recently I was talking with a member of the Kentucky General Assembly who asked lots of questions about the Christian Appalachian Project (CAP), where I work as director of marketing. He noted that CAP is one of the best-kept secrets in Eastern Kentucky. He's probably right.

My job, however, is to let the cat out of the bag. Over the last year, various CAP activities have earned frequent mention in the press, but still relatively few people are able to put those activities in perspective. So, assuming that the editors will bear with me, I'm going to explain who we are and what we do.

CAP was incorporated in 1964 by Father Ralph Beiting who was serving as pastor of the Catholic churches in the Berea, Mount Vernon, McKee and Lancaster necks of the woods. Father Beiting became keenly aware of the social and economic problems many people were enduring and began raising money and recruiting volunteers from all over the country to help solve some of those problems. His bottom line was to help people learn to solve their own problems.

The story of how CAP got from where it was in 1964 to where it is today would fill several volumes, but I believe that the single greatest accomplishment that Father Beiting has made is that we are now an organization of people of many faiths working together because we have learned to trust and appreciate each other.

Until the 1980s CAP was generally viewed as a Catholic organization. And Catholics were generally as welcome in the mountains as porcupines at a balloon party, as Father Beiting has been known to say.

Lots of people still refer to us as "that Catholic bunch," when, in fact, Protestants outnumber Catholics on our staff by at least 10 to 1. Of the 270 people on our payroll, most are Baptists, First Christians, Methodists, Presbyterians, Free Pentecostals and a few other denominations. Sure, there are several Catholics on staff, but the rest of us love them dearly, and they love us.

In addition to our paid staff, our work force includes an average of 70 volunteers at any given time, from all across the country, who spend a year or more working in our programs in exchange for room and board and a small stipend. We have a small, but growing number of "community volunteers," people who live in the area and volunteer their services to CAP.

We are simply a Christian organization united in our belief that we absolutely have to work together if we are to make life better for the thousands of people we serve. And service is mostly what we are all about.

Today CAP operates 73 human service programs including five child development centers that serve more than 300 children each year, two recreational camps that provide week-long summer adventures to well over a thousand kids each year, and learning experiences to far more than that when school is in session. Hundreds of other kids attend our two youth centers every evening after school. Our staff and volunteers make sure that nearly 1,000 elderly folks, many of whom have no phone or transportation, receive regular visits and whatever help they need.

We operate two spouse abuse shelters that serve hundreds of battered women and their children each year. More than 1,300 adults have

obtained their GEDs through our adult education programs. Each year our home repair staff makes liveable, several hundred homes of those in the direst of need. Several professional counselors work long hours helping families resolve crises.

Our Job Start Program takes welfare recipients through several weeks of job preparation, then helps them find employment. Job Start is providing a crucial leg up to people in the wake of welfare reform.

We procure millions of dollars worth of educational materials, building supplies, food, clothing, school supplies, household goods and other material that we distribute, to well over a thousand community-based non-profits throughout the 13 state Appalachian region. We provide cash grants totaling more than \$250,000 each year to about 100 smaller groups, mostly in Eastern Kentucky.

For all that, CAP is barely scratching the surface of the human need that exists in our mountains, just as this column barely scratches the surface of a real understanding of CAP.

If you have access to an on-line computer, visit our website, where you can find photographs and further information, about us ([www.chrisapp.org](http://www.chrisapp.org)). Even if you don't have a computer, most libraries do.

In any event, know that we don't want to be a secret. You may write to me at Christian Appalachian Project, 322 Crab Orchard Road, Lancaster, KY 40446 for more information, or you can simply drop in if you'd like to visit.

You may also rest assured that I am one Baptist who could not be prouder of the organization she works for, nor of the work it is accomplishing.

# OBITUARIES

## George D. Ryan Jr.

George D. Ryan Jr., 76, of Casselberry, Florida, formerly of Martin, died October 24, 1997, at the Orlando Hospital.

He was a son of the late George D. and Liddie White Ryan. He was a veteran of World War II.

Surviving him are his wife, Beatrice Ryan; two daughters, names and addresses not known; and two brothers, Milton Ryan of Prestonsburg and Jack Ryan of Florida.

Services were conducted Thursday, November 6 at the Tri-County Cremation Service in Orlando, Florida. Burial was in the National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

Obituary information provided by Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

## Lonzo Owsley

Lonzo Owsley, 98, of Fairborn, Ohio, formerly of Betsy Layne, died Saturday, October 18, 1997.

Born May 25, 1908, he was the son of Tom and Sarah Stephens Owsley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Zephia Wylie Owsley.

He is survived by his four sons, Bob Owsley, Bill Owsley, Jack Owsley and John Owsley, all of Fairborn, Ohio, and one sister, Josephine Litton of Martin.

Funeral services were held October 23, at 10 a.m., at the Belton Funeral Home in Fairborn, Ohio, with the Rev. James Clayton officiating.

Burial was in the Byron Cemetery at Xenia, Ohio.

## Alumni Art Show

Morehead State University will host an "Alumni Art Show" in the gallery, Claypool-Young Art Building, November 12-February 13, as part of the University's year-long observance of its 75th anniversary as a state institution of higher learning.

More than 45 works of various media, including watercolor, weaving, contemporary photography, sculpture and ceramics will be displayed. Among the alumni participating are Patricia Frazier of Salyersville; Cassandra Russell of Salt Lick; and Nancy Wayman of Salt Lick. Additional information is available from MSU's Department of Art at (606) 783-2766.

## Ina Fugate

Ina Fugate, 85, of Fisty, died Tuesday, November 11, 1997, at Letcher Manor in Whitesburg, following an extended illness.

Born October 21, 1912 in Perry County, she was the daughter of the late Samuel and Parlee Fugate Combs. She was preceded in death by her husband, Anderson Fugate.

Survivors include three sons, Harold Gene Yeary of New Carlisle, Ohio, Hunter Yeary of Fisty, and Earl David Yeary of Vest; two daughters, Anita Stacy of Ary and Marlene Smith of Burnside; one sister, Mallie Salley of Hazard; 18 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Friday, November 14, at 11 a.m., at the Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church at Fisty, with Riley Grisby, Bruce Gullett and David Gamble officiating.

Burial will be in the Engle Cemetery on Trace Branch at Fisty, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

## June (Wells) Adams

June (Wells) Adams, 81, of Prestonsburg, died Wednesday, November 12, 1997, at the Riverview Manor Nursing Home.

She was born January 28, 1916 at Van Lear, the daughter of the late Elijah and Effie (Burchett) Wells.

She was a retired dietitian with the Mountain Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg, and a member of the First Christian Church of Prestonsburg. She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Adams Sr.

She is survived by two sons, Frank Adams and Ronald Adams, both of Prestonsburg, one daughter, Virginia Campbell of Prestonsburg, six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, November 14, at 11 a.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, with Evangelist Kevin Jett officiating.

Burial will be at the Richmond Cemetery in Prestonsburg.

Pallbearers will be: Steve Boyd, Harry Allen Adams, Bobby Watson, Brian Stapleton, John Ramey, and Stephen Boyd.

## Bertha Conn

Bertha Conn, 79, of Dana, died Tuesday, November 11, 1997 at the Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Born September 17, 1918, in Dana, she was the daughter of the late Bennie and Rosie Jarell Boyd.

She was a member of the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church for 47 years.

She is survived by her husband, Willie J. Conn; four sons, Donald Ray Conn of Ivel, Randal Conn of Honaker, Wilford Eddie Conn of Stanville, and Ronnie Conn of Dana; one daughter, Betty R. Newsome of Vermillion, Ohio; one brother, Arley Boyd of Dana; 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Friday, November 14, at 11 a.m. at the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church in Dana, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating. Burial will be in the Conn Cemetery at Dana, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

## Anna Isaac

Anna Isaac, 100, of Prestonsburg, died Tuesday, November 11, 1997, at the Mountain Manor Nursing Home at Prestonsburg, following a long illness.

She was born June 12, 1897 in Weeksbury, and was the daughter of the late John and Ida Hall Compton. She joined the Joppa Old Regular Baptist Church in Melvin, then moved her membership to Bethel Old Regular Baptist Church at Langley in 1938. She was preceded in death by her husband, Merlin Isaac.

She is survived by three daughters, Lassie Crisp and Ocie Manuel, both of Martin, and Opal Lafferty of Glen Morgan, West Virginia; one sister, Rebecca "Goody" Spurlock of Martin; 20 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Friday, November 14, at noon at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Clergyman Lori Vannucci officiating. Burial will be in the May Cemetery at Martin, with the Hall Funeral Home caring for those arrangements.

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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.

**4-H Heritage Search**

A new association—the Floyd County 4-H Friends and Alumni Association—is being formed. During the 4-H Heritage Search campaign that runs from August 1-December 31, name and addresses are needed for former individuals involved in 4-H.

Send names and addresses to Chuck Stamper, Floyd County 4-H Educator, 670 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

**Mud Creek youth center activities**

- The regular meeting of the Mud Creek Community Family Resource/Youth Service Center Advisory Council will be held at 4:30 p.m. on November 17 in the center.
- P.A.C.E. (Parent and Child Education) classes are Mondays and Wednesdays, from 8:30 a.m. to noon.
- GED classes are Fridays, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**Auxier council to meet**

There will be a site-based meeting November 19, at 4 p.m. at Auxier Grade School.

**ACLS course**

Our Lady of the Way Hospital will offer an Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) course November 21-22 at the Seton Complex in Martin. Pre-registration is required by November 14. Call 285-5181 to register or for more information.

**CPR class**

Our Lady of the Way Hospital will offer a basic CPR class for the



Sheena Brooke Adams, a seventh grade student at Allen Elementary School, won the 1997 Junior Miss Red White and Blue's Most Photogenic Award. Sheena is the 12-year-old daughter of Danny and Connie Adams of Middle Creek.

**Graduates from basic training**

Army Pvt. Thomas J. Chandler Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Fort Sill, Lawton, Oklahoma.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Chandler is the son of Jean Rollins of Dwale.

He is a 1997 graduate of Johnson Central High School, Paintsville.

**Corps of Engineers holds open house**

The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers at Dewey Lake held their annual Open House Saturday, October 18.

The Kentucky Reptile Zoo brought several snakes and reptiles including a python, a rattlesnake, a copperhead and an alligator.

The reptile program was very informative and interesting, although very few would sit in the front row.

public on November 21, at the Seton Complex in Martin. Pre-registration is required by November 14. Call 285-5181 to register or for more information.

**Martin Middle School Youth Service Center**

• On November 14, Martin Middle School will be having a presentation on Operation Life Saver for the sixth, seventh and eighth graders. Thomas Tackett from CSX will be presenting this program.

**Project pick-up**

Anyone who has a 4-H Project at the Floyd County Extension Office needs to come by and pick it up. State Fair checks are in the mail this month.

**South Floyd Youth Services Center Activities**

- Adult Learning Center (ALC) is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. until noon. ALC is sponsored by the David School. This service is free and open to the public. For additional information call 452-4904.
- Clothing Bank open by appointment on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Student activity held from 3-4 p.m. on school days.
- South Floyd Youth Services Center is open 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The center is located in Suite 232 at South Floyd High School. For more information contact Keith Smallwood or Mable C. Hall at 452-9600, ext. 145 or ext. 158. Fax 452-9303.

**Clark Elementary Family Resource Center**

- Joy Moore, RN, from the Floyd County Health Department, is in the center on Fridays. Various services available. Call the center at 886-0815 for an appointment. These services are available to anyone in the community.
- The center is currently accepting new WIC patients. Call to make your appointment. 886-0815.
- Exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the center from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- After School Child Care—Monday through Friday, school days from 3:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Call the center for more information at 886-0815.

**Advisory council meeting**

There will be an advisory council meeting on November 19, at 4:30 p.m., at the Clark Elementary Family Resource Center.

**Field visit to your county**

A member of the staff of Hal Rogers will be at Prestonsburg City Hall, Wednesday, November 19, at 1 p.m.

If you know of anyone who may have a problem with Social Security, Black Lung, the Veterans

Administration or any other agency of the Federal Government, stop by.

If you have any questions about this schedule, call 606-432-4388 or toll-free number (1-800-632-8588).

**Aerobic classes**

There will be free aerobic classes every Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Mud Creek Community Family Resource and Youth Service Center. Instructors for this class are Katrina Howell and Donna Yates.

**Organizational meeting for Stroke Support Group**

There will be an organizational meeting for the stroke support group on Monday, November 17, at the McDowell ARH Library, at 5:30 p.m. Group discussions with the help of Dr. Scott Mirani, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Katie Newsome, Community Encourager and Katherine Wicker, Task Force Member. All stroke patients and family members are invited to attend. Educational material and refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please call 377-3427.

**AARP dinner meeting**

Dr. Mary Fox, former director of the Pike County Health Department, will be the guest speaker at the dinner meeting of Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) to be held Friday, November 21, in the medical offices building of Highlands Regional Medical Center. Cluster Belcher, state coordinator of AARP will be a guest at the meeting. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m.

**Annual orders being taken at MMS**

Martin Middle School is now taking orders for the school annuals. You may contact Mrs. Hancock if you want to purchase one. December 16 is the last date to place an order. The cost is \$16.

Martin Middle School Youth Service is having a Canned Food Drive until November 21. The food will be given to area churches.

**Memorial service**

The Town Branch Church at Prestonsburg will be having a Memorial Service to honor those who have passed on in the church and a homecoming service. The service will begin in 11 a.m. Sunday morning November 16. A chicken and dumpling dinner following this event. Everyone welcome.

**Pike College looking for former students**

Pikeville College is trying to locate all former mining technology students for a 25-year reunion to be held during Founders' Week 1998. If you are, or know of, a former mining technology student at

Pikeville College, please respond to: Pikeville College, Alumni Office, 214 Sycamore Street, Pikeville, KY 41501. Or you may call the alumni office at (606) 432-9326.

**Floyd County Heritage Club to meet**

On November 17, 1997 the first meeting of the Floyd County Heritage Club will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Floyd County Extension Office. This new and exciting club will help us to preserve our area's rich and diverse culture. There will be speakers, programs and a lot of fun. Join in the fun as they explore the past.

If you need more information about the club please feel free to contact Nyoka R. Slone at the Floyd County Extension Office. Please call 606-886-2668 or 606-285-3255 after 4:00 p.m.

**Christmas bazaar**

The Pikeville College Appalachian Christmas bazaar will be held Friday, December 5 and Saturday, December 6, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Pikeville College gym. There will be crafts, food, entertainment and also photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Admission—\$2.

(Proceeds benefit scholarship fund). For more information: (606) 432-9326.

**Auxier council to meet**

The Auxier Elementary site-based council will meet November 18, at 4 p.m.

**Free health clinic**

On December 2, Dr. Chandra Varia will host her second free health clinic for women of all ages, in Martin. Various services available. Call 285-9222 to schedule an appointment.

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# END-TIME CHRONICLES

## "THE UFO PHENOMENON; A BIBLICAL ANSWER?"

by Randy Slone

Genesis 6:1-7 contains a fascinating story. It tells us that certain "sons of God" saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose." (verse 2). "The Nephilim (translated "giants" in the KJV) were on the earth in those days...when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown." (verse 4) By itself, this section of Genesis could be interpreted numerous ways, but in light of various other Biblical passage, the "sons of God" probably refers to disobedient angels who fathered children by human women.

To begin, the previous verses contain an obvious contrast between the "sons of God" and "daughters of men." It's hard to imagine why the writer of Genesis would have made this distinction (i.e. "of God" vs "of men") unless these "sons" referred to angels. When we examine other scripture in the Hebrew text containing the phrase "sons of God," it always refers to angels (see Job 1:6; 2:1, Psalm 29:1).

Another key factor in this scripture is the word "nephilim." This Hebrew word, although obscured through time, is thought to have meant something like "human aberration." (Literally translated, it means "fallen ones.") The term nephilim is used again in the Hebrew text to describe "giants" (descendants of Anak) in Numbers 13:33 and elsewhere. Evidence suggests that the ancient Hebrews used "nephilim" to describe humans who were physically unusual or extremely disfigured in some way. Obviously, if angels fathered "hybrid" offspring from human women, these offspring would qualify to be called nephilim.

The New Testament books of 2 Peter and Jude describe certain angels who rebelled against God and left their heavenly dwelling. Jude 6 reads, "And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home - these he has kept in darkness bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day." 2 Peter 2:4 elaborates, "For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but sent them to Tartarus, putting them into gloomy dungeons to be held for judgment..." (Tartarus was an ancient Greek word used to describe the lowest place of abasement for "spiritual" creatures.)

A third New Testament reference has, in my opinion, been erroneously interpreted by many Biblical commentators. 1 Peter 3:19-20 reads, "...he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built." While the "spirits in prison" of this scripture is usually interpreted to mean "spirits of dead humans," I disagree with this definition for several reasons. First, Peter was a Jew, and it is Biblically unprecedented for a Jew to refer to a dead human as a "spirit," except in cases where qualifying terms are added.

Secondly, the time period of the "spirits" disobedience is referenced to the "days of Noah while the ark was being built." If "spirits" in this scripture refer to righteous dead human spirits of the pre-Christian era, why did Peter reference them specifically to the days of Noah, prior to the flood? The only "spirits" which seem to fit Peter's description

## Receives award

Tracee Hutton, an employee with the Kentucky Division of Child Support Enforcement, was recently honored as the Floyd County Area Office Employee of the Year.

Hutton, nominated for the award by her co-workers, was honored during a ceremony held in Louisville at the Galt House.

The awards ceremony concluded the 1997 Kentucky Conference on Child Support Enforcement held October 28-30 in conjunction with Child Support Enforcement Awareness Week.

Governor Paul Patton declared the week of October 26-31 as Child Support Enforcement Awareness Week to highlight the united efforts being made in Kentucky to provide support for the children of the Commonwealth.

within this context are the "sons of God" of Genesis 6.

In addition, it is significant that the ancient Jews also believed the "sons of God" in Genesis six were fallen angels, which the Talmud clearly supports.

Jesus' statements of Matthew 22:30 and Luke 20:35-36 clearly indicate that angelic procreation is (or would be) considered a perversion. Interestingly, in the Jude 6 reference, this rebellion of the angels is linked directly with the perversion of human homosexuality (see verse 7). Peter also contextually connects Sodom and Gomorrah to the angelic rebellion (see 2 Peter 2:4-6). Coincidence?

It must be assumed that all of the nephilim of Genesis 6 were destroyed during the flood (some theologians conjecture that the wicked influence of these nephilim upon humankind was one of the primary reasons for the flood). So how does all this relate to our present generation?

It is common knowledge to anyone who studies Biblical prophecy that many people, events, or circumstances in the Old Testament were "symbols," or "foreshadows" of future events. We also know that

Satan's power is limited to the point where he is forced to be very redundant in his method of rebellion against God. The concept here is simple; if we want to know what will transpire prior to the second destruction of the world (our present time), we need to research what transpired before the first destruction of the world (Genesis 6).

If you've been exposed to the "alien abduction phenomenon" (either through the many books available or numerous TV specials), you're probably already aware that a major theme throughout all of these abduction stories involves the production of "alien babies." Many women claim to have been impregnated upon one occasion, and then re-abducted about six months later to have the fetus removed by the same aliens. In some cases, the women claim they have been abducted at some later time and were given the opportunity to actually see their "hybrid" children. These "children" are always described as having physical features of both humans and aliens.

The most famous "gurus of the alien abduction phenomenon," Bud Hopkins (author of "Missing Time" and "Intruders") and John E. Mack M.D. (author of "Abduction"), con-

tinually emphasize that alien "contactees" come from every walk of life; doctors, lawyers, housewives, blue-collar workers, poor, rich, young, old, and every race and language. I have read the three aforementioned books, and I found the contactees surprisingly lacking of one group; Christians! In fact, of the hundreds of cases described in these books (thousands reported nationally), I have not heard of even one Christian who claims to have been abducted.

Most notable theologians view the UFO phenomenon with concern, visualizing a possible connection with future mass deception and/or demonic activity. However, we must not "sensationalize" the issue and close our minds to other explanations for the phenomenon. Several noted ufologists have recently insinuated that the U.S. government will soon "officially" acknowledge its involvement with extraterrestrials and alien technology. If this hypothetical announcement does occur, sincere Christians should become very skeptical in accepting alien or government truths on this issue.

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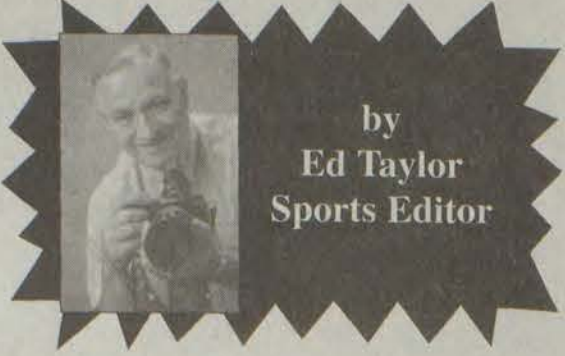
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by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

# Sports

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## VanHoose makes it official, it's Marshall University

### 6-9 Paintsville star opts for Thundering Herd

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Saying he had to make a decision that was best for him, Paintsville standout J.R. VanHoose donned a Marshall University Thundering Herd hat in announcing he will play basketball for coach Greg White next season in Huntington, W.Va.

"It was my decision. I had to please my family," he said in making the announcement. I feel I can be part of the school, and play immediately."

VanHoose, as a sophomore, led the Tigers to the state tournament championship during the '95-96 season. Last year, the Tigers went to the semifinals before being eliminated.

VanHoose averaged just under 23 points per game, while pulling down 15 rebounds per outing.

Paintsville coach Bill Mike Runyon agreed with the announcement.

"I think it was a wise choice he made, and I support him all the way," said the Paintsville mentor. "We have a tendency to think that bigger is always better. That's not always the case. I'm tickled to death he chose

Marshall University."

VanHoose took time before announcing his decision to thank those who have stood with him during his high school career. He mentioned the Paintsville coaching staff and team mates.

"I could have gotten nowhere without them," he said. "The teachers and sports boosters have been great. The cheerleaders and especially my family who has put up with me, sent me to camps. And I want to thank my grandparents."

The community atmosphere in Huntington suited VanHoose, and that helped in making a decision to attend Marshall.

"It is like Paintsville. A small town, but a great community that supports Marshall University," he said.

VanHoose voiced a concern of how the media would treat his announcement.

"I know this will cause a controversy with the media," he said. "But I don't care. I did what I thought I should do."

With the announcement, VanHoose said he wanted to get on with the season before him, and make an unprecedented fourth trip to Rupp Arena.

"I received thousands of phone calls and 5,000 letters," he said. "I will miss that, but I need to get on with what lies ahead."

Coach Runyon spoke of VanHoose's involvement in community relations.

"J.R. is a fine young man and gives 100 percent in whatever he does," said Coach Runyon. "We went to Magoffin County and worked with some elementary kids in a basketball camp. It has been a pleasure to have coached J.R., and now that this is over maybe he can start catching the ball in practice."

VanHoose said he has gotten over not being offered a scholarship at the University of Kentucky. He said he wished them well, and hopefully they wish him well.

He feels he can contribute to the Marshall program immediately, and the Mid-American Conference is a good conference to play basketball in.

VanHoose said while he eliminated some schools, other schools eliminated him.

"Some were looking for guards and quicker players," he said. "When I made my decision I was looking at the little things like the other players, like how they conduct themselves after practice and if they go out and get into trouble. That may be all right for some players, but not for me."

The Paintsville center said his decision did not hinge on whether he could have played in the SEC in rejecting Vanderbilt.

"It was not a question of whether I could play in the SEC, but whether I wanted to play in the SEC," said VanHoose.

The regional basketball fans will be watching VanHoose next season as he travels 60 miles across the state line to Huntington.

Paintsville will be going for a fourth consecutive regional title this season, something no other team has ever done in the 15th Region.

## A Look At Sports

### The wacky world of basketball and other items

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISH...

From here we wish Justin Paige a big happy birthday. Justin celebrated that special day yesterday. He is one of the outstanding high school athletes in the county, and plays for the South Floyd Raiders. Happy birthday, Justin, and have a good year.

Also to Daniel Knausz, Allen Eagles, goes our happy birthday wish. Daniels celebrated his big day on Tuesday. Keep this young man's name on file, because he is going to be a great athlete in all three sports. He reminds me of a left-handed John Ortega. Happy birthday, Daniel.

• It's official. J.R. Vanhose has picked the Thundering Herd of Marshall as his new home after this season ends (see related story). I think he made a great choice. I still contend that Tubby and the boys of the Bluegrass missed out when they did not sign J.R., but it doesn't appear the Cats are going to get any blue chip players anyway.

• I received a phone call from one of the officials that called the Right Beaver Classic and we had a good conversation. It was a cordial one, and hopefully, an informative one. I know that officiating is difficult, and is a thankless job. I appreciated the call.

• We wish the Johnson Central Golden Eagles and Belfry Pirates the best in tonight's

(See Sports, page two)



**Inks with Marshall**

Paintsville All-Stater J.R. Vanhose was surrounded by family, coaches and team mates when he signed a letter-of-intent to play basketball next season with the Marshall University Thundering Herd. Vanhose averaged just under 23 points per game last year and 15 rebounds. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Paige scores as McDowell rolls

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Jessica Paige tossed a game-high 16 points, and Megan Ousley scored six as the Lady Daredevils of McDowell posted a 40-24 win over a good Melvin Lady Cougar team last Tuesday night at McDowell.

Tiffany Williams led Melvin in scoring with nine points, including a three-point basket. Shanna Little netted five points.

Melvin had the early lead coming out

and took a 7-2 lead on a lay up and three-point basket by Williams. But back-to-back baskets by Sara Johnson and a lay up by Ousley gave McDowell an 8-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

McDowell scored the first eight points in the second quarter, and took an 18-9 half time lead. Kennesa McKinney had the lone Melvin field goal in the second period.

A 7-2 run in the third netted the Lady Daredevils a 25-11 lead. Melvin scored the final six points of the third, and narrowed the margin to 10 points, 27-17.

It was all McDowell at the onset of the final stanza, with an 11-0 run for a 39-17 lead. Little buried a three-point basket to make it 41-22 before Missy Little drilled a 17-foot jumper for the final 40-24 score.

Jeni Little, Kayla Ray, Ashley Thornsberry, Carla Hall and McKinney finished with two points each for Melvin.

Johnson, Jessica Adams, Stephanie Skeans, and Leigh Ann Tuttle had four points apiece for McDowell.

## McDowell slows Melvin in 44-30 victory

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

To slow down the Melvin Cougars, the opposition must slow down high-scoring guard Rusty Tackett, and that is just what the McDowell Daredevils did at home, and went on to post a 44-30 win over the Cougars last Tuesday night at McDowell.

Tackett, who had 34, and 28 points respectively in his first two games, was held to 14 against McDowell and only had one field goal in the second half. McDowell coach Brent Rose, had his team paying attention to Tackett every time the ball went into his hands. Joe Skeens tracked the hot-shooting guard everywhere he went. Matt Smith had 11 points for Melvin.

Josh Moore, also considered to be one of the top grade school players in the county, led all scorers with his 19 points. Nine of those came in the third quarter. Jason Spriggs, with his scoring along the base line, finished with 13 points. Justin Taylor just missed double figures with nine points.

McDowell jumped out early, and built a 6-0 lead before Melvin got on the scoreboard on two Tackett free throws. Smith hit a short jumper for a 6-4 game. The Cougars made it 8-7 after one quarter on a free throw by Tackett and a short jumper.

Melvin took their first lead of the game in the second period when Tackett drilled a

long three-pointer to give the Cougars a 13-11 lead with 3:29 to play in the period. A 6-0 run by the Daredevils netted them a 17-13 advantage, but Smith and Kevin McKinney scored just before the horn for a 17-17 tie at the half.

Melvin's final lead came early in the third period, when they went in front 18-17 on a Smith free throw. McDowell went on a 11-4 spurt for a 28-22 lead, and led 31-24 after three quarters.

## Allen survives Prater

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Allen Eagles outscored the Prater Creek Cougars 16-4 in the third quarter, and held off the Cougars for a 59-39 win in the opening game of the Shag Campbell Invitational grade school basketball tournament held at Allen.

Nick Clay burned the nets for 31 points to lead the Eagles. Daniel Knausz added eight points.

Nick Spears had 12 points to lead the Cougars. Wesley Meade and Craig Keathley had eight points each.

Prater gave Allen all they wanted in the first half, leading most of the way. The

Eagles got a rebound basket, and a six-foot basket by Clay to snap a 21-21 tie, and go to the locker room with a slim 25-21 lead.

Knausz, who was held to a single field goal in the first half, opened hot in the third period, and Clay scored five points to lead the Eagles on a 16-4 spurt that netted them a 41-25 lead after three quarters.

Allen scored the first 11 points of the third period. Michael Stephens had a lay up and free throw, while Knausz used his quickness and scored on consecutive field goals that gave Allen a 40-23 lead. Spears had the only two field goals for the Cougars in the third period.

(See Allen, page two)

## Stumbo places four in double figures to win over Adams

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The John M. Stumbo Mustangs placed four players in double figures en route to a 56-48 win over a strong Adams Middle School basketball team at Allen Tuesday night in a first round game of the Shag Campbell Invitational Tournament.

Marcus Allen scored 16 points to lead the Mustangs. Josh Allen added 14, while Adam Hamilton and Josh Howell tossed in 10 points each.

Adams had three players score in double figures, with both Ryan Martin and Matt Turner leading the way with 13 points. Turner had two three-point baskets in the game. Shawn Newsome, a high-scoring guard, finished with 12 points.

Howell had eight of his 10 points in the first quarter to stake the Mustangs to a 17-15 lead after the initial period. Newsome scored six first quarter points for the Blackcats, and Martin hit a three-point basket and had five points to keep Adams close.

Adams went to the locker area with a 28-25 lead. Turner buried a three-point basket and had five points in the second quarter.

A 17-7 third period for the Mustangs gave Stumbo the advantage after three quarters. Marcus Allen had seven points in the third stanza, including a trey. Stumbo held a seven-point, 42-35 lead after three quarters.

Matt Slone finished with four points for Adams. Craig Fleenor and Chris Spriggs scored two apiece, along with T.C. Hatfield.

Brian Roberts and Trent Tackett had two points apiece for the Mustangs.



**Charity toss**  
Allen's Daniel Knausz stood at the free throw line during the Right Beaver Classic and sank two free throws against the Stumbo Mustangs. He scored 28 points in the win over the Mustangs. Knausz had 67 points for the three tournament games.

(photo by Ed Taylor)

Shag Campbell Inv...

# Newsome scores as Adams rolls

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

It took a second half spurt before the Adams Middle School Blackcats could overcome the Betsy Layne Bobcats in an opening game win in the Shag Campbell Invitational basketball tournament last Monday night at Allen Elementary.

Adams, held to eight points in the first quarter, scored 21 points in the second, 20 in the third and 26 in the fourth to pull out a 74-52 win over Betsy Layne.

Shawn Newsome led all scorers with 22 points. Kevin Younce added 12 and Ryan Martin tossed in eight.

Jeremy Clark led Betsy Layne with 13 points, while Brant Brooks, who played sparingly because of back problems, had 10 points. Michael Rogers scored seven.

The two teams played to an 8-8 tie in a low-scoring first quarter.

Both teams heated up in the second period, with the score being tied twice but five lead changes.

Betsy Layne led 10-8 early in the second quarter, but the Blackcats went on a 10-2 run that netted them an 18-13 advantage. Following a time out, Betsy Layne turned up their pressure defense and outscored Adams 14-1 to move out to a 24-19 lead.

A basket by Younce with :56 seconds to play, tied the game at 27. His two free throws gave the Blackcats a 29-27 lead with 22 seconds left in the first half. But, with only nine seconds showing on the clock, Bobo Hamilton buried a three-point basket to give the Bobcats a 30-29 lead at the half.

Adams came out in the second half and employed full court pressure that took the Bobcats out of things as the Blackcats rolled out to a 49-43 lead after three quarters. The game was tied at 34, and again at 36 before Adams went on a 7-0

run for a 43-36 lead. Martin completed a three-point play for the lead. Betsy Layne stayed within three points of the Blackcats, but Adams was up by six after three quarters.

Adams opened up a 14-point advantage in the early going of the fourth quarter, outscoring Betsy Layne 10-0 to lead 59-45. The Bobcats could never recover.

Aaron Neeley had six points for the Blackcats. Josh Yates finished with five. Matt Turner and T.C. Hatfield scored four points each, while Craig Fleenor tossed in three. Matt Slone, Zachary Slone and Tony White scored two apiece. Josh Murdock had one point.

Hamilton finished with eight points for the Bobcats, and Chase Younce netted seven points. Jordan Compton added six, and Shawn Rose scored four. Matt Hamilton and Michael Rogers scored two apiece.



Allen Eagles  
Right Beaver Classic Champions

# McDowell holds off Duff Bulldogs

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The Duff Bulldogs trailed by 15 points heading into the fourth quarter of their game Monday night against the McDowell Daredevils, but a fourth quarter rally fell short as the Bulldogs dropped a 48-42 decision to McDowell.

Josh Moore worked well down low, scoring 16 points to lead McDowell in scoring. Jason Spriggs and Justin Taylor each added 10 points in the win. Joe Skeans tossed in seven, and Adam Ward netted five points.

Robert Fitzpatrick and Jeremy Rister led Duff's scoring with 12 points each. Rister's 12 points came

on four three-point baskets. Bentley had two treys. Nathan Sturgill scored four points for Duff. Greg Isaac and Brian Paige scored two apiece.

Duff trailed by just a point after the first quarter, with Moore scoring six first quarter points for a 12-11 McDowell lead after one. The McDowell defense held the Bulldogs to a single field goal, a three-pointer by Rister, in the sec-

ond period to take a 26-14 lead at the half.

The Bulldogs tried to fight their way back into the game and found themselves trailing by 15 points, 41-26, after three quarters. Fitzpatrick got the hot hand to go with Bentley and Rister's three-point baskets to mount a come back for Duff. But the clock expired before they could catch the Daredevils.

# NASCAR CONNECTION



## New Atlanta awaits NASCAR

by Steve Mickey

Last March I was at Atlanta Motor Speedway when Robbie Gordon turned a lap of 186.709 mph to grab the pole during qualifying. I remember turning to my college friend and saying that it was an unbelievable speed, considering that the track was just a mile and a half oval, with turns banked at only 25 degrees. It had only been five years ago that the qualifying speed broke the 180 mph barrier for the first time, and now it seemed that the drivers had milked every tenth of a second the old track would give up.

But wait a minute, track owner Bruton Smith decided to give the track a new configuration before this Sunday's running of the NAPA 500, ensuring that we would see speeds that would approach if not top the speeds that are reserved for the superspeedways of Daytona and Talladega.

The oval was slightly lengthened from the old length of 1.522 miles to 1.54 miles, and reconfigured into a quad oval (a quad oval is a somewhat upscale name for a dog leg). This should sound sort of familiar to you as Smith's Texas Motor Speedway has the same track layout.

Now here are the results of what the reconfiguration has done to the speeds that we are likely to see, both during qualifying, and the race itself. During an October test session, Kenny Irwin, driving a Robert Yates' Ford, turned an unofficial lap of 193.711. Irwin wasn't alone in breaking the 190 mph barrier at the track during the testing. A total of 13 drivers bettered the mark, including both Dale Jarrett and Jeff Gordon who will be battling it out for the Winston Cup Championship come Sunday.

The best way to look at the speeds that Atlanta will now be producing is to look at the qualifying

speed that another Yates' car put up at Talladega last month. Ernie Irvin posted a top speed of 193.271 mph, with a restrictor plate on the 35 degree banked turns of the two and one-half-mile speedway. If these Atlanta test speeds hold up, the Georgia track will become Winston Cup's fastest track.

Is the track ready to be the fastest on the circuit? Consider that to reach lap speeds of over 190 mph, the straightway speeds have to be in excess of 200 mph. Talladega is a mile longer than Atlanta, and has eight more degrees of banking in its turns. This gives the drivers more space to "race" on the straights, and the extra banking gives the car more of an ability to

stick in the turns. The opposite is true also, less straightway length has the cars entering the turns deeper with less banking, to help hold the cars on the track and not being pulled out into the wall.

I can't help but remember this past spring's race at Texas, and all the problems that were caused by this type of configuration. The track could only produce on groove of racing surface which resulted in some huge wrecks that took out almost half of the field before the day was over.

I hope the old saying, "let them decide it on the track" still holds true this Sunday, but the ingredients are there for another saying, "the track decided it for them."

## Allen

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Allen scored the first three baskets of the fourth quarter, and opened up a 47-25 lead. Eric Burke hit a 12-foot jumper, Clay followed with a basket under low, and Knauz had a lay up. Spears and Keathley scored on consecutive baskets for a 47-29 game, but Clay had a rebound basket and then completed a three-point play the old-fashion way that gave the Eagles a 53-29 cushion.

Two free throws by Timmy Boyd followed by consecutive baskets by Spears narrowed the margin to 18 but that was as close as the Cougars would come.

Allen jumped out to a 3-0 lead on a Knauz field goal and a Clay free throw. But a three point basket by Meade tied the game for the first time at 5-5. Boyd buried a trey, and

gave the Cougars their first lead at 8-6 before Clay tied the game at 8 on a lay-up.

Prater went on a 6-0 run that netted them a 14-8 lead. Keathley had two easy baskets underneath, and Jason Skeans connected on two free throws. Keathley's rebound basket gave the Cougars a 16-10 lead after the first quarter.

Allen caught the Cougars at the 4:15 mark of the second quarter on two baskets by Clay, and Austin Clark's lay-up to tie the game at 16. Prater's last lead came at 20-19 on Spears' base line jumper.

Clark, Mike Stephens, Burke and Brandon Hall had four points each for the Eagles.

Skeans scored five points for Prater, with Boyd finishing with four. Steven Conn had one point.

## Sports

(Continued from page one)

state football playoffs. Also, Joey Cecil and his East Carter team will take another step toward going to Louisville. But Joey's ball club will have to face (gulp) Breathitt County. Upsets have been known to happen.

If the first game preseason scrimmage is any indication of what UK fans can expect this basketball season, then we are in deep, deep trouble. There is a big number of SEC teams that will have this UK team looking up. Sorry!

Extra note: I did like the play of Evans. I think he will be a good one and should be starting.

The Cincinnati Reds say there will be no price increase in tickets for the '98 season. It will take more than that to get the fans to fill whatever stadium they play in. I wonder if Barry Larkin will walk away after this season? He may be traded.

The Kentucky Thoroughblades are leading the IHL in attendance. Who would have ever thought it? Hockey in Kentucky!

Looking at the UK basketball schedule, they have a rough road ahead early, playing in the Maui Invitational, and a possible rematch with national champion Arizona.

Staggering! That is what I think of the \$2.6 billion (not millions) dollars paid to the NBA for telecast rights to games for next season. The crazy world of basketball.

Women refereeing in the NBA? It's here already. What's

next for them? The White House?

My top five girl's basketball teams in the 15th Region, if it matters: 1) Belfry, 2) Pike Central, 3) Allen Central, 4) Shelby Valley, 5) Johnson Central/Phelps (tie).

No, Ketrin Mays will not play basketball at South Floyd this basketball season.

But, I understand that 6-8 Adam Bailey may join the Prestonsburg basketball squad.

The WPRG, Channel 5, high school basketball preview will be aired on two separate nights this season. The boys will receive air time on November 30, while the girls will air December 1. Stay tuned!

The cable company will air 41 regular season games, four tournaments, and a game of the week. Wow!

The high school basketball season actually will get started this Monday night. That's right! The Piarist School in Martin, new member of the KHSAA, will tip off their season in a home game against June Buchanan.

Prestonsburg finally got their big center Andy Jarvis back on the practice floor because an injury that has kept him out for two weeks. Also, John Ortega may not be out as long as first expected. Coach Jackie Pack says he could be back within a week.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! Take the kids to Sunday School and church this Sunday. You will be glad you did.

## Games on Tap

### Elementary Basketball

Friday, Nov. 14  
Shag Campbell Inv.  
finals @ Allen Elementary

Monday, Nov. 17  
Melvin at Harold  
McDowell at Osborne

Tuesday, Nov. 18  
Betsy Layne at  
McDowell  
Auxier at Melvin  
Osborne at Virgie

PSA

## Vipers closed soccer season with win over the Plague

The Vipers closed their '97 fall regular season schedule in fine fashion by posting a 5-3 win over the Plague on the Prestonsburg Community College's grounds.

Four players scored goals for the Vipers, with Amber Stewart, Matt Francis, Kory Caudill and Roger Collins filling the nets.

Goals for the Plague were scored by Laura Barrett, Danielle Tourigny and Eddybanks Kuss.

"It was a great last game of the season for us," said Viper coach Dennis Gawronski. "P.J. Collins was a standout on defense for us. Jimmy Archerson, midfielder for the Plague, was outstanding on defense."

### Rebound basket

McDowell's Sara Johnson (32) grabbed a rebound and scored against Melvin last Monday night in a 40-24 Lady Daredevil win.

(photo by Ed Taylor)



To the basket

Melvin's Rusty Tackett (20) found a path to the basket and scored two of his 14 points against McDowell last Monday night. Tackett has had a season high 35 points in one game against Stumbo earlier. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## Second half defense gives Lady Daredevils a win over Lady 'dawgs

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Coach Dickie Skeans' McDowell Lady Daredevils put the "D" on the Duff Lady Bulldogs Monday night in grade school basketball at the E.P. Grigsby Jr. Gymnasium. The Lady Daredevils not only held Duff to a single field goal in the third period, but stopped high-scoring Beth Combs with zero points in the final two quarters.



Combs finished with seven points for the game, all in the first half.

Megan Ousley led the Lady Daredevils with eight points. Jessica Paige added six. Sara Johnson, Jessica Adams, and Stephanie Skeans netted five points each. Leigh Ann Tuttle had four points.

Johnna Ison led Duff with nine points. Amber Scott tossed in eight, and Lauren Robinson scored two points. Amy Combs had three points.

The two teams played close through out the game, with the third quarter being the downfall of the Lady Bulldogs. Scott had the only field goal for Duff in the drastic third period.

McDowell trailed 12-10 after the first quarter, with Combs scoring four points in the opening quarter. Ison had a three-point basket and scored seven points in the first period. Duff was on top 19-16 at the half.

McDowell outscored the visitors 9-2 in the third period, and led 25-21 after three.

Duff made only 10-of-21 free throw attempts, while McDowell connected five of nine.





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- Winston Cup NAPA 500 12:40 p.m. • Sunday • ESPN



## 1997 POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 4,598	1. Randy LaJoie, 4,211	1. Jack Sprague, 3,799
2. Dale Jarrett, 4,521	2. Todd Bodine, 3,969	2. Rich Bickle, 3,622
3. Mark Martin, 4,511	3. Steve Park, 3,953	3. Joe Ruttman, 3,556
4. Jeff Burton, 4,224	4. Mike McLaughlin, 3,517	4. Mike Bliss, 3,456
5. Dale Earnhardt, 4,096	5. Phil Parsons, 3,450	5. Ron Hornaday, 3,409
6. Terry Labonte, 4,077	6. Elliott Sadler, 3,416	6. Rick Carelli, 3,311
7. Bobby Labonte, 3,916	7. Elton Sawyer, 3,352	7. Jay Sauter, 3,307
8. Bill Elliott, 3,781	8. Buckshot Jones, 3,352	8. Jimmy Hensley, 3,267
9. Rusty Wallace, 3,531	9. Tim Fedewa, 3,264	9. Chuck Bown, 3,182
10. Ted Musgrave, 3,486	10. Hermie Sadler, 3,252	10. Kenny Irwin Jr, 2,132

## FROM LAST WEEK

**BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL SERIES:** Joe Nemechek's victory at Homestead, Fla., was both impressive — he led 127 out of 300 laps — and dramatic. It was the same track where his younger brother, John, was killed in a truck race during the spring. Following Nemechek across the line were series champion Randy LaJoie,

Mark Martin, Glenn Allen and Jimmy Spencer.

**CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES:** For the second week in a row, fuel mileage helped Joe Ruttman win the SuperTruck race. In the season finale at Las Vegas, Ruttman assumed the lead with only a few laps remaining, thanks to the faltering Rick Carelli.

## TOP 10

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

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| 1. Dale Jarrett (1)<br>Atlanta, hear me calling | 6. Terry Labonte (6)<br>Big difference from '96    |
| 2. Jeff Gordon (2)<br>Needs to finish 18th      | 7. Bobby Labonte (7)<br>Knocking on the door       |
| 3. Mark Martin (3)<br>Waiting in the wings      | 8. Bobby Hamilton (8)<br>Last run for King Richard |
| 4. Jeff Burton (4)<br>No pressure               | 9. Bill Elliott (9)<br>Strong here in past         |
| 5. Dale Earnhardt (5)<br>Last win was here      | 10. Kenny Schrader (10)<br>Knows top 10 well       |

## ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	Pole*	Winner*
Sept. 6	Winston Cup 400, Richmond	Elliott	Jarrett
Sept. 14	New Hampshire 300, Loudon, N.H.	Schrader	Gordon
Sept. 21	MBNA 500, Dover	Martin	Martin
Sept. 28	Hanes 500, Martinsville	W. Burton	Burton
Oct. 5	UAW-GM Quality 500, Charlotte	Bodine	Jarrett
Oct. 12	DieHard 500, Talladega	Irvan	T. Labonte
Oct. 26	AC Delco 400, Rockingham	B. Labonte	Hamilton
Nov. 2	Dura Lube 500, Phoenix	Hamilton	Jarrett
Nov. 16	NAPA 500, Atlanta	(B. Labonte)	(B. Labonte)
Nov. 23	Suzuka Circuitland, Japan		

\* 1996 winners in parentheses.  
x First year race is on schedule.

## FEUD OF THE WEEK

### Ford vs. Chevrolet

After two seasons in which the Chevrolet Monte Carlo dominated, Ford has had near-unprecedented success this season, the last for the Thunderbird. But the most prestigious award, the Winston Cup driving championship, still seems firmly in the hands of



Gordon

Chevy driver Jeff Gordon. Two Thunderbird drivers, Dale Jarrett and Mark Martin, are poised to pick up the pieces, however, if Gordon falters at Atlanta. Nascar This Week's Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Ford would love to run the table by adding the driver's championship to its easy victory in the manufacturers' race. However, it is hard to imagine Gordon winning 10 races two seasons in a row without taking the championship in either of them."

COMING UP: Nov. 16, NA...  
WHERE: Atlanta Motor Sp...  
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Kenny Irwin used the Craft...

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week

Who is this young driver Robert Yates has hired to take over his famous No. 28 Texaco/Havoline Ford next season?

Kenny Irwin is following a trail already blazed by Jeff Gordon, and Gordon's success is no doubt one of the reasons for Irwin's rapid rise. Irwin, like Gordon, earned his early fame driving open-wheeled cars in the United States Auto Club. When he joined the Craftsman Truck Series, he already had won eight USAC midget, seven sprint and four Silver Crown races.

Late in the 1996 season, Irwin joined the Truck Series and competed in three races. This year he opened his new career with a flourish, winning superspeedway races at Homestead, Fla., and Fort Worth, Texas.

## WHO'S HOT ... WHO'S NOT

**WHO'S HOT:**  
■ Dale Jarrett is coming off a spectacular driving performance and is within striking distance of Jeff Gordon for a points of...

**WHO'S NOT:**  
■ Dale Earnhardt was spect... he last won, which was on... 1996, at Atlanta Motor Spe... However, that win was 58...

## AROUND T

## Court dismisses Bruto

By Monte Dutton  
NASCAR This Week  
CHARLOTTE — A court ruled in favor of Penske Motorsports Inc. last week and dismissed Bruton Smith's lawsuit against PMI involving ownership of North Carolina Motor Speedway. Smith had challenged the sale of 70 percent of the Rockingham track's stock to Penske in North Carolina Business Court. As a result of the court's decision, NCMS shareholders will meet on Dec. 2 to consider the merger of PMI and NCMS. Speaking for Penske Motorsports, president Greg Penske said, "The court's decision is a

clear affirmation of what we have said all along; that Mr. Smith's claim was baseless and completely without merit. We are pleased with the results and look forward to the completion of the merger." Smith did not immediately respond to the decision. **LET'S MAKE A DEAL:** Darrell Waltrip is surprised that dates on the Winston Cup Series can be bought and sold, but he is not critical of the idea. Tracks in Texas and New Hampshire got dates this season after the respective owners — Bruton Smith and Bob Bahre — each purchased half of North...

## FROM THE ARCHIVES:

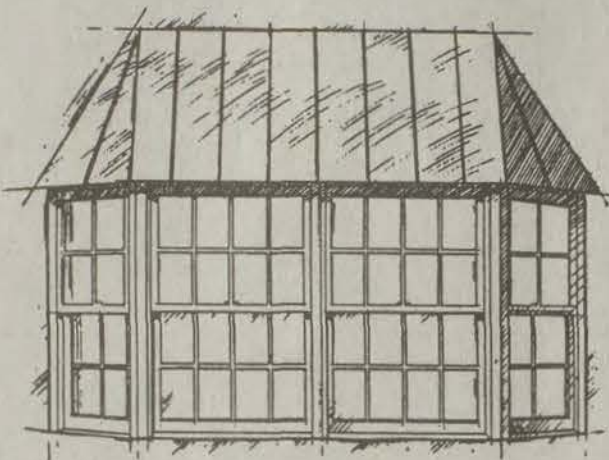
The rich history of NASCAR:

The Winston Cup season finale was not always held at Atlanta Motor Speedway. In the first official season of R.J. Reynolds sponsorship, 1972, Buddy Baker won at the old Texas World Speedway in a Nord Krauskopf-owned Dodge.

Rockingham hosted the final event the following year, with David Pearson winning in the Wood Brothers' Mercury.

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**AMONG THE FAVORITES:** Dale Earnhardt's last victory was here. Dale Jarrett dominated in the spring and is coming off a similar performance at Phoenix. Bill Elliott has often prospered on his home track.

**THREE WHO COULD SURPRISE:** Bobby Hamilton will try hard to win in his final race with Richard Petty. Kenny Schrader seems to be on the verge of a victory. Terry Labonte would like to close a disappointing season with a second victory.



B. Elliott

**KEY TO THE RACE:** Danger lurks everywhere on what has become a lightning-fast, one-groove track. Avoiding that danger is particularly important to Jeff Gordon, who needs only to finish 18th to win his second Winston Cup championship.

## PROFILE

# Kenny Irwin



Monte Dutton/NASCAR This Week  
Craftsman Truck Series as a way into NASCAR racing.

## WHY I LIKE ...

Tell us in 100 words or less why you like Kenny Irwin. One letter will be drawn from the entries and the winner will receive a NASCAR This Week hat. Send your entry to:

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The winner for why I like David Pearson is J.W. Thomas of Sanford, N.C.

**■ WHY DID YOU CHOOSE THE CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES AS AN ENTRY INTO NASCAR?** "For me it was an opportunity. A year and a half ago, when all of this came down, I had an opportunity to go Indy-style racing or truck racing. My whole long-term goal was Winston Cup racing. So I figured if I do that (Indy) then I will never end up where I want to be, or it will be many years down the road.

**■ WHAT DO YOU EXPECT TO BE THE HARDEST PART OF WINSTON CUP?** "In trucks, we run a lot of shorter tracks, and not as many of them are Winston Cup tracks as there are in the Busch Grand National Series. It's certainly going to take a while to get used to the Winston Cup tracks. On the other hand, we do run a wide variety of tracks, so that is an advantage."

- **AGE:** 28
- **MARITAL STATUS:** Single
- **HOMETOWN:** Indianapolis, Ind.
- **CAR:** 1997, Craftsman Truck Series, No. 98 Raybestos Ford, owned by Jim Herrick; Winston Cup Series, No. 27 Hasbro Ford, owned by David Blair; 1998, Winston Cup Series, No. 28 Texaco/Havoline Ford, owned by Robert Yates.

## YOUR TURN

### READERS ASK THE QUESTIONS

Dear NASCAR This Week,

I am a Bill Elliott fan. I would like to know what happened to Ron Barfield, who drove the Busch car for Elliott. I saw him in two of the truck races but not in the Busch car. I would also like to know what happened to Elliott's girl Starr. Is she in NASCAR or something else? I enjoy your article in our newspaper, the High Point Enterprise.

Karen M. Ferrell  
Jamestown, N.C.

Dear NASCAR Race Fan,

Ron Barfield serves as a test driver for Elliott's Winston Cup team and competed in the Brickyard 400 this year. He has also appeared in Busch Grand National, ARCA and Craftsman Truck Series events in vehicles owned by Elliott. As you are no doubt aware, Starr, who will be 20 on Christmas Day, is Elliott's daughter by a previous marriage. He and current wife Cindy have another child, Chase, born on Nov. 28, 1995.

Dear NASCAR This Week,

Do you have any information on a Jeff Gordon fan club? Barb Bollnow  
South Haven, Mich.

Dear NASCAR Race Fan,

The Jeff Gordon National Fan Club may be contacted via the Internet at:  
<http://www.JeffGordonFanClub.com>

If you do not have Internet access, write the club at P.O. Box 515, Williams, Ariz. 86046-0515. Dues are \$19.95 for an individual and \$24.95 for a family.

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## CREW OF THE WEEK

Steve Bird and his crew helped Johnny Benson win a Busch Grand National championship in 1995 for owner Bill Baumgardner's BACE Motorsports. The following year Randy LaJoie climbed into Baumgardner's No. 74 Chevrolet, and Bird led another championship effort. In Florida, LaJoie made it two in a row for himself and three in a row for Bird and Baumgardner.

**RACING ON THE WEB.** Mark Martin Fan Page [www.ovaltrack.com/martin/martin1.htm](http://www.ovaltrack.com/martin/martin1.htm)

**Overview:** A great compilation of material on the Batesville, Ark., driver's career. The highlight is a guided tour that includes photos of almost 20 Martin race cars, spanning his entire career. Loads of interesting information about Martin's American Speed Association and International Race of Champions successes. **Weak points:** This is an unofficial site, which is not to say it is shy of information. There is only one photo of an IROC car, and that is the Dodge Avenger model that has now been supplanted by a Pontiac Firebird.

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## TRIVIA

1. Whose slogan was "Where Money Buys Speed"?
2. Who was the "King of the Convertibles"?
3. Who won the season finale at Atlanta Motor Speedway on the day his brother won his second Winston Cup championship?

## TRIVIA

1. Bobby Labonte
2. Bob Welborn
1. Banjo Matthews

ANSWERS

## THE GARAGE

# In case against NCMS

Wilkesboro Speedway, eventually to close it down. "I never thought I'd see the day when NASCAR would allow that," said D.W. "It takes NASCAR out of the equation and keeps them from being the bad guy. There aren't any more dates available, but NASCAR will allow you to buy a race track and take those dates and do something with them. It's just significant from the standpoint that it's a different way of running the sport. "I guess if you're selling the track and making a lot of money, it's all right. I think NASCAR is doing everybody a favor, to tell

you the truth. They're helping the little guy who doesn't have a future in the sport get a return on his investment, and a pretty good one. And they're helping the growth of the sport. So, it's a win-win situation when you get right down to it. But it's just interesting that concept is being used. I never would have thought about doing it that way. Most times in the past, people have tried to get a date before they build a facility. Now they build a facility and then start to manipulate ways to get a date. So it's a 'you build it, we'll come' scenario. Somehow, we'll figure out a way."

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Pick up an application at the Floyd County Board of Education office at 69 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky. Mail the completed form to Wilmer S. Cody, Commissioner of Education, 500 Mero Street, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, KY, 40601. Applications must be postmarked by November 25, 1997. The Kentucky Department of Education does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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**TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT.** All electric. Nice place to live. Rt. 3, Auxier Heights, near Thunder Ridge. Call 886-3552 after 5 p.m.

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**TWO BEDROOM, TWO BATH MOBILE HOME.** Large front and back porch. Outside storage, paved driveway, large fenced yard. Behind football field at Eastern. \$330/month plus utilities. Deposit required. Call 358-4208 after 5 p.m.

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**FOR RENT:** Two bedroom trailer located at Hunter. Call 285-9155.

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**FOR RENT:** Three bedroom, two bath 28x60 mobile home located at level on quiet lot. Available December 15. \$350/month, \$150 deposit. Call 606-478-1649.

**FOR RENT:** Two bedroom mobile home. New carpet. Nice, clean quiet lot. \$250/month, \$150 deposit. Call 606-478-1649.

**ONE BEDROOM FURNISHED MOBILE HOME.** Route 23, East Point. Suitable for 1-2 people. Call 606-789-5270.

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**LPN NEEDED!** The Big Sandy Health Care, Inc. Mud Creek Clinic has an opening for a full time LPN. Must have KY License, 2 years experience preferred. Send resumes to: Personnel Officer, Big Sandy Health Care, Inc., 1709 Kentucky Route 321, Suite 3, Prestonsburg. For more information contact Beth Howard at the Mud Creek Clinic. 886-1242 or 587-2200.

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**ALL TYPES OF REMODELING,** roofing, vinyl siding, replacement windows, painting (interior and exterior), all types of block and masonry. 25 years experience. Call Built-Rite Builders at 886-8293.

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**CCR, Inc.** Phone 886-3702 **Over 28 years experience in general construction.** Specializing in kitchen and bath remodels. CCR is a full service company and warranties their work for 1 full year, including Framing, Drywall, Finish Carpentry, Concrete, Painting, Ceramic Tile, Roofing, Siding, Hardwood Floors, Electric, Plumbing, and Insurance Restoration, etc. Free estimates.

**Chimney Cleaning**

**CHIMNEY CLEANING SERVICES AND PAINTING CO.:** R.A. Taylor, professional interior with references. 886-8453.

**Your ad could be here. Call Jen at 886-8605.**

**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.

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**Contractors**

**BOYD CONTRACTING:** Home building or remodeling; porches; roofs; and decks. Contract or hourly. 478-1764 or 478-4230, Stanville.

**BACKHOE FOR HIRE:** Honest, dependable. Years of experience. Call 874-8049.

**Roofing & Construction**

**SPEARS CONSTRUCTION:** Building, remodeling, roofing, decks, all types of carpentry and masonry work. Call 874-2688.

**Plumbing**

**PORTER PLUMBING COMPANY** Allen, KY Commercial, residential and service work. Licensed and insured. Rotor roter service, drain cleaning, etc. **CALL US FIRST!** 874-2794.

**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.

**FREE CASH GRANTS!** College. Scholarships. Business. Medical Bills. Never repay. Toll free 1-800-218-9000, ext. G-6778.

**Lost**

**SMALL BLACK AND WHITE** female cat. Last seen on Right Fork of Bull Creek area. Child's pet. Call 874-0249.

**LOST:** Gold, heart-shaped ring. Lost in the Prestonsburg area. Reward offered. Call 358-4389 or 447-2634.

**LOST DOG:** From the Brushcreek - Hippo area. Reddish - brown, black mouth, named "Apache". Reward offered for any information of whereabouts. Call 358-9928.

**LOST:** Male Boston Terrier. Black and white, wearing red flea collar. Last seen in Howard Branch (Rock Fork) on Saturday, November 1. Reward offered for return or information. Call 358-4426.

**Found**

**FOUND IN PARKING LOT** in Prestonsburg. Call 886-6971 after 7 p.m. to claim.

**Services**

**WILL DO HEMMING.** Call 886-6102.

**PSYCHIC:** Psychic card readings. Call for appointment: 889-0575.

**Want To Rent**

**WANT TO RENT:** Three bedroom house between Martin and McDowell. Call 285-9840 or 377-0277.

**Legals**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-6015, Renewal**

In accordance with KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., P.O. Box 130, Mousie, Kentucky 41839 has applied for a renewal of a permit for loading, crushing coal processing facility affecting 5.0 acres located 1/4 mile northwest of Hueysville in Floyd County.

The existing operation is approximately 0.75 mile northwest from S.R. 7's junction with S.R. 550 and located 0.4 miles east of Right Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37° 30' 05" and the longitude is 82° 50' 32".

The existing operation is located on the Martin U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will affect an area within 100 feet of a public road, S.R. 550. The operations will not involve relocation of the public road. The surface area is owned by CONSOL of Kentucky, Inc., and CSXT.

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

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-0261, Major Revision No. 3**

In accordance with KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501, has applied for a major revision to an existing surface coal mining and reclamation operation located 0.75 miles north of Prestonsburg in Floyd County. The major revision will add 4.54 acres of surface disturbance making a total of 1084.30 within the revised permit boundary.

The proposed major revision area is approximately 0.75 miles east of Levisa Fork of Big Sandy River. The latitude is 37 degrees 41 minutes 00 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees 45 minutes 13 seconds.

The proposed major revision is located on the Prestonsburg and Lancer U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The surface area to be affected by the major revision is owned by H.D. Fitzpatrick.

The major revision proposes to add 4.54 acres of surface disturbance, in which the operation's method of surface mining will be mountaintop removal.

The major revision application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake

Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1410. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

November 21, 1997, at 10:00 a.m., a 1995 Fleetwood Reflection 16x80 mobile home, S/N # TNFLS26A41708 will be sold to the highest bidder for cash "as is where is" at Hylton's Mobile Homes, U.S. 23, Ivel, Kentucky 41642. Under the terms of a Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement. The mobile home may be inspected before the sale. The bank reserves the right to bid. The buyer will pay all taxes and transfer fees.

Community Trust Bank Collection Department Pikeville, KY Greg Justice, Auctioneer

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

November 21, 1997, at 9:30 a.m., a 1996 Clayton Northridge 14x70 mobile home, S/N # CLM064184TN will be sold to the highest bidder for cash "as is where is" at Hylton's Mobile Homes, U.S. 23, Ivel, Kentucky 41642. Under the terms of a Retail Installment Contract and Security Agreement. The mobile home may be inspected before the sale. The bank reserves the right to bid. The buyer will pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to 405 KAR 8:010, Section 16 (5), the following is a summary of permitting decisions made by the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Division of Permits, with respect to applications to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations in Floyd County.

Locust Grove, 836-0265, Issued 10-02-97; Matt/Co., Incorporated, 836-9022, Issued 10-20-97.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Upon and on this date after publication of this notice, I will no longer be responsible for any debts incurred by anyone other than myself.

Millard Stevens P.O. Box 461 Betsy Layne, KY 41605

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 5353, Transfer**

In accordance with the provisions to 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Tram Coal Company, P.O. Box 232, Ivel, KY 41642, intends to transfer permit 836-5217 to Lodestar Energy, Inc., 251 Tollage Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky, 41501. The new permit number will be 836-5353. The operation disturbs 6.16 surface acres and underlies 128.00 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 2.0 miles south of Honaker in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 1.0 mile southeast from KY 2030's junction with KY 5197 and located 0.4 mile east of Little Mud Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell and Harold U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps at latitude 37° 29' 30" and longitude 82° 40' 50".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Pikeville, KY 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant to Application Number 836-5354, Transfer**

In accordance with the provisions to 405 KAR 8:010, notice is hereby given that Tram Coal Company, P.O. Box 232, Ivel, KY 41642, intends to transfer permit 836-5243 to Lodestar Energy, Inc. The new permit number will be 836-5354. The operation disturbs 2.18 surface acres and underlies 95.0 acres. No new acreage is affected by the transfer.

The operation is located 0.5 miles southwest of Pay in Floyd County. The operation is approximately 3.0 miles south from KY 30's junction with County Road 5197 and located along Little Mud Creek. The operation is located on the McDowell U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map at latitude 37° 28' 21" and longitude 82° 41' 16".

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Prestonsburg Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Pikeville, KY 41501. Written comments or objections must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. All comments or objections must be received within fifteen (15) days of today's date.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

The following item will be offered for public sale on November 21, 1997, at 11:00 a.m. at the First Commonwealth Bank Parking Lot, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to satisfy the unpaid balance of an installment contract signed October 7, 1994.

Item to be sold: 1994 Honda Civic Ex, S/N 3120.

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid for following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

For further information contact Mike Haney, 886-2321.

First Commonwealth Bank 169 North Arnold Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE**

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Item to be sold: 1996 Toyota Tacoma, S/N 6015.

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid for following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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Item to be sold: 1988 Chrysler Fifth Avenue, S/N 2891.

All items are sold "as is where is." Seller reserves the right to bid and to reject any or all bids. Items are to be paid for following the sale, or satisfactory arrangements are made with the seller. Announcements at the sale take priority over ad. Purchaser to pay all taxes and transfer fees.

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First Commonwealth Bank 169 North Arnold Avenue Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that the City of Prestonsburg has titled an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to fill the section of city owned property on Cliff Road at the intersection of Cliff Road and the Cliff Bridge (Rt. 1428). Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to:

Kentucky Division of Water Water Resources Branch 18 Reilly Road Frankfort, KY 40601 Phone: 502-564-3410 F-11/7, 11/14 W-11/12

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that Mountain Valley Explosives, P.O. Box 488, Allen, KY 41601, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to construct a fill adjacent to and across an un-named stream which is a tributary to Beaver Creek.

The property is located south of and adjacent to KY 1428, approximately 0.38 mile south of the south city limits of Allen in Floyd County.

Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water Resources Branch, 14 Reilly Road, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601; phone 502-564-3410.

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**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

At the regular meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court held on 8/15/97, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Court hereby moves to advertise for the following: Repair damage to Rough and Tough Road. Work includes minor fill, gabion baskets, aggregate base, slope protection, rip rap and chip and seal.

Specifications and bid packages may be picked up at Reed Engineering Company, Inc., 131 N. Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

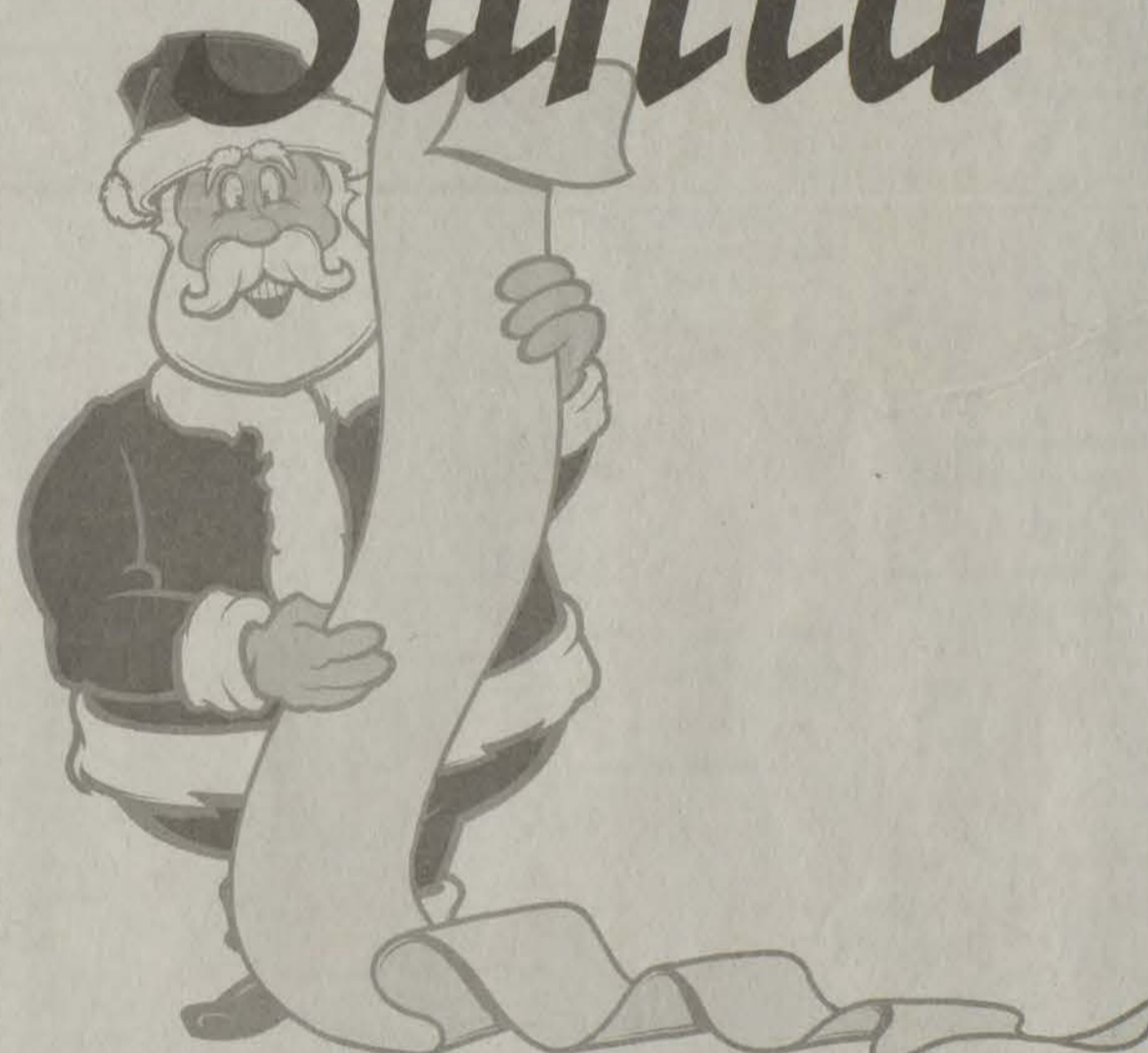
Bids will be accepted at the Office of the County Judge/Executive, 76 Westminister Street, Prestonsburg, Kentucky until 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 20, 1997. The sealed bids will be opened and awarded at the regular meeting of the Fiscal Court on November 21, 1997.

Floyd County Fiscal Court hereby reserves the right to reject any and all bids and will award to the lowest and/or best bidder. Floyd County Fiscal Court Benjamin Hale Floyd County Judge/Executive W-11/12 F-11/14

**YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!**  
**Call Jen at 886-8506 to place your display ad here!**

**Hey kids, it's that time of the year again! Don't forget to write your**

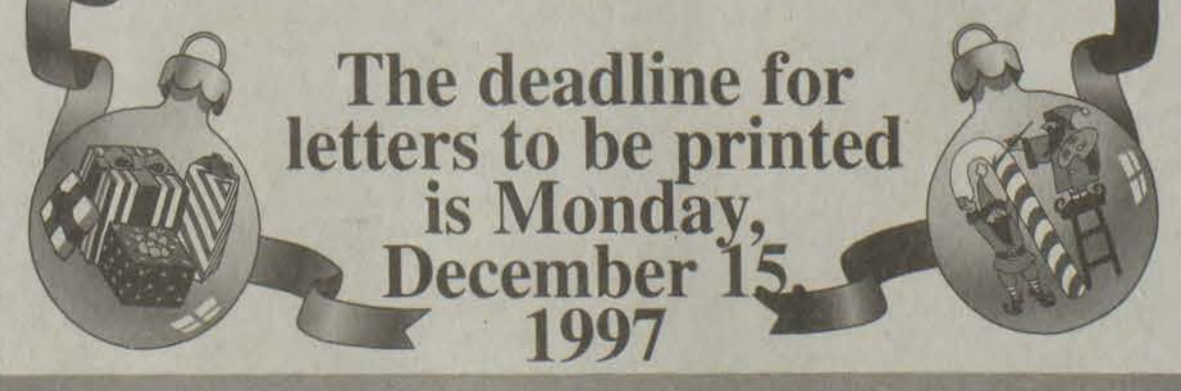
**Letters to Santa**



**To be published in a special section of the Floyd County Times**

**Please include your name and age on your letter!**

**The deadline for letters to be printed is Monday, December 15, 1997**



**Mail letters to: The Floyd County Times c/o Letters to Santa P.O. Box 391 Prestonsburg, KY 41653**