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City breathes new life into skate center

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer



The Prestonsburg City Council agreed Friday to award a \$3,000 grant to the Board-Or-Line Skate Center in an effort to help the youth-oriented business stay afloat. (file photo by Chris McDavid)

Prestonsburg City Council voted Friday to award a grant to a local Christian youth center for a downtown indoor skating park.

Christian Skate Center Inc., headed by Shawn Cole, will receive a \$3,000 grant over the next four months to defray start-up costs.

The center, located in the old Arrowwoods building on Court Street, is only one of two such skating facilities in the state, Cole has said.

Cole explained Friday that he was having some financial difficulty due to the cost of an electrical hookup and a complete restroom needs to be installed.

Mayor Jerry Fannin said he would talk with Cole's landlord, Frank Fitzpatrick, about assisting with the installation. Fannin also explained that because Cole will be receiving 120 hours pay at minimum wage during the four-month period from the grant, Cole will not be considered a city employee.

Cole said he understood his employment status and that the funds would be

used to keep the non-profit business "afloat." He added that he has liability insurance for the facility and that if the business begins to thrive, he would return excess funds.

Council approved the grant and placed some restrictions on the condition of the facility, such as the premises must be kept clean and neat.

In other business at Friday's special meeting, council

held second reading of an ordinance to annex property at Water Gap owned by Carl Scutchfield.

The ordinance says the annexation is voluntary and does not allow for the owners to file a petition opposing the measure.

Councilmen Ralph Davis, Danny Hamilton and Gormon Collins Jr. were absent from Friday's meeting.

Mullins, Newsome to fight ousters:

State board begins removal hearings

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Ouster hearings are scheduled to begin today (Wednesday) in Frankfort for Floyd County School Board Members Jody Mullins and B.J. Newsome on charges of willful neglect of duty, misconduct and non-feasance in office.

Mullins and Newsome, a year after taking their seats on the board,

are accused of failing to eliminate a three-year budget deficit. The Floyd County System ended the school years, 1995, 1996 and 1997 in the red.

Three board members, Eddie Patton, Ursal Ray Wilcox and Ray Brackett, resigned from the board last fall. Superintendent Gene Davis retired after only seven months on the job amid ouster threats from state Education Com-

missioner Wilmer Cody.

Cody charged Mullins and Newsome in December after a comprehensive management audit of the school system showed, "a pattern of significant lack of efficiency and effectiveness in the administration and governance of the Floyd County School District."

The audit revealed serious problems in the school system, including allegations that personnel records were in a shambles or non-existent, which prevented an accurate record of how many employees were employed in the system.

Problems were also found in curriculum, financial management and special education. A separate audit of the attendance department showed sloppy record-keeping; no accounting for students attending private/parochial and home schools; and numerous errors in attendance figures reported from schools.

Pupil Personnel Director Brent Allen retired from the school system just after the audit findings were released by state officials.

Three new members to the board, Johnnie Ross, Carol Stumbo and Terry Dotson, were appointed last week.

The three new members and Newsome voted to ask for a three-year state takeover of the school system in a special meeting following their swearing in on Wednesday. Mullins voted against it, saying personnel from the state Department of Education had been in the district for the past two years and did nothing to prevent the district's financial woes.

In Frankfort today, the Kentucky Board of Education had also scheduled an administrative hearing on evidence to determine if a takeover was warranted.

On the eve of the beginning of the ouster hearings, the school board meets in regular session at Adams Middle School. Approval of an agreement between the district and the Department of Education, spelling out some of the conditions of state management, is expected to be presented.

More retired teachers sue over incentives

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Two retired Floyd County teachers have filed separate lawsuits against former superintendent Gene Davis and the board claiming breach of contract and age discrimination.

Patricia Murphy and Florene Harris filed suit last week claiming that the board misled them when they retired in 1996.

In an effort to reduce the board's budget deficit in 1996, a retirement incentive package was offered to teachers and administrators. The lawsuit claims the board said the incentive would not be offered again.

During the 1996-97 school year, the same retirement incentive package was offered again, and both provided for a \$25,000 bonus if personnel retired under the plan.

The teachers claim they lost additional salaries, extended employment days, sick leave and additional retirement benefits.

The two also claim that they have been discriminated against because, they allege, Davis and board instituted a policy to offer substitute teaching jobs to persons under 40 years old.

They claim that Davis' and the

Hale files for judge; ballot growing as deadline nears

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Only a week remains before the filing deadline for the May primary election and the number of candidates continues to add up.

Democrat incumbent Judge-Executive Ben Hale filed Tuesday afternoon to retain his office. Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson became a Democrat candidate for the judge-executive's office last week.

Current filings, which list no Republican candidates, include:

- Incumbent Roger Nelson, a Democrat, has filed for coroner;
- Sheriff- Denver Spurlock of

Prestonsburg; Lloyd G. Powers of Auxier; Arthur Kilburn Jr. of Martin; and John K. Blackburn of Prestonsburg.

• Commissioner District One-Prestonsburg businessman Floyd Skeans has filed as an Independent candidate for District One Commissioner; Democrats are Avery Lowe of Prestonsburg; Roger Rowe of Prestonsburg; and incumbent Magistrate Gerald DeRossett of Prestonsburg.

• District Two Commissioner-Bobby D. Whitaker of Hueysville; incumbent Magistrate Jackie Edford Owens of Hueysville; Larry Foster Stumbo of McDowell;

Arnold Dean Daniels of Hippo; Doug Allen of Wayland; Ralph O'Quinn of Garrett; Jimmy "Gabe" Turner of Drift; and Brad Martin of Langley.

• District Three Commissioner-Russell Johnson of Wheelwright; Lennix (Cola Ray) Akers of Harold; and incumbent Magistrate Ermal Tackett.

• Justice of the Peace, District One- William R. Callihan of East Point; and E. Bucky Collins of Prestonsburg.

• District One Constable-Homer D. Neeley of Prestonsburg; and Gary Wolfe of Prestonsburg.

• District Two Constable- incumbent Bob Hackworth of Martin.

• District Three Constable- incumbent Tandy B. Hamilton of McDowell; Paul D. Younce of Melvin and Robert Caudill of McDowell.

• District Four Constable- Arnold Bob McKinney of Harold and John Kidd of Harold.

• District Judge- (non-partisan) James R. Allen of Prestonsburg.

There have been no filings for justice of the peace in districts two, three and four.

Incumbent Democrat office holders Lovel Hall, Property Valuation Administrator; County Attorney Keith Barley; County Clerk Carla "Robinson" Boyd and Jailer Roger Webb have filed to retain their offices and are without opposition so far.

Prospective candidates have until 4:00 p.m. January 27 to file with the county clerk's office.

Tax increase, collections to be eyed by Wayland commission

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Wayland residents may see a property tax hike next year with the city's commission considering whether to raise the rate or to turn over the tax collection to the county's property valuation administrator (PVA), whichever provides the most funding for the city to operate.

After more than an hour-long discussion on the matter, the commission agreed to "just find out" which option it should use to get more tax money for operating expenses.

Wayland police chief Aaron

Kidd reported that he has been successful in collecting the majority of the city's delinquent taxes which the commission requested he collect.

"I've been getting a real good response about getting everyone to pay their taxes," Kidd said, adding that he had located all but two delinquent taxpayers included on a list he was presented.

The commission recently gave Kidd a second collection list. Kidd said he would begin collecting those taxes as well.

Commissioners agreed that even if all the taxes are collected, they must consider what should be done

for the city to get more tax revenue in the future.

Commissioner Mary Beth Stephens said the city had previously agreed to check into how much additional revenue would be available if the taxes were collected by the county's PVA.

Stephens said that if the PVA collects the taxes, then property taxes for the city residents would be determined by the value of their property.

Commissioner Tommy Robinson said that the commission had checked into the matter several



Big Winners...

Happy Mart store #42 on North Lake Drive in Prestonsburg received a \$25,000 check from the Kentucky Lottery Corporation for selling the winning ticket for a 2.5 million dollar jackpot. The store received the check Tuesday. Pictured are jackpot winners Tim and DeLois Howard of Prestonsburg; Faye Chapman, store manager, and the individual that sold the Howards the ticket; Happy Mart/Coleman Oll representative Carol Casebolt; and Paul Holt, Kentucky Lottery Corporation's key account representative. (photo by Cindy Yates)

Police expenditures are called 'illegal'

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

After admitting that authorization for a purchase with city funds was done outside a legal meeting, Wheelwright City Commissioner Luther Johnson Jr. vowed Thursday that future business would be conducted legally.

Johnson also questioned Commissioner David Boyd about "doing anything illegal in-between meetings," such as using a city vehicle or authorizing a purchase.

Justice center will not make deadline

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

After numerous reports from an architect's representative that the contractor for the Floyd County Justice Center has indicated the multi-million facility would be finished by the completion date, the fiscal court learned otherwise Friday.

"The contractor is insisting he will be complete with his work by (the deadline)," Ray Grosser, representing architects Chrisman, Miller and Woodard, told the court Friday during a regular meeting. "That's not going to happen."

The facility is scheduled to be complete on February 6.

Grosser's conclusion of the probable delay followed numerous reports from Bill Pinkering, who

The exchange between the two commissioners began at Thursday's meeting during a discussion on paying the city's bills.

Boyd asked Johnson about an expenditure over \$500 in the police department.

"When was that done?" Boyd asked Johnson.

Johnson replied, "me, (Commissioner) Jimmy (Little) and (Mayor) Marlee (Sammons) did it."

When Boyd responded to Johnson's question that he had used a city vehicle without commission approval, Johnson said, "That's no different. Wrong is wrong. . . We need to do everything out in the open; do it straight."

Boyd said he only questioned the expense, which was for the purchase of police uniforms, because the city's finances are so tight.

"It's nothing against you, Luther or anybody. Our budget is about shot and we keep spending money and spending money without any discussion. We're going to go broke."

Boyd added that some "necessities" had been purchased for the fire department, which Boyd oversees, but other expenditures were brought before the commission.

Johnson further questioned Boyd about the purchase of a vehicle for \$1,500 some time ago.

Mayor Sammons tried to diffuse the situation by saying the commission "might as well pay" the bill because the company would not

Illegal

take back the merchandise. "They're gonna come and get us," if it is not paid, Sammons said.

City attorney Tim Parker advised the commission again not to get a quorum together outside of a legal meeting to authorize city purchases. Parker explained when an expenditure had to be made before a regular meeting, commissioners could call an emergency meeting.

"You can vote to accept it after the fact, but it's better to do it before (a purchase is made)," Parker said.

Johnson brought up the vehicle purchase again and directed city clerk Mary Ann Slone to provide him with all the documentation regarding the vehicle because he was going to give it to the media.

"I want it published in The Floyd County Times because I'm fair," Johnson said.

Commissioners voted to approve the purchase.

After much discussion on the city's financial troubles, commissioners voted 4-0 to hire two part-time police officers. Johnson abstained from voting, which means his vote goes with the majority.

Commissioners advertised to hire a police officer because current policeman Steve Toy had been hired on a "temporary part-time, full-time basis."

After about 15 minutes in a closed session called to discuss the hiring, Boyd announced that two part-time officers, Toy and Randy Johnson, would be hired due to previous commitments by commissioners.

"After reviewing the applications, basically, I prayed that we could (get) a unanimous decision and come to an agreement," Boyd said. "But, we couldn't do it because in our personal opinion the three applicants are good friends of ours, and because of prior commitments by commissioners and due to our financial problems, we can't afford a full-time and two part-time policemen. I make a motion that Steve Toy and Randy Johnson be hired as two part-time police due to our financial constraints."

Commissioner Andy Akers seconded the motion.

The officers will work 20-hours each per week. Johnson announced that an "unnamed" person had pledged to pay the officers for an additional 18 hours per week that

would be split between the two.

Parker urged commissioners to get an agreement in writing spelling out the terms of the payments.

Also, after the meeting adjourned, commissioners agreed by consensus that Randy Johnson be allowed to purchase police uniforms. The new officer received a purchase order for the clothes before leaving the meeting. Commissioners said it would be on the February agenda for approval.

In other business Thursday: • Johnson recommended that the city's utility commission be asked to pay Ruby Preston and Myra Thornsby the full \$200 other employees received as a Christmas bonus. Preston received \$20 and Thornsby \$150. Boyd said the utility commission cannot be forced to pay the bonus, but he and other commissioners agreed that Johnson should make that recommendation.

• The city clerk reported that River City Insurance was canceling all the city's coverage on March 18. River City president Tommy Lafferty is trying to find coverage for the city with another company, Slone said, and more

will be known at the February meeting. Slone said during a break that the company gave no specific reason for its decision.

• All city and utility employees must now clock in and out during work hours. Commissioner Johnson said that some employees, who are part of a welfare-to-work program, have not been showing up for work, but are still getting paid. Parker said the employees' supervisors should talk with the workers and explain that they are now required to use the time clock.

• Mary Wagner was appointed to the Utility Commission.

• Commissioners agreed to adopt a resolution asking that the speed limit through the city be lowered to 25 miles per hour. In a letter from the Transportation Cabinet, traffic engineer Darold Slone said the speed limit could not be lowered from 35 mph based on the number of vehicles that traveled the road. Slone suggested that a resolution be passed seeking approval for the speed change from Transportation Secretary James Codell.

Commissioner Jimmy Little was absent from Thursday's meeting.

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HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
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Deadline

has told the fiscal court over the last six months that the project was "slightly behind schedule," but he had a "good feeling" about it being complete by the deadline.

Grosser said he did not know when the contractor would be finished with the project, but noted that it would be unlikely for the construction to be complete by the end of February.

Floyd Judge-Executive Ben Hale told Grosser that he would levy a \$2,500 penalty against the contractor for each day past the projected completion date.

Grosser added that the justice center probably would not be complete even if the contractor used extra manpower and worked on the weekends.

"I'm not convinced and I'm confident he will not be done," Grosser said. "If I'm wrong, I'm going to be a very pleased wrong man... (but) I don't think I'm wrong."

Grosser indicated that there was some sort of conflict between himself and the roofer.

"I'm so disgusted with the roofer, I could chew nails," he said.

Grosser told the court that the justice center was an "excellent piece of work" and the "structure in the building is very well done," but it just wasn't done fast enough.

Grosser said problems with the structural steel and other problems have caused the delay in the center's construction, but noted that he has "no sympathy for the (contractor) because he just won't listen to me."

"If he was here right now, he'd have to admit it's not that far enough along to make it," Grosser said.

In another matter Friday, the fiscal court discussed the sale of the RND property located at Warco.

After brief confusion about the date of the sale, Hale told Floyd County Attorney Keith Bartley that he should bid on the property for the county.

"In order for us to protect our interest, (the fiscal court) should make a resolution to authorize you to represent us on the sale," the judge-executive told Bartley.

Bartley disagreed and said that it "may be more proper as a representative of this court" for Hale to

bid on the property.

The fiscal court agreed that Hale would bid on the property and the county attorney would be with the judge-executive to advise him during the sale.

Bartley explained that if he bid during the sale, then he may not be permitted to represent the court if litigation was brought against the county on the matter.

First Commonwealth Bank has filed a foreclosure suit against the owner of the RND property, and the county is obligated to pay a \$200,000 loan on the property if the sale does not satisfy the bank's loan.

The court met in closed session to discuss litigation in relation to the RND property, but took no action when it returned to the open meeting.

The fiscal court's actions at the regular meeting included:

- authorizing the final draw down of funding from a Community Development Block Grant for the McDowell headstart project; and
- approval of a \$22,250 draw-down request for Howard K. Bell

Consulting Engineers Inc. for the design of the Ligon/Clear Creek water project.

All members of the fiscal court were present at Friday's meeting.

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Incentive

board's action was "malicious, intentional and oppressive" since it was based on age.

The two are seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages; a trial by jury; and attorney fees. They are being represented by Lexington attorney Bernard Pafunda.

A number of retired teachers have filed a similar action against Davis and the board.

Note: A civil suit lists only the plaintiff's cause for action.

Accident

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suit against P-burg Lodging Associates Inc., and one of those complaints includes Impac Hotel Group Inc.

Those complaints allege the motel's management was aware of frequent parties at which underage drinkers were provided with or permitted to drink alcohol at the motel.

Lexington attorney Ronald L. Green, with Boehl, Stopher & Graves, filed responses in November to the allegations in the first two suits. Both responses deny all allegations and request the complaints be dismissed.

In the responses, Green states that the defendants are "without sufficient knowledge to form a belief as to the truth or falsity of the allegations" that the deceased attended a party at the motel prior to the accident.

The attorney also states that the negligence of Walters, the driver of the vehicle, "was a substantial factor in causing the damages..." alleged in the complaints.

Green was unavailable Tuesday for additional comments on the suits and allegations.

The fatal accident is being investigated by the state Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Commission and the Kentucky State Police.

Both agencies declined to release the results of their probes, saying the case is to be submitted to a Floyd County Grand Jury.

Editor's Note: A civil suit complaint represents only the plaintiff's cause of action.

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Taxes

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years ago and was told "that it couldn't be done."

County property valuation administrators are not tax collectors, but tax assessors under duties outlined for the office by the state constitution.

Robinson noted that the city could raise the property tax by as much as four percent without the issue being placed on the ballot. Mayor Gene Mullins suggested raising the tax by 3.9 percent.

By suggesting the four percent tax increase, commissioners appeared to have misinterpreted a state law which puts a ceiling on property tax increases.

That law permits agencies to receive four percent more in tax revenues from one year to the next and tax rates can vary, depending on property values.

The commission agreed the city taxes weren't fair to everybody because the rates are not determined by the value of the property. Carol Stapleton, the city clerk, noted that residents currently pay a flat rate for single-level residences and another rate for two stories, regardless of the value of the property.

Stephens said some homes in the area are worth more than others and that it was unfair to some resi-

dents for the taxes not to be based on the property's value.

"Let's just find out," Stephens suggested after a lengthy discussion on the matter. The commission agreed to contact the county PVA and see if there were any legal issues at stake.

The commission also discussed a garbage problem in the city.

The police chief told the commission that he has found a city ordinance which requires residents to use the county's means of garbage pickup.

Kidd said residents can be fined \$50 if they do not have the garbage picked up within five days. He said he has already notified three families and if "it's not taken care of, they would be summoned (into) district court."

The police chief did not want to release the names of residents he contacted about the garbage.

Mayor Mullins said the garbage has also created a problem with dogs and rats in the city.

"There were eleven dogs in one garbage pile," the mayor said, "and seven the next morning."

Stephens said one family "throws food out" and is contributing to the city's animal problems.

"I hate to bring it up...but I swear they sleep all day and bark all night," the mayor said.

Commissioner Lisa Gray noted that cats were also becoming a problem in the city.

In other business Thursday, Mayor Mullins asked the commissioners who had a contract for the cruiser the city recently purchased.

The mayor asked the police chief and every commissioner if they signed the contract or if they knew where it was.

No one admitted to having the contract or signing one, but Robinson said the commission agreed to pay \$135 per month until the city paid for the vehicle.

"We violated the code of ethics when we bought that," Mayor Mullins said. The mayor did not say why he believed the code of ethics had been violated.

Commissioner Tommy Murphy was not present at the meeting.

Bond is denied for Johnson

by Susan Allen
 Staff Writer

Bond was denied Friday for a Prestonsburg man who allegedly assaulted a doctor and staff members at Archer Clinic and barricaded himself in his home last week.

Luther Johnson, 60, is charged with seven counts of first degree wanton endangerment and three counts of first degree assault. He was arraigned on the charges Friday in Floyd District. District Judge James R. Allen denied Johnson bond and ordered him held in the Floyd County Jail.

When asked by Allen if he could obtain legal counsel, Johnson replied he would be represented by Ned Pillersdorf.

On January 14 when Johnson allegedly assaulted Dr. Charles Hieronymus, Will Stratton and Danny Branson and fled to his Prestonsburg home, Johnson asked for Pillersdorf to come to the scene.

Johnson had almost a two-hour standoff with local police, refusing to come out of his home and threatening suicide. Minutes after Pillersdorf arrived at the scene, Johnson surrendered to police.

Pillersdorf said last week that Johnson was having "some sort of paranoid breakdown" and that the man had been upset over the suicide of a close friend.

A preliminary hearing is set for 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in Floyd District Court.

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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

"The truth often suffers more by the heat of its defenders than from the arguments of its opposers."

—William Penn

Editorial

Before we begin...

by Scott Perry

The propaganda factories are gearing up to churn out more baloney than Oscar Mayer.

Must be an election year.

As such, we are compelled to set out a few ground rules for the use of this newspaper's pages to campaign or promote the candidacy of individuals, slates, organizations, etc.

Rule number one: We reserve the right to edit and or accept or reject any and all advertising copy submitted to this newspaper for publication.

Rule number two: No advertising that maligns or impugns the character of anyone will be accepted. Candidates who feel that their opponents are guilty of malfeasance, misfeasance or any other feascance should present their cases to the proper legal authorities.

Rule number three: All political advertising must be paid for in advance. No exceptions.

The Floyd County Times also makes its Letters to the Editor column available to readers for the discussions of various issues of interest to them.

In the past, we have attempted to allow the use of the letters col-

umn for limited time periods to those who wished to endorse or oppose a particular candidate or issue. That opportunity has met with wholesale abuse and will not be offered during this campaign.

Therefore, we reserve the right to accept, reject and or edit any letter to the editor.

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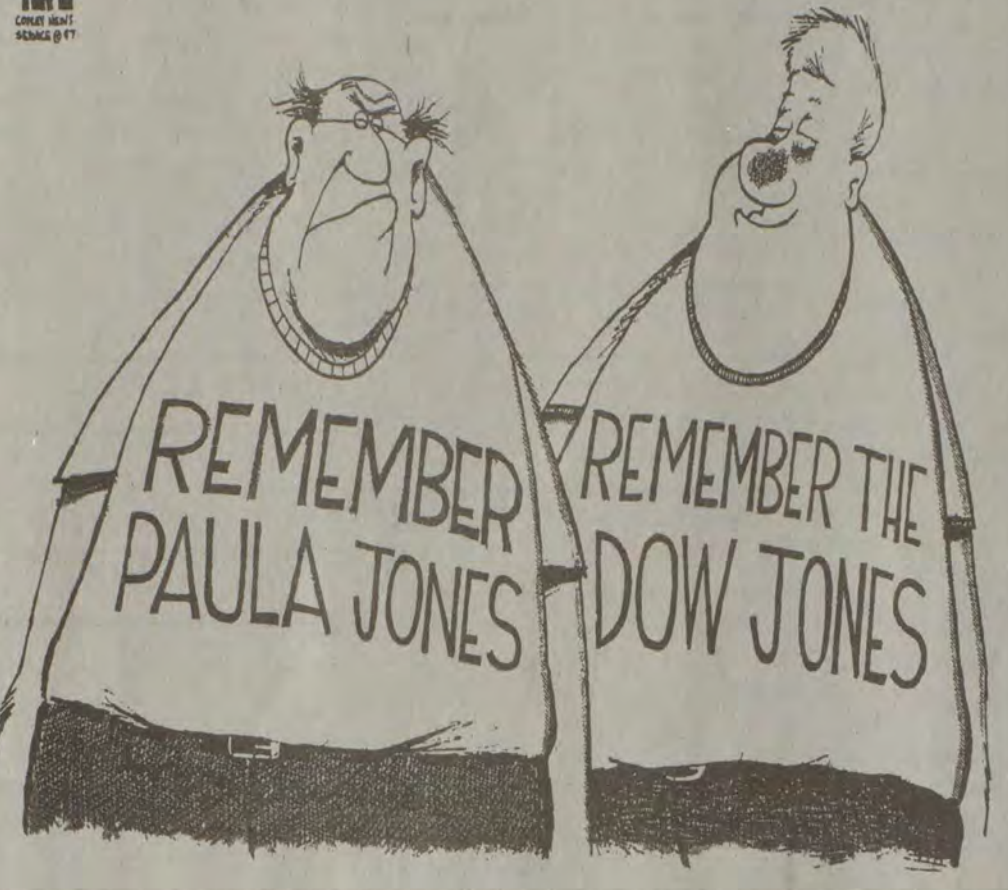
We regret that the implementation of these restrictions is necessary but, frankly, we're tired of being used to spread gossip, misinformation, insinuations and other tripe in the interest of preserving free speech.

That freedom carries some responsibilities, at least for us.

People may think or say what they wish, but we are under no obligation to publish any of it.

So, with that said, let us urge the candidates to run clean, accurate campaigns which stress their views on issues; their qualifications for office; and their ideas for getting their jobs done.

If mudslinging is all you have to offer, well, do it elsewhere.



Letters to the Editor

Go for it, Mom

Editor:

Believe it or not, last year I received a call from the White House telling, explaining, and giving me direction as to "Why the Eastern Kentucky Children's Hospital Inc.," would not get a "kick-off" donation—we were not big enough—nobody knows about us. He told me to go to Rotary Clubs, Kiwanis, etc.—essentially any group that would list.

I didn't want to do that—time and money. So, how can I ask one person (a mom) reach a lot of people with a little investment? I told Suzanne (my little girl) my idea. Why not run for the United State Senate? Suzanne said "Go for it, mom!" So, if I can dig up \$500 by the 27th, I am gonna place my name in nomination for the United States Senate, for the State of Kentucky, for all the children—believe it or not!

My mother, Marcella R. Bailey, would remind everybody to just go "vote" on election day. Respect the flag.

Sidney Jane Bailey-Bamer
Langley

Politicians develop power base at expense of the taxpayer

Editor:

We believe that most politicians secretly develop their power base strictly for "what's in it for them," regardless of how corrupt, self-serving and expensive it becomes on the taxpayer. The voter power base is most commonly built by the taxpayer's expense with his own taxes. Gravel, pipe, jobs, or some political favor like taking care of a ticket. Good, honest citizens pay out their nose, while some don't pay much of nothing.

The politicians have a secret covert operation that runs all through our county doing political favors to influence the voters. They secretly slander their opponents, turning the underdog candidate into the dog of our county. The 43 Democrat caucuses that work in the voting houses most likely have family, or they themselves, sharing in our government's money some way or another. These people have a friendly smile and a pat on the back for the voters as they sign the register book. This personal touch will influence the incumbent vote by 20 percent, maybe more. The underdog candidate receives 40 percent of the votes; the incumbent receives only 30 percent; but the incumbent receives another 20 percent of

personal influenced vote. Therefore, the final vote count would be 40 percent for the underdog and 50 percent for the incumbent.

If the incumbent runs a cutter or two, the underdog candidate has no chance to win unless the incumbent falls dead or gets sent to prison. The Democrat caucuses can still keep their jobs and share in the Government.

They do not have to let the Fiscal Court give everything away. Coal severance tax, state and federal money all going to one place. The magistrate system of government has taken most of the money for themselves and their families.

The results are simple: the same old same old story in power regardless. They can raise taxes, build race tracks and golf centers while the masses of the voters wait in line on broken promises and do without the basic needs. We cannot have the freedom of Democracy with this type of government. When a government has almost absolute control, it is called Communism or a dictator system of government.

Elmer Lee Johnson
Weeksbury

Wants family information

Editor:

I am writing in hope that your might put this information in your newspaper for me.

I am looking for my aunt and uncle that I've never met. My mother passed away when I was 14 (I am 47 now) and I found out four years ago about them.

The only information I have is the following: my mother's name was Pauline Alice Robinson. She married my father, Jack Hammond. Her mother's name was Lina Robinson; she got remarried to Earnest Tackett, who passed away. She then remarried a preacher, but I don't know his name.

The people I am looking for is my uncle Bill (William Robinson and aunt, Goldie Mae Robinson). I don't know her married name. They are from Pikeville.

I would greatly appreciate any information on finding them. I live in Jacksonville, Florida. I don't even know if my mother's family knows she passed away.

Contact me at:
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1904 Sunrise Dr.
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Phone: (904) 724-5968 or
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(See Letters, page five)

Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the Editor are welcomed by The Floyd County Times.

In accordance with our editorial page policy, all letters must include the signature, address and telephone number of the author.

The Times reserves the right to reject or edit any letter deemed slanderous, libelous or otherwise objectionable. Letters should be no longer than two type-written pages, and may be edited for length or clarity.

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Two down, one to go. Office manager Kari Shepherd became a new mom Friday, completing phase two of our Floyd County Times baby manufacturing project, a special effort by employees here at the newspaper to make the Guinness Book of World Records for the most consecutive weeks of maternity leave.

Composer Jenny Ousley got things going with the birth of her son in November, and classified manager Jen Kendrick will complete the cycle when her second child is delivered in late spring.

Meanwhile, managing editor Janice Shepherd is scheduled to become a grandmother for the first time soon, and will probably require some time off, too, to deal with the mandatory first grandchild fainting spells.

As you can see, it has been a fairly productive year here at The Times, where readers are born...not made.

Coffee Break

by Scott Perry

Scientists have discovered that you can combat the dark, winter blues by shining light on the backs of your knees.

Really, we're not kidding.

The news is that shining light on the backs of your knees resets the body clock somehow, providing a pick-me-up of sorts.

We can see how that would work. Especially if the light you shined on the back of your knees came from the sun on some Caribbean island.

Oh well...wishful thinking.

Pass the flashlight, please.

Perhaps one of the greatest challenges before this session of Kentucky's General Assembly is how lawmakers can overcome the irony that presents itself in the effort to get tougher on crime.

In other words, how do we make crime pay...for itself...without robbing a bank?

The public has demanded longer sentences for convicted felons and that means we'll need more prison space to house them. The price tag is somewhere around \$100 million a year.

Those costs have sent legislators scurrying for alternatives...like home incarceration for non-violent offenders...that might ease the budgetary strain.

That is not an unreasonable approach. Prison beds ought to be reserved for the most hardened criminals, but home incarceration has to be something more than sending crooks home to watch TV all day.

Suppose we required homebound prisoners to obtain their GED's during their sentences or, if they have high school diplomas already, take college level or technical school correspondence courses.

In the meantime, suppose we devote some funds to preventing crime rather than just reacting to it.

If we can make crime hard work, most crooks would probably find something else to do.

Speaking of crime prevention, the city of Prestonsburg may have aided and abetted that idea by offering a grant to a young businessman who hopes to keep his youth-oriented Christian Skate Center up and running.

The money... a one-time award of 3,000 bucks...is no object, but the project is admirable. By giving young folks a place to skate and congregate, the center keeps them busy and, conceivably, out of trouble.

Other communities might want to consider similar approaches to the traditional we-have-nothing-to-do laments teens have been singing since Eve ate the apple.

Communities that invest in their kids, invest in their future.

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Letters

May Valley Head Start appreciates local businesses

Editor:
We the parents, staff and children of May Valley Head Start would like to thank the following businesses in Martin for buying the Head Start children new sweat suits for Christmas: Wright's Lumber, Harmon Medical, Trans Financial Bank, Shirt Gallery, Martin Post Office and Martin Dairy Queen and Taylor's Restaurant and Bonnie's Floral.
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Vote for the issues not for the gravel

Editor:
The grassroots movement of 1996 was very interesting. We had new experiences and we learned some new language. In Big Al Capone's mob, everyone was referred to as uncle or Godfather. In the world of Floyd County politics, everyone was referred to as a cousin, uncle, sellout or mayor.

While campaigning late one night in the country areas of Floyd County, I became acquainted with the saying "throw him a bone." I didn't know what a "bone" was so I had to ask.

The gentleman I was talking with described a bone as like setting at a dinner table eating fried chicken, and having bones left over. The old dog out in the back yard starts howling and you throw him a bone to get him to shut up. The dog gets the bone and sneaks off to the corner of the yard to enjoy his bone. He hushes his mouth and is quiet for a while because he got "his bone."

A political bone can be gravel, pipe, free garbage pickup, a pat on the back down at the courthouse or some other favor from a politician.

It could be a government job, a job with a coal company, jobs at the board of education, private roads built on some rich man's farm to a graveyard that doesn't even exist.

Relaxed rules for some and ridiculous rules for good honest independent citizens that don't line up with corruption. Some get their tickets taken care of, while others pay out their nose.

If you are another government, you get Golf Centers, racetracks, and 911 centers paid with our coal severance tax, state and federal money.

Big bones, little bones, some get a little, some get a whole lot, some don't get anything.

The politician uses the "bone" to build his power. He slates his power with other politicians making the odds almost impossible to vote him out of political office regardless how corrupt he becomes.

They are not interested in their neighbors' well being, but "What's in it for them?"

Once the sellout gets gravel, pipe, or its golf center, it goes off and hushes its mouth and is happy for a while, just like an old dog. They continue to vote the same old same old into office letting the corrupt politician create 911 centers and higher taxes with their own gravel money.

The person who gets the bone is known among his neighbors as the sellout in his community. We can recognize sellouts a mile away.

Some people say they get exactly what they deserve, iron water, mud holes, smell of sewer and high taxes instead of health departments, play grounds and better communities.

How can we, the voters, fix these problems? If the political leaders out there in those communities who receive their political favors or gravel would only understand that the issues should be voted, not the gravel.

He's a taxpayer, the gravel he receives is legally his, but if he gives up the vote because of a political favor he has sold his vote creating higher taxes and \$20,000,000 golf centers with his neighbors' water money.

Simple solution: vote for the issues and policies, not the politician. Do not vote for gravel, a pat on the back or promises that will be broken before he is sworn into office. The politic will say or do anything to hang on to the people's money.

My father, Taylor Skeans, when he was 40 years old, volunteered to spend 3 1/2 years overseas during World War II because he wanted to go away to war with my two older

brothers, Robie and Sol.
He came home to 13 children and stood in line for food at West Prestonsburg to watch the hams and flour loaded on wagons by the rich folks to be sold on the black market to line their pockets.

I served honorably in the United States Marine Corp during the Vietnam War. I am the seventh son of Taylor Skeans born and raised in the head of Conley Fork of Spurlock.

I have stood by to watch our country folks sell out their health departments, playgrounds, and water for a spoonful of gravel or some political favor. I will not stand by any longer.

The Floyd County Democratic Government and Republican Congressman have already laid the groundwork to make a resort for the rich and powerful on the backs and over the bodies of the common folks here in Floyd County, whether we like it or not.

If we pull together we can make them spend our money on us, not to create high on the hog jobs and resorts for "local" politicians who have lost touch with what we really need here in the hills.

Floyd Skeans
Bull Creek

Flex your political muscle by simply checking a box

Editor:
When completing your 1997 Kentucky State Tax Form, please pay special attention to the Political Party Fund check-off, located at the top of the form. By simply checking the political affiliation of your choice, \$2 will be donated to that party.

Of this, 50 cents will be donated to the corresponding political organization in your county of residence, and the remainder will be sent to State Party Headquarters.

Remember that by doing so, it will not decrease your refund, nor increase the amount of tax due.

So, don't forget to check the box—you'll be financially supporting your Political Party without opening your checkbook!

Tom Henson, Chairman
Kentucky Republican Party
Frankfort

Ron McCloud, Chairman
Kentucky Democratic Party
Frankfort

Thanks for making Christmas special

Editor:
We at the city of Wayland, each Christmas put together treat bags to be given out to the children and shut-ins in our community. This is made possible through the donations of businesses and private citizens.

This year we were able to give out over 450 treat bags containing an apple, orange, tangelo, candy cane, candy bars, gum, and certificates for a hamburger and ice cream.

The faces of the children lit up with excitement as Santa gave each one a treat. It's easy to say the spirit of Christmas is gone, but small deeds such as this prove that people do care.

We would like to thank the people

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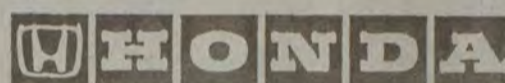
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House keeps death penalty, replaces chair

Despite impassioned pleas from opponents, the Kentucky House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to keep the death penalty but approved legislation that would alter the method in which criminals are executed.

The House passed a bill replacing electrocution with lethal injection 85-11.

Legislators easily defeated an amendment sponsored by Rep. Bob Heleringer (R-Louisville) that would replace a death sentence with life in prison with no possibility of parole.

"What effect does it (death penalty) have on us?" Heleringer said. "I believe it has a devastating effect on society. It coarsens and brutalizes our values."

Heleringer asked if any member of the House could carry out an execution, and expressed his doubts any could do so.

Kentucky is one of only six states that uses the electric chair exclusively, and electrocution could be

declared cruel and unusual punishment one day, said Rep. Mike Bowling, who sponsored HB 27.

"There are certain crimes so heinous, that the only type of justice is death," said Bowling, D-Middlesboro.

Rep. Jim Wayne, D-Louisville, a self-proclaimed opponent of the death penalty, said executions should be held in Rupp Arena at halftime with all the press there to raise awareness of what the state is doing.

Rep. Tom Kerr, D-Taylor Mill, said the death penalty is a moral punishment.

"It's because we value human life so highly that we have capital punishment," Kerr said.

The bill now goes to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Senate Judiciary Chairman Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, said the bill was well-received and he detects no tremendous opposition on the Senate floor.

Two separate school prayer bills passed House and Senate committees. The House Education Committee voted 11-4 to pass Rep. Robert Damron's bill which says school personnel cannot deny students the right to pray during non-instructional time.

Opponents of the bill say the way the bill is worded would hamper religious freedom of different religions. School prayer is already protected by the U.S. Constitution.

Another school prayer bill passed the Senate Education Committee unanimously. The bill's sponsor, Senate Majority Leader David Karem worded the bill to limit infringing on the religious rights of others. The bill also sets up a school district complaint process.

Sen. Julie Rose, R-Louisville, will be using interactive television to participate in Senate business after she recovers from the birth of her daughter, Caroline Carman Jan. 13.

Rose is the first legislator to give birth during a session and also the first to speak and vote on the Senate floor using video and audio hookups. Rose will stay at home until early February while she recuperates from a Caesarean section.

The attorney general's office said legislators must be present to vote and debate. Rose plans to offer a constitutional amendment to allow floor votes for short convalescences after she returns to the Senate, with baby Caroline and a babysitter in tow.

A bill to let voters cast ballots after 6 p.m. heads for the full House

after debate in the House Committee on Elections and Constitutional Amendments. The bill would allow voters standing in line after the polls close to vote no matter how long they must wait.

Bill sponsor Rep. Allen Maricle, R-Shepardsville, proposed the bill after some voters in the November 1996 elections were turned away when the polls closed at 7 p.m. A shortage of voting machines, increased population and a lengthy ballot caused many would-be voters to be sent away.

State employees could be active on political campaigns while off-duty but could not be campaign managers under a bill that passed a Senate committee.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Joey Pendleton, D-Hopkinsville, would make threatening an employee with retribution for supporting or not supporting a candidate or party a misdemeanor punishable by six months in jail.

State employees would still be prohibited from running for publicly elected office under the bill.

The State and Local Government committee also passed a bill making Veteran's Day a state holiday. If passed by the legislature, the floating holiday around New Year's Eve would be eliminated.

The Senate Rules Committee received the bills, and they could be sent to another committee or to the Senate floor.

Former child bride Rep. Barbara Colter, R-Manchester, introduced a

bill prohibiting anyone under the age of 16 to marry, with or without parental consent. The House Judiciary Committee is expected to examine the bill and its impact on at least six statutes. Kentucky does not set a minimum legal age for marriages.

A bill sponsored by Rep. Greg Stumbo, D-Prestonsburg, would double the salary paid to jurors each day. The House Judiciary Committee approved HB136, which will raise the \$12.50 salary to \$25.

House Speaker Jody Richards, D-Bowling Green, is pushing legislation that calls for 25-day regular sessions in odd years, in an effort to cut down on the need for special sessions.

Kentucky's Constitution calls for legislators to meet 60 days in even years and approve a two-year state budget. If the bill is approved, it would have to be placed on the November ballot as all changes to the state Constitution must be approved by voters.

A bill that would change the way sales tax is calculated on used vehicles easily passed the House and is in the Senate for consideration. The bill would change the taxation method from the current retail book price to the actual purchase price.

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Floyd Jailer sued by state prisoner

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

A self-proclaimed legal aide clerk at the Eddyville state penitentiary has filed a civil suit against Floyd County Jailer Roger Webb, claiming Webb violated the state's Open Records Law by refusing to release a former inmate's medical records.

Webb said he did not consider the request by James Nick Harrison, allegedly on behalf of Herbert Gene Salisbury Jr., to be credible because Harrison is an inmate at the same prison.

"I can't release medical records unless I have something personal from Herbert Gene Salisbury," Webb said. "I've got a whole jail full of lawyers. I'd rather face a lawsuit from an inmate for not giving out those records than one from a U.S. Magistrate for giving them."

Under the state's Open Records law, medical records are not considered to be public documents.

Harrison claims in his suit that Webb failed to "honor the clear meaning and spirit of the Open Records Act."

Exhibits with the lawsuit include what is purported to be a notarized "general release authorization" from Salisbury, which says he gives permission for "any and all records, reports or other information" to be released to Harrison.

That document is also not credible, Webb said.

The records sought are from November 12-19, 1994, when Salisbury was on trial in Floyd County for the murder of Meredith Conn. Conn was shot four times in July 1993, at the home Jimmy Hall at Drift.

Salisbury was convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Harrison is asking for a list of any medications Salisbury may have been taking during that time and the name of the doctor providing medical service to the jail.

Four former teachers sue Floyd Board of Education

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Four former Floyd County teachers filed a civil lawsuit against former superintendent Gene Davis and interim superintendent Martin Carr alleging that they were improperly terminated.

Sandra Kaye Akers, Susie R. Davis, Janet Mullins and Tonia Mullins filed suit January 7 in Floyd Circuit Court.

The teachers allege that Davis failed to rehire them for the 1997-98 school year after the former superintendent sent them notices indicating they would be rehired.

Akers, Janet Mullins and Tonia Mullins claim they were not rehired by Davis because they were not native Floyd Countians.

The four claim they also received letters from Davis indicating they would be rehired in the system.

"On or about April 24, 1997, the plaintiffs... each received a notice of non-renewal..." according to the lawsuit. "At the same time and as part of the same mailing with each notice of non-renewal, each plaintiff also received a notice dated April 22, 1997, and entitled 'Reasonable Assurance.'"

"...The 'Reasonable Assurance' notice each plaintiff received states, 'We wish to inform you of reasonable assurance for employment in our school system for the 1997-98 school year,'" the suit alleges.

The letters of assurance that the teachers would be rehired voided the notices that they would not be rehired, according to the suit.

Also, the teachers claim that Davis failed to follow a recall schedule approved by the board, which provides for re-hiring laid-off workers on a seniority basis.

Davis claims her former position is being held by a substitute teacher.

The teachers seek reinstatement to their former positions or similar

positions within their areas of certification; unspecified compensatory damages for lost wages; and a trial by jury.

Note: A civil lawsuit presents only the plaintiffs' cause for action.

Drunk driver found guilty of Adams' murder

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

A Wolfe County jury convicted a drunk driver Wednesday of murdering a Floyd County man who was killed last summer while trying to warn the driver that he was traveling on the wrong side of the Mountain Parkway.

Douglas Hawkins, 54, of Mt. Sterling, was sentenced to 20 years in jail for the alcohol-related incident that claimed the life of 46-year-old Sammy D. Adams, of McDowell.

Hawkins was charged with first offense driving-under-the-influence on June 21, the day of the fatal mishap. The jury convicted him on both charges.

Initial police reports indicate Hawkins was traveling eastbound in the westbound lane of the parkway near Campton when his vehicle struck Adams.

"Adams was standing in the passing lane...attempting to stop Hawkins' vehicle," according to a KSP media release. "Hawkins failed to see Adams and struck him with the vehicle."

Campton officer Clay Taylor reportedly said Adams, whose car had been stopped by the police, was standing with the officer when they saw Hawkins' car.


Taylor said Adams was trying to stop the vehicle by waving his arms when he was struck by the vehicle.

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Plumber in court over license dispute

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

You've always heard "Let Your Fingers Do the Walking" through the Yellow Pages, but some Floyd Countians claim that approach led them down the wrong road.

When Barry Spurlock of Allen decided he needed some heating repairs done, he went where lots of people go to find the experts — The Yellow Pages. There he found an ad for John's Plumbing and HVAC, of Prestonsburg, owned by John

Stamper.

The Yellow Pages ad claims that Stamper has been certified by the state Department of Housing and Buildings and Construction.

Spurlock later found out that Stamper's heating and air conditioning license had been revoked for failing to show up at a hearing in Frankfort on a charge that he was performing work without being licensed.

Spurlock filed a felony theft charge against Stamper.

John Stamper claims that he was

licensed by the state at the time he did the work and that he intends to "sock it to" assistant county attorney Lance Daniels, who is prosecuting the case.

Stamper said that he had done some sewer work for Daniels' parents and that Daniels had stopped payment on a check his parents had written to pay for the work.

Daniels said he advised his parents to do so after Spurlock and other persons had contacted his office about alleged shoddy work by Stamper and reports that his license

had been revoked. Daniels said that Stamper's licenses to do heating and cooling repairs and plumbing have been revoked by the state.

Daniels said the ad in the Yellow Pages is misleading, if not fraudulent.

On January 1, 1998, the Board of Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning Contractors revoked John Stamper's heating and cooling license after a hearing panel found that in February 1996 Stamper was "engaging in the HVAC business without holding a valid license..." in

violation of state law.

Stamper failed to attend a hearing before a hearing board in October 1997.

Stamper claims he was hospitalized when the hearing was held and he has documents to prove it. He added that he intends to contact the licensing agency about the issue and attempt to have his license reinstated.

A preliminary hearing on the theft charge is set for 2:30 p.m. today (Wednesday) in Floyd District Court.

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PCC representatives attend ARC workshop

A team of individuals representing Prestonsburg Community College and the Big Sandy Region met with representatives from communities in 12 other states to develop project proposals which would meet some of the goals of the strategic plan developed by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). The workshop was co-sponsored by the ARC and the Community Colleges of Appalachia, an association of 86 two-year public community colleges in a 13 state region, which includes Kentucky.

The two-day workshop, held November 16-18 in Knoxville, was designed to bring together individuals in the fields of education, economic development and health and welfare from each ARC state to discuss the creation of specific model projects that could be developed and implemented in communities across the Appalachian region. Participants

were assigned to one of these groups to discuss ideas for projects in education, health and welfare, and economic development. Over the two days, nine specific model projects were developed.

"The community college's of the region stand ready to help ARC address its strategic plan through demonstration projects, like the ones we saw developed at this workshop,"

-Dr. Eldon Miller

The nine model project concepts were presented to ARC Federal Co-chair Dr. Jessie White at a luncheon which concluded the workshop. Speaking to the workshop participants, White emphasized the importance of building the human capital which will be required for the Appalachian region to fully develop and prosper. He noted that the strategic plan of the ARC focuses on building the region from within and that

strong alliances need to be built and maintained within communities. White noted his strong support for the region's community colleges and indicated that they are key partners in the implementation

of the ARC strategic plan.

The nine model projects will be refined by ARC staff and final versions will be distributed to community colleges throughout the region as examples of potential programs which address key issues facing Appalachian communities. "These projects are to be viewed as starting points for community leaders and community college officials to discuss," said Dr. Eldon Miller, President of the

University of West Virginia at Parkersburg and chairman of the Community Colleges of Appalachia. "The community colleges of the region stand ready to help ARC address its strategic plan through demonstration projects, like the ones we saw developed at this workshop," he said.

Individuals attending from Prestonsburg Community College included: Marjorie Kuezi-Nke, Director of Planning and Research; Dr. Joan Lucas, Dean of Academic Affairs; and, Mazola Salmons, Assistant to the President

for Special Projects. Dr. Deborah L. Floyd, President of Prestonsburg Community College and Board member of the Community College Appalachian President's organization, stated she is "hopeful that the ARC will fund projects at the grassroots level to help us help ourselves."

Workshop participants suggested to ARC officials that a major economic development summit be planned for the region and that annual workshops be held to develop more model projects which focus on the roles that community colleges can play in helping communities develop projects which address one or more of the goals of the ARC strategic plan.

KHEAA offers student aid

Students who plan to attend a college or vocational-technical school this fall have from now until March 15, to submit the 1998-99 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to receive priority consideration for the College Access Program (CAP) Grant and Kentucky Tuition Grant

(KTG) administered by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

KHEAA is the state agency that administers several student aid programs—grants, teacher scholarships, work-study, savings, and Federal Family Educational Loans—to help families meet high-

er education expenses.

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For more information, write to the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, 1050 U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, KY 40601-4323; call 1-800-928-8926, extension 7381; fax 1-502-696-7373; or visit www.kheaa.com.

Teacher of the Year

Tammy Wright of Emma, was voted first "Teacher of the Year" at Linda's Carousel Day Care, Inc. at Martin.

"Ms. Tammy," as the children call her, is a super superteacher," said Linda Salisbury, owner and director of the day care. Ms. Tammy is loved so much by the children, as well as her co-workers, according to Salisbury.

"She is always prepared for her

classes and always wants to do more. We want to say thank you, Ms. Tammy," Salisbury added.

Tammy lives at Emma with her husband Jimmy, and she has one daughter, Jami, who attends Allen Elementary.



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OBITUARIES

Claird Caudill

Claird Caudill, 80, of Garrett, died Thursday, January 15, 1998, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin.

Born October 15, 1917 at Hollybush, he was the son of the late B.J. and Cora Mullins Caudill. He was a retired mechanic with Fraley and Dearing Motor Company and a World War II Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel Owens Caudill.

Survivors include one son, Clyde Caudill of Emma; one daughter, Sue Dearing of Covington; four sisters, Zelma Williams of Dayton, Ohio, Delka Shyrock of Cincinnati, Ohio, Knanah Hicks of Covington, and Esta Stout of Cincinnati, Ohio; three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 18, at 11 a.m., at the Stone Coal Regular Baptist Church at Garrett, with the Regular Baptist Church ministers officiating.

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

Serving as pallbearers were Justin Slone, Bob Caudill, Jason Caudill, Nathan Moore and Zack Wells.

Ed Miller

Ed Miller, 81, of Drift, died Thursday, January 15, 1998, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, following an extended illness.

Born September 15, 1916 in Prestonsburg, he was the son of the late George Washington Miller and Georgia Faye Frazier Miller. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the UMWA Local No. 5967 at McDowell.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Goldie Shelton Miller.

Survivors include two sons, Phillip Miller of Drift and Danny Miller of Price; three daughters, Rita Williams, Connie Conn and Georgia Kidd, all of Drift; one brother, Bill Miller of East Point; one sister, Alta Waddles of Warsaw, Indiana; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Monday, January 19, at 11 a.m., at the Old Beaver Old Regular Baptist Church at Minnie, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Gomer Cecil Blackburn

Gomer Cecil Blackburn, 73, of Melvin, died Sunday, January 18, 1998, at his residence at Abner, following an extended illness.

Born February 28, 1924 in Wheelwright, he was the son of the late Billy and Elizabeth McCurry Blackburn. He was a retired carpenter.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Blackburn; three sons, Johnny Blackburn of Maysville, Ronnie Blackburn of Weeksbury, and Robin Blackburn of Blue River; two stepdaughters, Tammy Snyder of Yelm, Washington, and Shelly Clouse of San Antonio, Texas; one brother, Bill Blackburn of Dayton, Ohio; two sisters, Millie Burwick of Battlecreek, Michigan, and Trula Mae Younce of Melvin; five grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 22, at 1 p.m., at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Rev. Louis Ferrari officiating.

Burial will be in the Buckingham Cemetery, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

Bertha Williamson

Bertha Williamson, 74, of Wayland, died Sunday, January 18, 1998, at her residence, following an extended illness.

Born December 24, 1923 at Hellier, she was the daughter of the late Jeff and Tishe Boyd Williamson. She was a member of the Faith Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

Survivors include one son, William J. Williamson; and two sisters, Geneva Ridener and Martha Williamson, both of Wayland.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 21, at 1 p.m., at the Faith Freewill Baptist Church in Prestonsburg, with Buddy Jones officiating.

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

Pallbearers for Samons

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Ivery Samons were Travis Samons, Greg Samons, David Chaffins, Dan Caudill, Kermit Rowe and HESSIE SAMONS JR.

Theda Howington Montgomery

Theda Howington Montgomery, 72, of Salyersville, died Friday, January 16, 1998, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center in Paintsville.

Born July 4, 1925 in Magoffin County, she was the daughter of the late Henry Howington and Etta Prater. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Montgomery. She was a member of the Stinson Freewill Baptist Church.

Survivors include two granddaughters, Sandra Lee Preston of Portsmouth, Ohio, and Hattie Gayle Bacon of Prestonsburg; one great-grandchild and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 18, at 1 p.m., at the Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel, with Ewell Sammons officiating.

Burial was in the Bluegrass Cemetery in Salyersville, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home, Salyersville.

Wanda Lee Gayheart

Wanda Lee Gayheart, 44, of Brookville, Ohio, formerly of McDowell, died Wednesday, January 14, 1998, at her residence.

Born January 21, 1953 at McDowell, she was the daughter of Philman Caudill of McDowell and Miranda Meade Caudill of Flemingsburg.

In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband, Earl S. Walters; one son, Jackie Lee Gayheart of Brookville, Ohio; one daughter, Sherry Spears of Hillsboro; seven brothers, Denver Meade of Hillsboro, Tommy Meade of Wayland, Chillis Meade and Mose Meade, both of McDowell, Frankie Caudill of Portsmouth, Ohio, Mark Caudill and Enon Caudill, both of Flemingsburg; four sisters, Nadine Meade, Betty Caudill and Mary Vice, all of Flemingsburg, and Kathy Gayheart of McDowell; and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 18, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Burial was in the Greenbury Hall Cemetery at McDowell, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Terry Paige, Jim Walter, Don Walter, Warren Glen Meade, Denver Dwayne Meade, Shawn Meade, Cliff Dye and Dwight Gayheart.

Mitchell Slone

Mitchell Slone, 66, of Topmost, died Thursday, January 15, 1998, at the VA Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia, following an extended illness.

Born February 2, 1931 in Knott County, he was the son of the late Noah and Cora Slone. He was a retired coal miner, a veteran, a member of the DAV Chapter 128 at Garrett, and the Masonic Lodge No. 889 at Wheelwright.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ethel Cains Slone, on January 17, 1997.

Survivors include three sons, Michael Slone of David, and David Slone and Jerry Slone, both of Topmost; two daughters, Kathy Nations and Peggy Clemons, both of Easley, South Carolina; one brother, Dewey Slone of Topmost; two sisters, Luna Slone of Lexington and Ellen Caudill of Rogersville, Tennessee; eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 18, at 11 a.m., at the Providence Old Regular Baptist Church at Topmost, with the ministers of the Old Regular Baptist Church officiating.

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

Forrest Dudley

Forrest Dudley, 79, of Langley, died Thursday, January 15, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born April 15, 1918 at Langley, he was the son of the late Ballard and Daisy Smith Dudley. He was a retired self-employed welder.

He is survived by his wife, Ethel Hayes.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 18, at 1 p.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Ted Shannon officiating.

Burial was in the Hayes Cemetery at Langley, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Pearlie Handshoe

Pearlie Handshoe, 88, of Hazard, died Friday, January 16, 1998, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital.

Born February 11, 1909 in Knott County, she was the daughter of the late Newt Watkins and Rose Ann Mullins Watkins.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Handshoe.

Survivors include two daughters, Myrtle Bailey of Hueysville and Glenna Gibson of Hazard; three step-daughters, Pearlie, Bertha and Mae Conley, all of Stroh, Indiana; seven grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and several step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Sunday, January 18, at 11 a.m., at the Hindman Funeral Services Chapel, with Michael Greider and Donnie Justice officiating.

Burial was in the Salt Lick Cemetery at Hueysville, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Mae Allen Hagans

Mae Allen Hagans, 89, of Langley, died Saturday, January 17, 1998, at the Transcend Nursing Home in Louisville, following a long illness.

Born May 4, 1908 at Hueysville, she was the daughter of the late Ulysses Grant and Lula Reed Allen. She was a member of the Maytown First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wayne Oliver Hagans, in 1980.

Survivors include one son, Paul Hagans of Langley; five daughters, Patricia McCarty and Wayneoka Worley, both of Aurora, Indiana, Kay Bowen, Barbara Sue Kelley and Linda Thacker, all of Louisville; one sister, Alice Slone of Larkslane; 15 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, January 20, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Robert "Bob" Varney officiating.

Burial was in the Hagans Family Cemetery at Langley, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Matthew Hagans, Jimmy Worley, Mike Worley, Tim Kelley, Joshua Gordon, Joe Gobin, Chris Thacker and Mark McCarty.

END-TIME CHRONICLES

"THE UPCOMING RUSSIAN-ISLAMIC WAR WITH ISRAEL"

by Randy Slone

The Bible book of Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39, describes a futuristic war between Israel and an apparent Russian-Islamic coalition. In light of various biblical details coupled with current world events, I believe this confrontation is imminent.

As with any Biblical prophecy of world events, the important questions which should be asked are (1) who are the participants? (2) what is the time period? (3) what is the outcome? and (4) what is God's purpose?

Ezekiel 38:16, as well as many other verses contained within chapters 38 and 39, make it clear that Israel is the nation being attacked. The aggressors of this war will be Gog of the land of Magog (chief prince of Meshech [or Rosh] and Tubal), Persia, Cush, Put, Gomer, and Beth Togarmah from the far north. (Ezekiel 38:1-6). To the best of our current knowledge, the following is a list of the modern day names for these Biblical designations:

1. Gog and Magog = Russia
2. Rosh = Russia
3. Meshech and Tubal=Moscow and Tobolsk
4. Persia=Iran, Iraq, and Afghanistan
5. Ethiopia (or Cush)=Ethiopia and Sudan
6. Libya (or Put)=Libya
7. Gomer=Eastern Europe
8. Beth Togarmah=Southeastern Europe

The accuracy of the previous nation assignment is well-supported. Jewish commentaries such as Kesses HaSofer identify Magog with Russia and point out that the name "Mongol" was originally derived from the word Magog. In the Arabic language, the Great Wall of China is called "the wall of Al Magog," meaning, the wall to keep out invading armies from Russia.

The scripture context also confirms the identity of Magog as Russia. Ezekiel 38:6 refers to Beth Togarmah as being in the "far north." Then, in verse 15, Gog [of the land of Magog] is also referred to as coming from his place in "the far north." The land of Beth Togarmah (modern Hungary and

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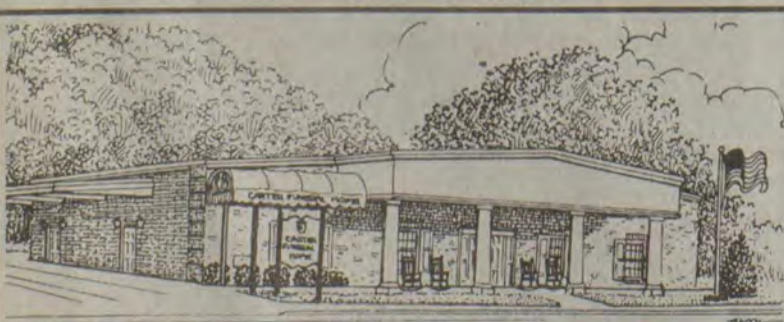
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For students registering for 1998 Spring Semester classes at Prestonsburg Community College the new HOPE Scholarship and other provisions of the federal Tax Relief Act of 1997 promise to make a college education an even better bargain in the new year than it has been in the past.

Officials at PCC say the new incentives could also help boost enrollment among both younger and returning students.

Sandra Kaikumba, dean of student affairs, said, "We hope everyone who qualifies for the new financial incentives will take advantage of them to either begin or continue their college education at PCC in 1998."

Technically not a "scholarship" but a tax credit, the HOPE Scholarship allows eligible students pursuing the first two years of postsecondary education to receive a tax credit for 100 percent of the first \$1,000 in tuition and fees and 50 percent of the second \$1,000 on their federal income tax. Students must be enrolled at least half-time (six credit hours) in a degree, certificate or other program leading to a recognized education credential. The measure takes effect January 1, 1998, and applies to qualifying coursework attempted during the 1998 Spring Semester and subsequent semesters.

Dr. Deborah Floyd, PCC's president, serves in a national role on the Federal Relations Commission and the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community Colleges. In addition to increases in the Pell Grant, work study, and other forms of financial aid, Floyd and other community college presidents have been strong advocates for tax incentives for community college students.

A workshop on the HOPE scholarship and the other provisions of the Tax Relief Act of 1997 will be held during Financial Aid Awareness Day at PCC in February. Additional details will be announced as soon as they are available.

The HOPE Scholarship is the centerpiece of the Clinton Administration's 1997 education/tax cut package, which is designed to make the first two years of college the new standard for U.S. students.

The tax credit is one of a series of measures aimed at making a college education affordable to the majority of low- and middle-income citizens.

There are some strings attached to the HOPE Scholarship. Individual

filers who earn more than \$50,000, and joint filers with adjusted gross income exceeding \$100,000 do not qualify. In addition, students who have been convicted of a felony for the possession or distribution of a controlled substance are ineligible. In addition, students who receive other forms of financial aid such as a Pell Grant will have the amount of their eligibility of HOPE reduced by the amount of aid they receive.

The Tax Relief Act also contains a number of other features that make college the best buy it has been in years. They include:

- Tax credit beyond the first two years

College juniors, seniors, graduate students, adults returning to college and students attending less than half-time are eligible for a new lifetime learning credit. The credit is worth 20 percent of the first \$5,000 of tuition and fees through 2002 and 20 percent of the first \$10,000 after that. The same income restrictions that apply to HOPE are in effect for this benefit.

The credit is available for expenses paid after June 30, 1998.

- Exemptions of employer-provided assistance

Section 127 of the IRS Code allows working adults to exclude annually from taxable income up to \$5,250 in employer-provided educational assistance. The law is retroactive to May 31, 1997, and applies only to undergraduate programs.

- Deduction of student loan interest

The new law allows a deduction of up to \$2,500 per year of interest on education loans for expenses of students enrolled in a postsecondary institution. The maximum deduction is \$1,000 in 1998, increasing in \$500 increments until it reaches \$2,500. The deduction is allowed only for the first 60 months of interest payments and has income-level restrictions similar to the HOPE tax credit.

- Savings incentives

Now individuals may make penalty-free withdrawals, from an IRA to pay for higher education. The measure also creates education IRAs for children under age 18. Annual contributions to these accounts is limited to \$500 per beneficiary.

- Exemption of scholarships and tuition remissions

Section 117 of the IRS Code excludes from taxable income amounts received as a qualified scholarship, as well as tuition

remission support for relatives of employees of colleges and universities.

For additional information about the HOPE tax credit and other new education-related tax benefits, contact Brenda Music, PCC financial aid director, at 886-3863; your tax consultants, or access the following website on the World Wide Web: <http://www.aacc.nche.edu/commun/news/hope.htm>.



Paul Jason Daniel and John Wesley Haywood are displaying their art work in an exhibition called "The Indigo Halo" at Prestonsburg Community College. The show, which is being held through January 30, will feature a reception with the artists present on January 27.

Students exhibit work at PCC art gallery

"The Indigo Halo," an exhibition by Prestonsburg Community College students Paul Jason Daniel and John Wesley Haywood, is being held through January 30 at the PCC Art Gallery.

Haywood's subjects have an other-worldly feel with deep spiritual undertones.

The Book of Revelations has served as a source of inspiration for much of his work. Haywood says, "I'm not good at quotes. My work speaks for itself."

Daniel's work is equally varied. Professor Thomas Whitaker says, "One never knows what to expect next with Paul's work." Old car

parts, neckties and assorted pieces of cloth are among the materials worked into Daniel's diverse creations.

A reception with the artists present will be held Tuesday, January 27, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Everyone is invited to feel the power of "The Indigo Halo."

The PCC Art Gallery is located in the Magoffin Learning Resource Center (library). Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

For more information, call Brenda Miller at (606) 886-3863, ext. 280.

AARP offers tax help

It's tax time, again. AARP Tax-Aide offers free help on federal and state tax returns to middle and low-income persons.

Locally, the program is available at the Floyd County Library in Prestonsburg, beginning February 3. Volunteers with AARP will be on hand from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., each Tuesday through April 15.

In order to become tax-aides with the program, the group attended a state AARP Tax-Aide Instructor's Training session at Dale Hollow State Park in December. Twenty-six volunteers attended the session to review changes in the 1997 tax year. Local residents attending that session were Mr. and Mrs. Chester Patton, Earnest Hayes, and Burieta Gearhart.

On January 5-7, the local volunteers met at the Floyd County Library for additional training regarding the changes and training in basic tax law. Attending that session were Earnest Hayes, Chester Patton, Burieta Gearhart, and Kenneth Shepherd, from the Prestonsburg site; Willis Haws and Shirley Haws, from Inez; Eldon May, from Elkhorn City; and Martha Smith and Maryln Compton, from Pikeville.

The volunteers will serve four sites to provide free tax assistance for the elderly and low-income persons.

For more information about Tax-Aide sites, call (888) 227-7669. The phone service is open 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

Local poet published in national anthology

Teresa L. Cochran of Abbott, has just had original poetry published in "Beneath a Rainbow," a treasury of today's poetry compiled by The National Library of Poetry. The poem is entitled "Sara Grace," and the main subject is the loss of a child.

The National Library of Poetry seeks to discover and encourage poets like Cochran by sponsoring contests that are open to the public and by publishing poems in widely distributed hardback volumes.

Teresa Cochran has been writing for 15 years and her favorite subjects and ideas are about everyday life and personal experiences.

Poets interested in publication may send one original poem, any subject or style, 20 lines or less, to The National Library of Poetry, 1 Poetry Plaza, Suite 13715, Owings Mills, Maryland 21117-6282. Be sure to include your name and address with your poem.

All poems received are also

entered in The National Library of Poetry's North American Open Poetry Contest, with awards of more than \$48,000.00 in prizes annually.



Teresa Cochran

Amy Calhoun named as PBH Nurse of The Year

Amy Calhoun, RN, an East Point resident, was chosen as Nurse of The Year at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center in Paintsville, recently.

Calhoun has been employed at the hospital for the past two years, and was chosen for this honor for her compassionate and profession-

al attitude in servicing her patients.

Amy is the wife of Randall Calhoun, and the mother of one-year-old Louanna Rhea Calhoun.

Amy is the daughter of Mary Kay and Rodney Wills, and the granddaughter of Eva Collins of Prestonsburg.

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Pageant Judge

Imajean Robinson who is a pageant director, knows there is a lot of hard work that goes into a pageant, and judging one is even harder. She has been judging local, state and national pageants for 16 years. She recently judged the Starburst Pageant, January 3rd, at the Allen Convention Center at Allen, and went to judge the Winter Dream U.S.A. Pageant, January 10th in Williamson W.Va. A portion of the proceeds she received from both pageants will go to God's Food Pantry, Prestonsburg.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, the Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to the Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication or 5 p.m. Wednesday

for Friday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Tutoring program

The Floyd County Literacy Council is offering a free tutor training on January 22 and 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the MSU Extended Campus in Prestonsburg. Call 886-7323 or 886-8374 for information.

Group therapy

Anyone interested in group therapy sessions for fibromyalgia,

should contact Phyllis at 874-2769.

Prepared workshops

PCC's office of continuing education and community services announce workshops to prepare you to take the national ACT test. They will be held January 24 and 31, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sessions will be from 10-noon and 1-3 each day. Space is limited. Call 886-3863, ext. 258 to register.

Open registration

Mountain Christian Academy

will be having open registration for kindergarten classes beginning February 1. Enrollment is limited. Call 285-5141 for more information.

Support group

The "So, You're Going to Have a Baby" class for women who just found out they are pregnant will meet February 3. It is open to new mothers and a support person. It will cover the important of exercise during pregnancy, good body mechanics and the discomforts. Call 437-3938 to register.

Depressed Anonymous

The first meeting in the Big Sandy area of this 12-step self-help group will meet every Thursday at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Big Sandy Area Development District office building in Prestonsburg. It is located at Stephens Branch (Cliff Road) behind Schwan's Food Service Warehouse. For more information call 886-0483.

Apples for Students Plus

May Valley Elementary is participating in the Apples for Students Plus program and is asking community members and parents to save their Food City receipts and drop them off at Downtown Drug, Sassy Jo's and Martin Post Office. Call Karen Goble at 285-0883, ext. 211 for more information.

Dysrhythmia workshop

Our Lady of the Way Hospital will offer a basic dysrhythmia interpretation workshop February 17 and 18, at the Seton Complex in Martin. Pre-registration is required. Call 285-5181, ext. 33 for information.

McDowell Family Resource Youth Service Center

- Free three-session parenting program February 9, 16 and 23, from 12:15 to 2:15 p.m. at the center. Call 377-2678 for info.
- Free GED classes each

Thursday, from 8:30-2:30 p.m.

- A nurse from the health department is at the center each Monday. Call 377-2678 for list of services.

- After-school childcare from 1-5 p.m. for headstart-sixth grade. Registration is \$15 per child and \$1 per hour.

- Fluoride administered each Wednesday for primary-sixth grade students.

Eating disorders class

Carol May of Our Lady of the Way Hospital will present an eating disorders class to the seventh grade students at Martin Middle School on Monday, January 26 and to eighth grade students January 28.

ALC holds registration

Alice Lloyd County will continue to hold Spring registration through January 27 in the Campbell Arts Center on the ALC campus. For more information, call (606) 368-2101, ext. 4404 or 1-888-280-4ALC.

Pikeville College student receives prestigious Toyota scholarship

Pikeville College student Jonathan Smith has been named a recipient of a scholarship funded through the Kentucky Independent College Foundation (KICF) Named Scholars Program. KICF distributes funds to independent colleges in Kentucky from various foundation and corporate donors.

Smith, a freshman biology major from Dana, has received a scholarship from Toyota Motor Manufacturing.

He is also a William Wade and Helen Record Walker Scholar at Pikeville College. His career goal is to enter the medical field and practice in Eastern Kentucky. Smith was the valedictorian of his 1997 graduating class at the Piariast School. He enjoys golfing and weight lifting.

The Toyota Scholarship Program is one of several corporate scholarship programs administered through the Kentucky Independent College Foundation. "The Named Scholars Program gives corporations the opportunity to invest in Kentucky's most valuable resource: its people," said KICF executive director Tom Prather.

Employing more than 7,000 people, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Inc. is one of Kentucky's premiere corporate citizens. "An educated population and skilled workforce is the key to Kentucky's successful future," said Toyota Senior Vice President Alex Warren. "Toyota is a long-time supporter of education and is pleased to be a partner in this effort to provide higher education to deserving students."



Johnathan Smith

Help is available for depression

The holiday season has passed, and all too often, that means a deep depression for some people.

The loss of a family member, divorce, poor health or other problems can become more intense during the holidays, said Dr. Ed Maxwell, clinical director of the

Department for Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services. Families who lost their homes and other personal items in the March floods may also face problems.

Some signs of depression include: feelings of sadness or anxiety, an inability to concentrate,

weight changes or decreased energy or appetite.

Maxwell, an associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Kentucky, said people who are feeling depressed should seek help by talking to someone they trust.

"Someone they feel comfortable sharing with, such as a pastor, sibling, physician or close friend," Maxwell said. "This will help them decide if more help is needed, such as professional counseling."

Professional counseling is available at the Mountain Comprehensive Care Center in Prestonsburg. The phone number is 1-800-422-1060.

Maxwell says that families should realize that some traditions may need to be revised as children and parents grow older. Younger people may want to help with some of the responsibilities so older family members won't be overwhelmed, he said.

For people who have recently lost a loved one, Maxwell suggests taking part in social activities and avoiding isolation.

Volunteer work such as visiting people in nursing homes is one way to focus on the meaning of the holidays.

Maxwell warns against taking alcohol or other drugs to solve problems.

"A lot of people treat their blues with alcohol—but more alcohol just makes the depression worse," he said.

Local students among graduates at Eastern Kentucky University

Eleven Floyd County students received degrees from Eastern Kentucky University at the end of ECU's fall semester.

Local ECU graduates include Stephanie Blair of Auxier, General Dietetics, bachelors; Jennifer Lynn Halbert of Richmond, Biology (Pre-Medical Sciences), bachelors; Carolee Hobson of Richmond, Rec.: Therapeutic Recreation, bachelors; Joe S. Hyden, of Prestonsburg,

Environmental Resources, bachelors; Krissy L. Marcum of Allen, Nursing (R.N. Training), bachelors; Glenn D. May of Richmond, Real Estate, bachelors; Karrie A. Newsome of Richmond, Middle Grd. Ed. Math-Scie (5-8 (T), Bachelors; Claude Jenning and Langley Webb, Police Administration, bachelors; and Nicole Weinstein of Richmond; Rec.: Therapeutic Recreation, bachelors.

The University's December graduates were honored by a reception December 13, sponsored by ECU's nine academic colleges.

Eastern holds no formal commencement ceremonies in December, but all semester graduates are invited back to participate in the annual spring commencement, which this year is scheduled for May 9 at Hanger Field.

The new degree-holders join more than 67,000 Eastern alumni in Kentucky and across the United States.

Herman Lester files for 94th State Representative seat



Herman Lester

Herman Lester announced Monday that he has filed for the May Democratic Primary seeking nomination for the 94th State Representative seat. That district encompasses 20 precincts in Pike County and Beech Grove, Garrett, Bosco, Cliff 2, Jack Allen, Abbott, Rough and Tough, Auxier, Middle Creek and part of Cow Creek in Floyd County.

Herman lives in Pikeville and is married to Julie Osborne Lester, and has three children, Wesley, Vanessa and Max. He is a lifelong resident of Pike County, who has practiced law in Pike and Floyd counties for 24 years.

Chronicles

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Romania) is essentially at the same latitude as Moscow. The only other country north of Israel is Turkey, which could not possibly raise the enormous army described in Ezekiel 38 and 39.

The identities of the remaining allies of Russia (Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, and Gomer) are well-known and substantiated through much literature and archeological information. These nations constitute the heart of Islam today, and have been the traditional enemies of Israel since the days of Jacob and Ishmael (another Biblical forecast!).

Determining the time period of this great battle is the most fascinating part of this article. According to Ezekiel 38:8,11,12, the battle will occur after Israel had been gathered from many nations, at a time when her cities and villages will be unwalled. Up until the time of our present century, virtually all cities and villages in the Middle East had walls for defense. Of course, due to modern weaponry techniques, defense walls are useless today. Since our present day is the first time in history that Israel has been gathered from among many nations and lives in unwalled cities, it is easy to recognize that this prophecy could not have happened at any time in the past.

It is unlikely that this war will occur during the tribulation period. According to Ezekiel 39:9-10, after Israel emerges victorious in this battle, she will plunder the weaponry, equipment, and supplies left behind by the defeated Russian Islamic forces, and use these supplies for seven years. As most students of prophecy already know, the Bible indicates that the tribulation period will be seven years long; 3 1/2 years of an "illusion" of peace and prosperity followed by 3 1/2 years of the most catastrophic divine judgments and man-made disasters ever experienced in the world.

At the beginning of the tribulation period, the antichrist will sign a 7-year treaty with Israel (Daniel 9:27). If Ezekiel's prophecy occurred during the first 3 1/2 years of the tribulation period, it would

violate the peace treaty enforced by the antichrist, and provoke a confrontation between Russia and all of the antichrist's European forces. Obviously, if the battle occurred during the latter 3 1/2 year period, there wouldn't be enough time (prior to the messianic age) for Israel to benefit from the battle plunder for seven years.

Although I have left out some of the details, it appears this battle must occur sometime between now and the beginning of the tribulation period (the time of the rapture of the Church). Since the restoration of Israel has been the key event indicating that we are the "terminal" generation of this present age, Ezekiel's battle must be very close. I believe the exodus of Russian Jews within this decade is a "sign" that God has removed His people in preparation for this terrible confrontation.

The outcome of this battle is very clear: the coalition of Israel's enemies will turn on itself (Ezekiel 38:21), as did the armies that attacked Judah in the time of Jehoshaphat (2 Chronicles 20:22-23). Ezekiel 39:12 states that it will take Israel 7 months to bury the "bulk" of the enemy fatalities. After the 7 months, special squads will be employed full-time to find and bury the enemy dead that was missed during the first 7 months (Ezekiel 39:14).

The divine purpose of this battle is also made clear in the prophecy. As in the days of Gideon (Judges, ch. 7), when God reduced the army of Israel to a number so small that it would have been impossible to defeat the Midianites by natural means, Israel (as well as the rest of the nations throughout the world) will know that her victory was made possible by God's intervention, "and the nations will know that I the LORD am the Holy One in Israel." (Ezekiel 39:7)

From a secular perspective, Russia and the Islamic nations are currently "primed" for this confrontation. It is known that Russia has been selling huge quantities of weaponry to the Islamic countries;

including nuclear missiles. Russia needs money! Russia also needs the vast oil supplies and unrestricted access to the Persian Gulf to regain her former status as a world power. It is common knowledge that the Islamic nations desire to annihilate the Jewish race, and possess Jerusalem. Russia has the army and war arsenals which would seem to make this goal an easy task. However, God has other plans, which does not include an Islamic Jerusalem!

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Salyer enlists

Shawn D. Salyer, of Prestonsburg, recently enlisted into the United States Air Force, according to SSGT. Bob Hamilton, the local air force recruiter.

Upon successfully completing the Air Force's six-week basic training course at Lackland Air Force Base, near San Antonio, Texas. He will receive technical training in his designated career area.

Shawn, a graduate of McDowell High School, will earn credits toward an associate degree in Applied Sciences through the community college of the Air Force while attending basic and technical training schools.

Martin graduates at Ohio University

Michael John Martin recently graduated from Ohio State University in Columbus Ohio with a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy.

Michael is the son of John and Kendra Martin of Prospect, Ohio. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. James Shanklin of Wooster, Ohio and the late John and Elva Martin.

Michael plans to continue his education with the United States Navy.

The Numbers Game: Kentucky Lottery Results

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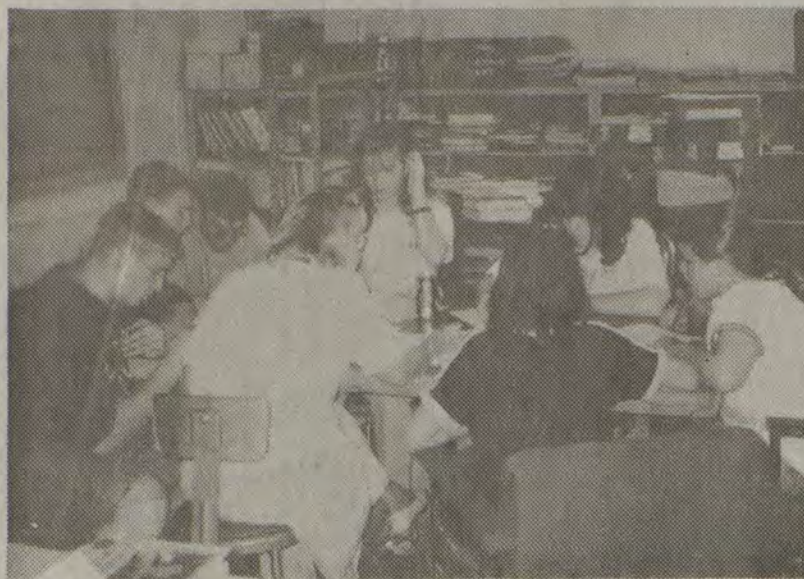
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ACADEMICS



Math consultant Joyce Watson visited the Auxier Elementary Academic Team to help them practice math skills. Pictured clockwise with Mr. Croot, sponsor, are Tiffany Rowe, Meredith Powers, Crista Collins, Hannah Goble, Joyce Watson, math consultant, Michael Ousley and Jody Harris.

Melvin perfect attendance

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 T. Akers—Tommy Joe Hall and Andrew Tackett.
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 S. Hall—Kyle Elkins, Karen Hall and Josh Blevins.
 H. Tackett—Austin Johnson, Faith Little and Johnathon Howard Hall.
 A. Anderson—Joseph Hamilton and Courtney Bryant.
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 T. Mullins—5th: Kayla Curtis, Kelly Fick, Amanda Hall, Daniel Jones and Eric Derossett.
 M. Osborne—6th: Carla Hall,

Danny Johnson, Melissa Little, Tina Hall, Brittany Johnson, Adam Tackett, Angela Younce, Anthony Buckley, Brandon Blackburn, Tony Moore, Brittany Spears and 5th—Christina Berger.
 S. Caudill—7th: Adam Branham, Anthony Branham, Ashley Bryant, Tassy Hall, Aaron Humphrey, Vanessa Maynor, Ashley Tackett, Jordan Tackett and Elizabeth Williams.
 J. McKinney—8th: Kari Hutchinson, Crystal Johnson, Westley Little, Jamie Maynard, Kenessa McKinney, Kevin McKinney, Kayla Ray, Sarah Smith, Jeremy Hall, Rusty Tackett, Ashley Thornsby and Tiffany Williams.



Manners matter

Rita Howell gave a thumbs down to certain behaviors during a lesson on Manners Matter at Prestonsburg Elementary.

Melvin announces honor roll

4th—C. Johnson: Chrissy Blocker, Megan Castle, Cassie Elkins, Brandy Helton, Sandra Hunter, Kyle Johnson, Sadie Johnson, Scott Johnson, Cammie Little, Ryan Little, Christal Ramsey and Tiffany Tackett.
 5th—T. Mullins: Kelly Fick, Daniel Jones, Holly Newsome, Tina Tackett and Pam Younce.
 5th—M. Osborne: Christina Berger, Courtney Blocker and Carla Caudill.
 6th—M. Osborne: Anthony Buckley, Allison Curry, Carla Hall, Melissa Little, Brittany Spears and

Adam Tackett.
 7th—S. Caudill: Adam Branham, Anthony Branham, Ashley Bryant, Aaron Humphrey, Reachel Jones, Shawna Little, Vanessa Maynor, Tara Sword, Ashley Tackett, Ashley Thomas and Elizabeth Williams.
 8th—J. McKinney: Ashley Burke, Kyle Hall, Amanda Isaac, Crystal Johnson, Kacie Little, Toni Little, Jamie Maynard, Kevin McKinney, Courtney Paige, Jessica Petty, Kayla Ray, Jessica Smith, Jennifer Tackett, Ashley Thornsby and Tiffany Williams.

W.D. Osborne Elementary School Honor Roll—Second six weeks
 Tammy Meade, 8th grade, 4.0—Brittany Bailey, Tabitha Berger, Sheena Hall, Lekita Johnson, MaryBeth Little, Amy Morgan, Bryan Stewart, and Amy Tackett.

3.0-3.99—Jared Allen, Brittany Boyd, Kermit Dailey, Justin Engle, Becky Isaac, Chris Isaac, Josh Johnson, Lana Lackey, Chasity Mitchell, and Kandice Mitchell.

Susan Tackett, 7th grade, 3.0-3.99—Brandi Bowers, Jeremy Burke, Todd Caudill, Heath Hall, Justin Hall, Michael Hall, Tyler Hall, Cynthia Isaac, Clay Jones, Jennifer Lackey, Chad Mullins, Jessica Osborne, Jequetta Parker, Chariti Tackett and Nicole Tackett.

Jeff Castle, 7th grade, 3.0-3.99—Amanda Bowers, Shane Engle, Jennifer Flannery, Kayla Meyers, and Megan Tackett.

April Bradford, 6th grade, 4.0—Joel Allen, Adam Hicks, Amanda S. Johnson, Lesley Mullins, and Clarissa Parker.

3.0-3.99—Brandy Anderson, Brittany Bates, Chris Caudill, Landon Hall, Andrew Isaac, Katrina Isaacs, Chantra Jackson, Amanda Jo Johnson, Logan Johnson, Stacy Johnson, Shelly Mathews, Loren May, Brandon Meyers, Melissa Meyers, Shaun Reed, Natasha Slone, Justin Smallwood, Angel Tackett and Ashley Tackett.

Misty Little, 5th grade, 4.0—Candice Hall, Brian Hall, Colby Tackett and Felicia Johnson.

3.0-3.99—Justin Caudill, Keneisha Mullins and Vanessa Osborne.

Robin Hall, 5th grade, 4.0—Courtney Spears.

3.0-3.99—Justin Johnson, Brandon Light, Dustin Moore, Kathy Paige, Bryan Salisbury, Ashley Slone, Kimberly Tackett and Morgan Thornsby.

Robin Hall, 4th grade, 3.0-3.99—Angel Hill, Shatasha Gilliam, Patricia Johnson and Ashley Johnson.

Dale Pack, 4th grade, 4.0—Meka Hall, Tina Hall, Wesley Hall, Jason Johnson, Jordan Johnson, Brittany Smallwood and Adam Taylor.

3.0-3.99—Randi Anderson, Rebecca Engle, Whitney Johnson, Burnett Little, Nick Miller, Kenneth Parker, Gabriel Stewart, Nathaniel Tackett, Sabrina Tackett and Tabitha Trammel.

Rita Caudill, 4th grade, 4.0—BreAnna Daniels, Shana Dorton, Matthew Johnson and Stephanie Slone.

3.0-3.99—Stephen Blanton, Eva Cook, Terry Hall (T J), Tiffany Hamilton, Leslie Holbrook, Gary Johnson, Jonathan Johnson, Joshua Johnson, Ryan Johnson, Carl Lackey, Dennis Mathews, Ashley Pennington, Erica Vanover, Natasha Vanover and Sunni Williams.



Auxier eighth grade student Caterina Cross recently built a vehicle while studying electricity in Pat Burke's room. Caterina used batteries and motors to create an operative "dune buggy." Caterina demonstrated her dune buggy for her classmates at school.



Jeanice Hall's primary class at Osborne Elementary modeled friendship shirts they made during the friends' theme.

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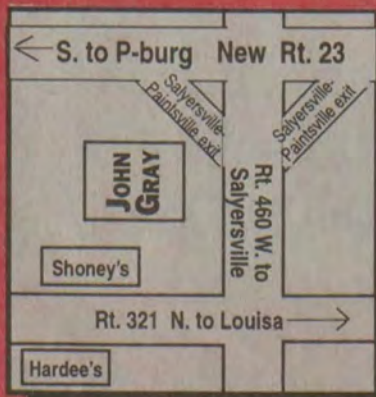
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Sports Editor

A Look At Sports

Is it too early to talk about spring and baseball?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES...

Happy birthday wishes go out to Adam Tackett and Nathan Reed of the South Floyd Raiders. Both turn 18 on January 27. So, happy birthday Adam and Nathan. Have a great one!

I almost forgot, well I did forget, that Larry Mullins of the Allen Central Rebels celebrated his birthday back on Sunday, January 11. A belated happy birthday wish to you Larry.

Also, Melissa Thacker turned a sweet 16 back on January 12. Melissa plays softball for the Shelby Valley Lady Wildcats. Happy birthday, belatedly, to Melissa.

Want to wish that special athlete a happy birthday? We'll do that for you right here. Just phone us or drop a line and let us know when it is.

BASEBALL...

I know. The basketball season is not even over with yet and there is a month left to play plus all the tournaments. But did you know that high school baseball begins the last week in March.

It should be a good season for our county teams with Allen Central and Prestonsburg fielding very competitive teams. Betsy Layne will have a new coach, the first time in ages. But the program should be strong. I understand that Tim Rice will be coaching the Bobcats this spring.

South Floyd also will have a new mentor in John Martin. The Raiders will return several veteran players and will also be competitive. I look for a more balanced district than we've had in a long time.

Veteran Prestonsburg coach Russell Shepherd has some of the top hurlers you will find in the region. Look for the Blackcats to be one of the top three teams in the region, along with Allen Central.

The Paintsville Tigers will return a strong team led by Todd Tackett. Tackett could have gone to the next level on a baseball scholarship had he not went in basketball. I understand our good friend Charlie Adkins will

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Allen Central, class of Class A-again

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Girls All "A" Regional Classic was just that. But the results were the same as Allen Central's Lady Rebels repeated as regional champions with a 55-44 win over the Lady Cougars of Elkhorn City. It was the third straight regional crown for Allen Central, and their fifth since entering the tournament.

It was only fitting for the only two teams to win the Classic to meet in the championship game this past Saturday night at Elkhorn City. While one side of the gym appeared to be empty, it was not so on the Lady Rebels' side of the floor. The large following had plenty to cheer about as coach Anthony Moore's team earned another trip to Richmond for the state tournament Wednesday, January 28. Coach Moore is in his first year as

head coach of the Lady Rebels.

The game did have some anxious moments for the Lady Rebs in the fourth quarter, when Elkhorn City made one more run at Allen Central. Trailing the Lady Rebs 36-27, after falling behind by

as many as 15 points in the third period, Kelly Cline scored on back-to-back layups to make it a 36-31 game at the onset of the final period.

Allen Central moved back by nine points, 42-33, midway of the fourth, but the Lady Cougars still had some fight in them as they cut the margin back to five, 42-37 on consecutive baskets by Amy Taylor and Cline. Cline had a chance to

cut the lead to three, but missed an uncontested layup. Crystal Martin, who led all scorers with 19 points, hit the first of ten straight free throws that would allow Allen Central to establish a lead Elkhorn City would not be able to overcome.

Lady Rebels roll past Elkhorn City 55-44

It was the Lady Rebels defense that stifled the Lady Cougars as both teams did not shoot well from the field. Jennifer Hopkins, the best defensive player for the Lady Rebels, slipped off to the left on an out-of-bounds play and scored, igniting a spark by Allen Central which ended in giving them the crown.

Martin canned 11-of-12 free-throw attempts inside the final four minutes of

the fourth quarter in scoring 19 points. Misty Scott then hit three-of-four tries in the same time frame and she finished with 11 points.

Elkhorn City got little done on the inside against Allen Central's 2-3 zone defense. Allen Central forced the Lady Cougars into 27 turnovers for the game.

Each time the Lady Rebels would extend a lead, Elkhorn found someone who would lead them back.

Allen Central had chances to put the Lady Cougars away early, but could not convert from the floor. Two free throws by Crystal Martin and Natalie Cooley's 15-footer gave the Lady Rebels a 4-lead. But while the Lady Cougars could not score, Allen Central turned the ball over on four straight possessions.

Julie Yates put the Lady Cougars on

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Betsy Layne survives South Floyd scare

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The South Floyd Lady Raiders changed coaches last week and also their game plan changed as well, and it almost gave the Lady Raiders their first-ever win over a district team. Coach John Martin took over the helm of the Lady Raiders last week, replacing Henry Webb.

But close only counts in horseshoes and not basketball, so coach Bill Newsome's Betsy Layne Lady Cats pulled out a thrilling 37-36 victory to survive the threatening of the Lady Raiders.

It wasn't a good outing for either team, but it could have been a moral victory for the Lady Raiders, who haven't made it a practice to be in the position to win a game against a county team. But that was the case last Friday night when the Lady Raiders had the ball in hand and 24 seconds on the scoreboard in the fourth quarter.

Amanda Hall's baseline jumper from eight feet out gave the Lady Cats a 35-34 lead with 3:35 to play in the game. Following a South Floyd time out, Coach Martin set up a play that gave the Lady Raiders the lead. Olivia Stewart slipped around the left side of the Lady Cat defense and slipped in an easy basket that gave South Floyd a 36-35 lead with 3:18 to play.

On a forced shot by Betsy Layne, the Lady Raiders had a chance to extend the lead with a hurry-up offense, but turned the ball over as a result of a lazy pass. The Lady Cats reclaimed the lead when Heather Kidd sank an eight foot jumper off the left side that gave the lead back to Betsy Layne, 37-36.

Stewart went to the free-throw line with 2:05 left to play but missed the front end of a bonus shot. Betsy Layne claimed the rebound and went to their stall but turned the ball over. Stewart missed a close shot for the Lady Raiders in a bid to put her team in front. Betsy Layne still chose to run some clock. The Lady Cats held the ball from the 1:05 mark, but South Floyd's defense forced the Lady Cats on the other side of center where they turned the ball over with the 24 seconds showing.

The Lady Raiders called for a time out to set up the final shot of the game. Betsy Layne came out and went to a 2-2 zone with the chaser on the ball. Lindsey Hall had a good look at the basket but her 12-foot jumper rimmed off. Shawna Hall grabbed the rebound but had to put up a miracle shot as the clock expired on the Lady Raiders.

South Floyd led 27-25 after three quarters and extended the lead at the start of the fourth period when Misty Berger drained a three-pointer that gave them a

30-25 lead. Baskets by Hall and Kidd made it a one point affair, until a Shawna Hall layup at the 3:47 mark gave the lead back to South Floyd. The lead exchanged hands three times in the final three minutes.

South Floyd led at the first stop 6-5 as Betsy Layne turned the ball over five times in the first quarter. After

the teams exchanged turnovers to start the game, Stewart gave the Lady Raiders the first lead with a long jumper. Kidd tied the game, and Akers' rebound basket gave the Lady Cats a two point margin, 4-2. But Betsy

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Up the middle

South Floyd's Amanda Compton (22) drove between Betsy Layne's Jessica Clark (3) and Sabrina Yates (40) in district play last Friday night at Betsy Layne. The Lady Cats pulled out a 37-36 win over the Lady Raiders. (photo by Ed Taylor)

Prestonsburg Dance Cats repeat in St. Louis

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The competition was tougher but that didn't bother the Prestonsburg Dance Cats as they successfully defended their national title in St. Louis two weeks ago in winning their second straight national championship in the Jazz Division.

For the Dance Cats, this title had a very special meaning. The squad had called in a professional choreographer to help with their Pom routine, but the Dance Cats choreographed their own Jazz routine, which took first place.

"I think they felt a special sense of pride because every one of them helped put together the Jazz routine and they really enjoyed performing it," said instructor Jody Shepherd.

But the Dance Cats had other help from a former squad member.

"They also had some help from Donna Williams, a former member of the Dance Cats and not a member of the University of Kentucky Wildcat Dancers. Everyone in St. Louis raved about the Jazz routine and the girls just couldn't believe

it," related Shepherd.

The team competed in both the Jazz and Pom division. While they finished first in the Jazz routine, they also brought home the national runner-up title in the Pom division.

Also in the grand championship out of all of the high school, all-stars and studio teams, the Dance Cats had the third-highest score of the entire weekend that they spent in St. Louis.

The squad and coach agreed, the competition was much tougher than last year.

"The competition had more than doubled in size since last year," said Shepherd. "And the level of talent, it was tremendous. I knew the girls could do it, but I told them there were excellent teams there and it was going to come down to how bad they wanted it, and it was all in their hands."

Knowing the competition they faced, it became a driving force for the Dance Cats as they worked hard and put forth their best effort. Shepherd said she was reduced to tears.

"I have never seen them perform

like that," she said. "It was unbelievable."

Shepherd said it was more than just personal satisfaction.

"They wanted to succeed not only for themselves but for the community, who has always been so supportive of them in all of their endeavors," said Shepherd.

While the Dance Cats are still national champions, the hard work goes on as the trip to St. Louis was just the beginning. According to Shepherd, a busy spring awaits them as they begin preparing for the United States Dance and Drill Team championships in Nashville, Tennessee in March. This time, the television cameras will be grinding out something different from the stage of the Grand Old Opry.

"The competition will be held on the stage at the Grand Old Opry," said Shepherd. "The finals will be televised on Fox Sports."

The national recognition has also brought other invitations. The group got an invitation to appear on the WYMT Morning Show, and per-

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PRESTONSBURG DANCE CATS
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Rebels

the scoreboard with just over five minutes to play in the first quarter, but Allen Central took a 10-2 lead at the 1:25 mark. Cline scored inside and Brandi Spearman buried a three-pointer just before the horn to cut the lead to three, 10-7.

Misty Scott opened the Allen Central second with an easy basket, but Allen Central began to force some shots and the Lady Cougars took charge. A three-point play by Cindy Belcher, two free throws and Belcher's three-point basket gave Elkhorn City a 15-12 lead with 5:42 to play in the second.

Allen Central rallied to pull to within one, 17-16, on a basket by Cooley, and Jessica Martin's free throw.

Like she had done so many times

before, Scott took control and busted two three-point baskets and Cooley scored on a rebound basket that gave Allen Central a 24-19 lead at the half.

The Lady Cougars opened the second half just as ragged as they did the first period. Seven turnovers and only two field goals in the first seven minutes of the third period allowed Allen Central to extend their lead to 13 points, 36-23. Elkhorn City got only field goals from Taylor and Cline as they failed to take care of the basketball. Inside the final minute, Elkhorn got a basket from Cline and Taylor's layup just before the quarter ended making it a more respectable score of 36-27. The Lady Cougars would get no closer than five points from that

Dance Cats

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form at halftime at a Morehead State University basketball game.

"We are also planning a 'Winter Jam' Dance Camp for area youth to raise money for the trip to Nashville," Shepherd said.

In the midst of the national success, the Dance Cats still perform at all Prestonsburg home basketball

games.

Unlike other sports, being on a dance team is a year-round commitment which takes a lot of time and energy, according to Shepherd.

"But I think any Dance, Cat would tell you that the rewards far outweigh the sacrifices they are asked to make," said Shepherd.

Scare

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Layne had four straight turnovers as Margret Morgan hit a layup and Berger connected on a long jumper that gave South Floyd the one-point lead after one.

The two teams played to a 15-15 tie at the half. South Floyd had four turnovers in their first four possessions of the second quarter. Neither team could score in the second period until Sabrina Yates scored for Betsy Layne at the 6:03 mark to give Betsy Layne a 7-6 lead. Berger hit a three-pointer that netted South Floyd an 11-9 lead. The game was tied at 11, 13 and 15 at the half.

South Floyd opened hot in the third period and took their biggest lead of eight points at 23-15 by scoring the first eight points. A layup by Hall, two free throws, a long jumper by Hall and Stewart's rebound basket vaulted the Lady Raiders in front.

Betsy Layne struggled big time in the third as Coach Martin was working the referees. Jenny Parsons broke the Lady Cat drought with a layup. South Floyd committed three straight turnovers, but Betsy Layne could not take advantage of the situation.

Amanda Compton gave South Floyd a 25-17 lead with 2:19 to play in the third. Betsy Layne ripped off six unanswered points to cut the margin to two, 25-23. Hall's 14-foot jumper made it 27-23 before Amanda Hall went coast-to-coast for Betsy Layne for a 27-21 game after three periods.

Shawna Hall led South Floyd as the only player in double figures with ten points. Berger finished with seven, and Stewart had six points. Martha Crawford added five points.

Amanda Hall led Betsy Layne with ten points to tie Shawna Hall for game honors. Kidd netted eight and Yates finished with seven. South Floyd's defense slowed high-scoring Jessica Clark, who had to settle for four points in the game. Akers and Parsons each tossed in four points. Betsy Layne had to play without the service of Rachel Thompson, who was injured.

Betsy Layne improved to 7-7 on the season and 1-2 in district play. South Floyd dropped to 3-9 overall and 0-3 in the district.

Betsy Layne will entertain Magoffin County Thursday night at home. South Floyd will host June Buchanan this Saturday.

SOUTH FLOYD (36)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Morgan	1	0	0-0	2
Hall	5	0	0-0	10
Compton	1	0	0-0	2
Berger	1	1	3-2	7
Stewart	3	0	3-0	6
Crawford	0	1	2-2	5
Tackett	1	0	0-0	2
L. Hall	1	0	2-0	2

BETSY LAYNE (37)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Hopkins	0	0	0-0	0
Yates	3	0	2-1	7
Kidd	4	0	0-0	8
Hall	5	0	0-0	10
Clark	2	0	0-0	4
Akers	2	0	2-0	4
Parsons	2	0	0-0	4

South Floyd.....6 9 12 9 - 36
Betsy Layne.....5 10 12 12 - 37

Sports

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return at the helm of the Tigers this spring.

Johnson Central always is a tough opponent and will be so again this spring. The Golden Eagles have a balanced attack and good pitching, which should take to the number one spot in the region.

Dave Thomas and the Pikeville Panthers will be competitive. Pikeville has one of the prestigious programs in Eastern Kentucky.

Other teams to watch will be Belfry, Magoffin County, Sheldon Clark and Shelby Valley.

Pikeville College will bring back a veteran team that had a strong finish last season. The Bears, after a horrible beginning, came back and went to the national playoffs last year. Coach Johnnie Lemaster may be without the services of Josh McKenzie after he was declared academically ineligible this year in basketball.

Also, rumor has it Brandon Castle has left the Pikeville team as well.

Coach Scott Cornett will bring back a strong nine at Alice Lloyd College come February, when the college

teams get underway. Look for the Eagles to soar high this season.

The Cincinnati Reds will open the season early this year (March 31) against the San Diego Padres. The Reds have inked Willie Greene (26 homeruns, 93 RBIs) to a one-year contract. Chris Stynes and Joe Nunnaly will return along with Greene and Barry Larkin.

How healthy Reggie Sanders stays is a question mark. He always finds a way to miss the first part of the season. A healthy Larkin is vital to the Reds this season.

Pitching continues to be a sore arm with the Reds and that will continue this season. The Reds haven't done anything to help themselves in this area of the game although they have signed some "cast offs."

Now, doesn't that make you feel warmer during this cold weather we are having? Spring training begins February 12 as the Reds gather in Sarasota, Florida for hardball time. I am thinking of going to spring training this year in late March.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

point on.

Ramanda Music and Cooley finished with six points each. Music pulled down nine rebounds while

Cooley had seven. Jessica Martin netted five. Karen Wallen and Hopkins had four points apiece.

Cline led Elkhorn City with 12

points. Belcher and Taylor tossed in eight apiece.

Allen Central will make the trip to Richmond next Wednesday, and will face one of the state's top teams, the Lady Bulldogs of Hazard.

Kentucky All "A" Girls' Classic has been good for Lady Rebs

One of the best success stories over the past decade has been the Allen Central Lady Rebels basketball program. Allen Central has been a program that many other schools have tried to imitate.

A program that is consistently getting quality players from their feeder schools (Martin, Duff and one-time Maytown). But coaching has had the most to do with it, and former Lady Rebel coach, Bonita Compton, was the big reason for the success of the program.

Allen Central first entered the All "A" Classic in 1992, after being declared eligible for the "smaller school" tournament. Elkhorn City had won the first two tournaments in both '91 and again in '92. The Lady Rebels fell in the first round of the tournament to Paintsville.

1993... Returning in 1993 at Elkhorn City, Allen Central gave a taste of what lay ahead for Allen Central basketball. They posted a 59-42

win over a very, very good Paintsville team that had eliminated them in '92. Allen Central had a young ballclub that year, led by Staci Moore and Jenny Wiley.

1994... With the advent of the '94 All "A" Classic, Allen Central wore the favorites' role to repeat in the tournament. A youngster by the name of Marsha Brown would team with Moore and Wiley, and again it was the Paintsville Lady Tigers who felt the wrath of the Allen Central team in a 69-44 setback. Brown had an unbelievable game finishing with 35 points which included five three-point baskets.

1995... Making a splash in women's basketball in '95 was the Millard Lady Mustangs led by Gina May. The Lady Mustangs figured, by many, to be the team to dethrone the Lady Rebels with both Wiley and Moore gone from the previous year's team.

But what the experts did not figure on was the coming of age of Jennifer Mullins, Veronica McKinney and freshman Misty Scott. During the '95 All "A", all five Allen Central's starters scored in double figures, led by Mullins and Scott with 16 apiece. McKinney added 14 that year with Crystal Martin scoring 12 points and Amanda Samons 10.

1996...

The '96 season found the Allen Central team head and shoulders above the rest of the field in the '96 All "A" Classic. But in the tournament's first round, Coach Compton's ballclub would struggle in the first two games, narrowly escaping with victories.

It was Allen Central facing the Elkhorn City Lady Cougars in the championship game of the '96 classic which was played at new Raider Arena on the campus of South Floyd High School.

Allen Central was quickly picked a heavy favorite over the very young, rebuilding Elkhorn City team. But nobody figured the Lady Rebels would perform the way they did in the title game.

If the ocean had been the basket, Allen Central could not have put one in it. While Elkhorn City did not play well, Allen Central was one point worse in dropping a 44-43 loss to the Lady Cougars and snapping a three-time championship. Cindy Damron was

unstoppable with 24 points and six three-point baskets. Allen Central did not place a player in double figures.

1997... The tournament moved to Pike County for the '97 tournament that was now becoming very popular with regional fans. Allen Central continued to have the fan support in their bid to regain the Class A regional title.

It was a breeze for Allen Central

in the first two games for reaching the finals. But, in the way of another title was a very strong Paintsville Tiger team.

If you ask those who saw the game, they would tell you it was a game that Allen Central, though not as strong as they once were, was not supposed to win and should not have won. But the name of the game is making free throws, and that is something Paintsville did not do in the closing seconds of regulation play, and Allen Central stole one from the Lady Tigers, 53-49 in overtime.

1998... The 1998 tournament is in the record books, and again it was Allen Central coming away with a win over Elkhorn City, giving them their fifth title in the seven years they have participated. New coach Anthony Moore got a taste of winning a tournament when his team toppled the Lady Cougars 55-41 in the title game.

ELKHORN CITY (41)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
Yates	1	0	2-2	4
Taylor	4	0	2-0	8
Cline	5	0	2-2	12
Spearman	0	1	0-0	3
Belcher	1	1	3-3	8
Fraley	1	0	5-2	4
Ratliff	0	0	7-2	2

ALLEN CENTRAL (55)

players	fg	3pt	fta-m	tp
C. Martin	4	0	12-11	19
Cooley	3	0	0-0	6
Wallen	2	0	0-0	4
Scott	1	2	8-3	11
J. Martin	2	0	4-1	5
Music	3	0	0-0	6
Hopkins	1	0	2-2	4

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All "A" Classic tips off at Pikeville tonight

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Ninth Annual Kentucky All "A" Boys' Regional basketball tournament tips off tonight at the T.W. Oliver Fieldhouse, and the tournament will find the rest of the field aiming to knock off defending champions, the Paintsville Tigers, winners of the past two Classics.

Probably the top first-round game will be in tonight's second

game when Allen Central faces Pikeville in an 8:15 p.m. tip-off time. The Rebels will bring a 10-3 mark into the game with the Panthers also with 10 wins and only three losses.

Pikeville had only one returning starter back from last year's team, John Mims, but has gotten a boost to the program from freshman, Chase Gibson. Mims is the team's leading scorer with 14 points per game. Gibson is averaging just over

10 points per outing. Jeremiah Akers has had a solid season thus far as well. The Panthers will go with a three guard starting line up.

Allen Central, no doubt, is the surprise team of the 15th Region and, with the exception of Phelps, has played well against other regional teams. Allen Central fell to the Hornets on the road, but avenged that loss this past Friday night at home.

Allen Central has one of the

leading scorers in the state in Todd Howard who is averaging 24 points per game. But everyone expected Howard to have a great season and expected little from the rest of the Rebels. Coach Johnny Martin is getting the "max" out of his team with players such as Edmund Slone, Nick Samons, Gary Hunter and Jesse Hall having a good season to go along with Howard.

The tournament tips off tonight, with Leon Stewart's Millard

Mustangs facing Randy McCoy's Elkhorn City Cougars in a 6:30 p.m. start. Millard is led by guard Bill Bevins, but the Mustangs have struggled all season. Elkhorn City is headed up by B.J. Ratliff and Jeremy Dorton.

Second round action picks up Thursday night when the region's top-ranked team, Paintsville, face the South Floyd Raiders, who went through a coaching change last week.

Paintsville, whose only regional loss came to Pikeville two weeks ago, will have All-State guard Todd Tackett back. Tackett has missed several games since being injured in a tournament in Delaware. Tackett returned with 22 points against Ashland Friday night. The tournament will give fans a chance to see two Division I players in action in Tackett (Clemson) and J.R. Vanhoose (Marshall U.).

South Floyd, now under the guidance of coach Henry Webb, will have a monumental task facing them tomorrow night as they look for ways to upend the Tigers. Webb, 1-2 since taking over for Barry Hall, has his Raiders playing good basketball and feels his team is capable of competing against the taller Tigers.

The Raiders will look to Justin Holbrook (15ppg) and Justin Paige (11 ppg). But the real weapon could very well be Timmy Butler, who

has averaged just over 11 points per game in the last four weeks. Butler is only 6'3" but has the leaping ability to play much taller than that. His ability to penetrate as well as take the short jumper gives the Raiders a valuable sixth man off the bench.

Ryan Shannon will play the two-guard, and Coby Little will guide the team at the point. Both are three-point threats outside.

The first round concludes on Thursday night with the surprising Phelps Hornets meeting Joe Marson's Fed Creek Vikings (5-9), who is playing good basketball but still needing some production from the middle.

A trio of players lead the Vikings, who won in a homecoming victory over Millard this past Friday night. Josh Varney, Tony Freeman and Gene Justice top the scoring for Feds Creek.

Phelps has all-regional candidate Shawn Cluskey (6'5") and Chris Hurley in the middle of things.

The semifinals are set for Friday night at 6:30 and 8:15 p.m., with the finals being played Saturday at 7 p.m.

Junior Elite Grand National Champions

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

Move over Prestonsburg Dance Cats. There's a new group on the block and they have already made some noise.

The Dance Etc. Studio of Dance's Junior Elite All-Star dance team did the local community proud as they traveled to St. Louis two weeks ago with the bigger Dance Cats, and they too brought home some very valuable hardware.

The team, made of dancers who

represent 11 different area schools from Floyd, Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Pike counties, was named not only National Champions but National Grand Champions.

To put it simply, the Junior Elite scored the highest of all the Pee Wee and Junior Dance teams who took part in the competition. They were national champions in the Junior Dance Division. The team is made of students from the third through eighth grade. The group is made up of 18 dancers, 14 of which

traveled to St. Louis for competition.

The team, which is coached by Jody Shepherd of Dance Studio Etc., has only been together since September of last year. Shepherd also coaches the national champion Prestonsburg Dance Cats. Shepherd is assisted by Jill Brown, an accomplished performer for the Dance Cats.

"We just told them to do their best and have fun," said Shepherd. "That is exactly what they did. I think they charmed the judges and

everyone else as well."

Shepherd said, "It really helped them to have the Dance Cats and everyone else cheering for them. The two teams really provided a lot of support for each other when they were competing."

Over 100 dancers and fans made the trip to St. Louis.

Shepherd related how the girls had worked hard and long hours to get where they were. But she feels it was worth it.

"I can tell it in their faces when they perform," she said. "I can see just how much they love it. They are such wonderful and talented kids, I am just glad to be able to give them an outlet to perform and showcase their talents."

What about the future of the Dance Cats?

"With such promising young talent waiting in the wings, the future looks bright for the Prestonsburg Dance Cats and the other high school dance teams in the area," said Shepherd.



PRESTONSBURG JUNIOR ELITE
Grand National Champions

Girls' Class "A"

Martin's 23 leads Allen Central Lady Rebels past Pikeville

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

The Allen Central Lady Rebels may not be shooting the basketball all that well this season, but their defense is still intact and that carried them past a good Pikeville team last Friday night in the semifinals of the Girls' All "A" Classic at Elkhorn City.

Crystal Martin tossed in 23 points and Misty Scott added 15 as the Lady Rebels posted a 56-46 win over the Lady Panthers to advance to the finals of the girls' tournament Saturday night.

It was a drastic opening for Pikeville in the third quarter against the Allen Central press. The Lady Panthers turned the ball over on their first nine possessions as Allen Central built a 36-18 lead. The Lady Rebels forced Pikeville into 31 turnovers for the game.

Allen Central was cold from the start from outside the paint area and scored the majority of their points around the basket. Taking care of the basketball was another key for the Lady Rebels, as they only had four turnovers at halftime and had only seven for the entire game.

Of the 46 points that Pikeville scored, Charity Burke scored 25 of those. The Allen Central defense shut down high-scoring forward San Narra, allowing her only six points, all in the second half. She fouled out in the fourth quarter.

It was a comedy of turnovers in the opening quarter as the two teams were tied at 2-2 for most of the opening period. The Lady Panthers led 2-0 and again at 4-2 with the scored tied once, 10-10. Martin hit a 14-foot jumper and Scott buried a trey to give Allen Central a 15-10 first-quarter lead. Pikeville had nine turnovers in the quarter.

Allen Central, setting back in a 2-3 zone for the first half, caused the Lady Panthers problems in the second period as they went up 19-10. Pikeville did not score a field goal until 2:34 was left in the second quarter. Potter sank short jumper and Burke followed with basket as Allen Central led 23-18 at the half.

Things went from bad to worse for Pikeville in the third period as Allen Central left their 2-3 zone, and pressured full court. The Lady Panthers were called for a walking violation, two out-of-bounds

turnovers and the Lady Rebels had four steals in the first four minutes of the third period. Natalie Cooley's basket at the 4:20 mark gave Allen Central their biggest lead at 18 points.

Burke completed two old-fashioned three-point plays and Jill Kimberlain hit a trey to keep the score more respectable. Narra, who had not scored in the first half, got back-to-back baskets to complete a 10-0 run as Pikeville climbed back into the game. Allen Central led 42-33 after three quarters.

Martin's layup and Scott's three-point basket to start the final quarter extended the Lady Rebel lead back to 14 points, 47-33 and Pikeville could get no closer than the final 10-point margin.

Ramanda Martin had 11 rebounds for Allen Central in scoring six points. Cooley pulled down eight, and scored eight points. Jessica Martin netted four points and had six boards.

Burke's 24 points led all scorers. Potter finished with eight for Pikeville while Narra had six. Emily Johnson added eight.

Allen Central improved to 9-4 on the season while Pikeville fell to 7-7.

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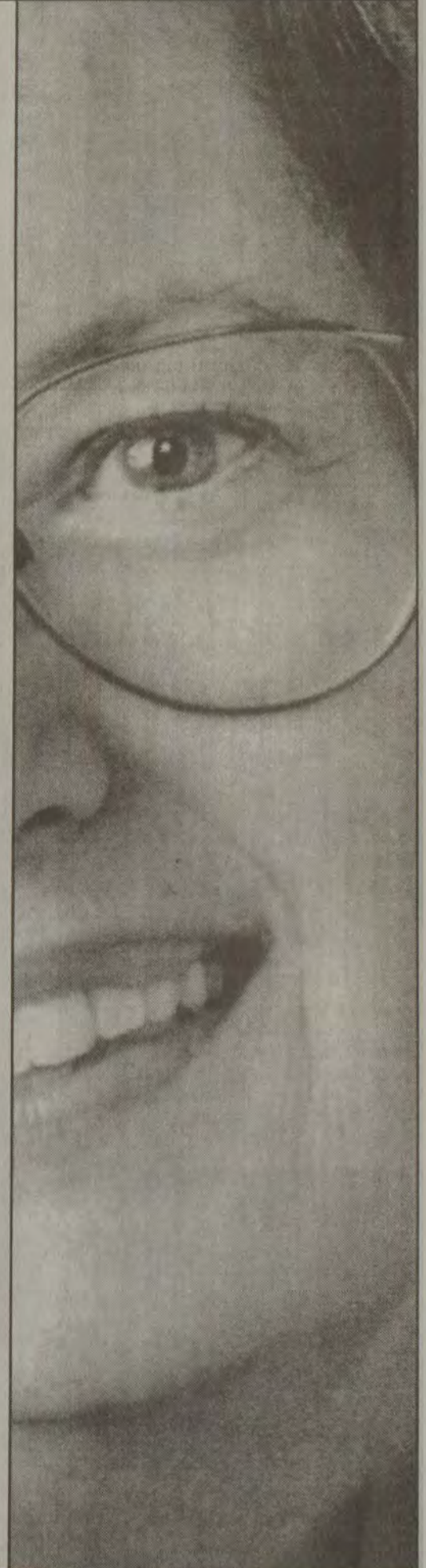
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Holbrook, Butler combine to lead Raiders past Betsy Layne Bobcats

by Ed Taylor
Sports Editor

It looked like a page out of Allen Central coach Johnny Martin's handbook this past Friday night when the South Floyd Raiders met the Betsy Layne Bobcats on the hardwood in a very important district game for both teams.

Someone may have to add some verbs in describing the Raiders for the rest of this season. Verbs such as "leaping, flying, trapping and running Raiders." According to Coach Webb, that is what Raider fans are going to see the rest of the way.

"We are going out and give it all we have," said Webb after his team took care of Betsy Layne 82-65 for their first district win this season. "We may get beat by some teams, but they are going to know we were in the game."

Coach Webb said he wanted his team to play hard and always be in the position to win a game.

Justin Holbrook hit four three-point baskets and scored 19 points to lead the Raiders' scoring. Junior Timmy Butler continued to be the "super sub" off the bench for South Floyd as he chipped in with 18 points. He had six field goals, a trey and was three-of-four from the line. Nick Compton finished in double figures with 15 points, including two three-point baskets. On one play Compton looked every bit the middle linebacker on a football team, a position he played on defense for the Raiders. On a missed shot, Compton crashed the middle lane and went high in the air to guide the ball into the basket, bringing the Raider faithful to their feet.

While Scott Collins led Betsy

Layne with 19 points, the Raiders had number "14" in mind as they tracked Craig Johnson all over the court. Still Johnson managed to hit some unbelievable three-pointers in finishing with 17 points, below his 24-point average. Neil Newsome scored ten points.

It was a big game for both ball clubs as they jockey for position in next month's district tournament. Betsy Layne is 0-3 in the district standings while South Floyd went to 1-3. Neither team wants to finish as the fourth seed and have to face the first place team.

Betsy Layne led 16-13 after the first quarter as the Raiders had trouble handling the basketball. The game was tied twice in the early going until Betsy Layne went up 14-8 on a rebound basket by Newsome. Butler, who came in at the three-minute mark, hit a 14-foot jumper and buried a three-pointer with eight seconds left to make it a three-point affair, 16-13.

Johnson's second trey of the first half gave the Bobcats a lead of 21-13 after South Floyd had two turnovers to start the second period. But it was Butler leading a 7-0 spurt for South Floyd as they climbed back to within one point of the Bobcats, 21-20. Holbrook buried a trey at the 5:34 mark for the one-point difference.

Over a three-minute span, South Floyd held Betsy Layne to just three free throws as they went on a 14-3 run that netted them a 27-24 lead. Nathan Reed took a nice assist from Holbrook and scored for the three-point margin.

The game was tied at 31 and again at 33 before Bradley Brooks gave Betsy Layne a 35-33 lead. But with just six seconds to play, Butler went high for an offensive rebound and scored to tie the game at 35-35 at the half.

South Floyd got three-point baskets early in the third quarter from Holbrook and Justin Paige and a basket by Coby Little to take a 45-39 lead. The Raiders scored six unanswered points on a long Holbrook jumper, a layup by Paige and Holbrook's steal for a 51-44 lead. Compton hit a trey with 59 seconds left in the third, but Betsy

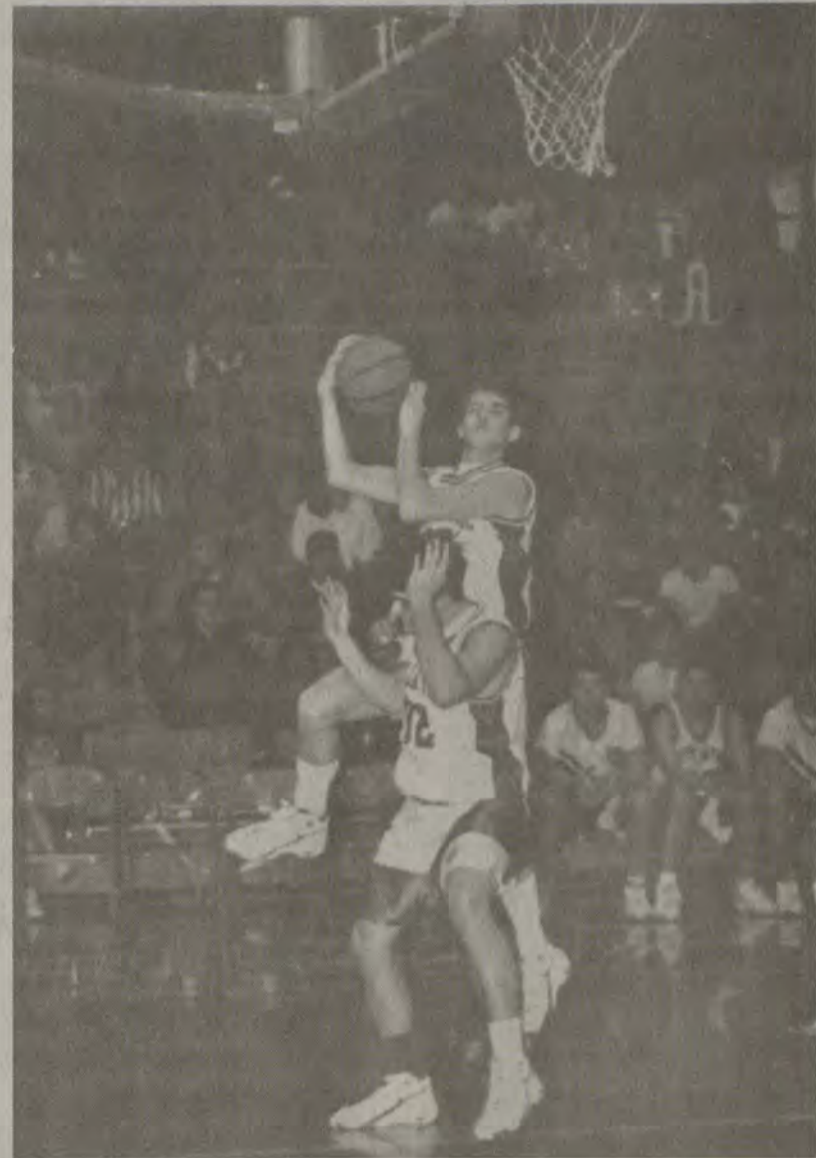
scored the final four points of the period to trail 58-57 after three periods.

South Floyd picked up their defensive intensity in the final quarter, diving after loose balls, flying toward the basket. Betsy Layne had regained the lead at 61-60 on a Brooks' layup. But, a trey by Holbrook and Butler's basket at the 5:24 mark put the Raiders in front to stay at 65-61. On a rare assist for Paige, Butler took a loose ball that bounced off the head of Paige into the hands of Butler who just laid it in and was fouled. He

completed the three-point play to give the Raiders a 68-63 advantage.

The lead went to 13 points, 78-65, before South Floyd scored the final eight points of the game for the 82-65 win. Little, in holding the ball as the clock ticked away, turned and let a three-pointer fly that found the bottom of the net for the final basket.

South Floyd will face Paintsville tomorrow night at Pikeville in the first round of the All "A" Classic. Betsy Layne plays at Belfry Friday night.



To the basket

Betsy Layne's Scott Collins went high over his own teammate, Adam Tackett (32) and scored against South Floyd last Friday night. Collins had 19 points in the game but the Raiders posted a 82-65 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)



Short Jumper

Betsy Layne's Leslie Hopkins put up a shot from the free throw line against South Floyd Friday night. South Floyd had a last look at the basket but missed the shot as the Lady Cats held on for a 37-36 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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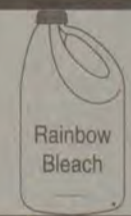







Fade away South Floyd's Olivia Stewart (24) put up a shot over Betsy Layne's Courtney Hall (34) as Shawna Hall looked on. Betsy Layne held off the Lady Raiders for a 37-36 win. (photo by Ed Taylor)



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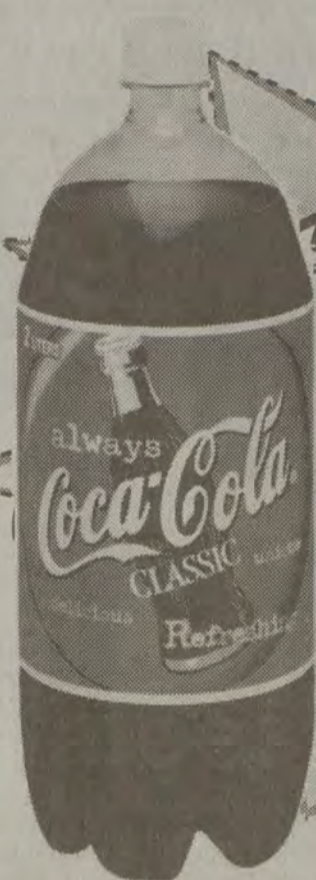


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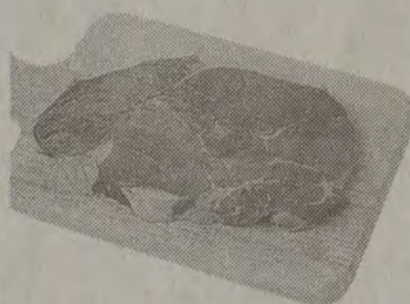
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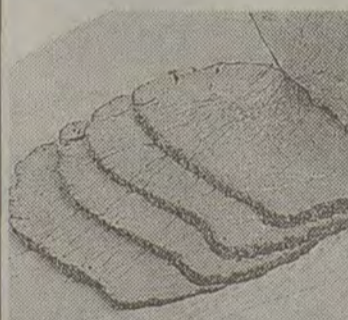
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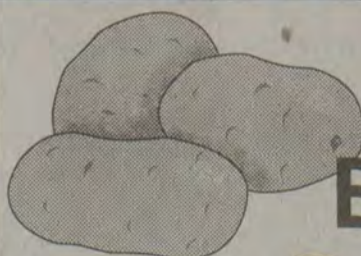
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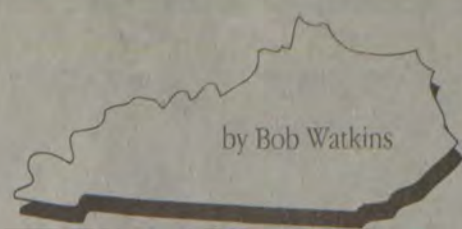
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SPORTS IN KENTUCKY



While we wait breathlessly for the Super Bowl.

Reportage last week of a plan for a University of Kentucky on-campus arena spoke volumes about the chosen direction of UK athletics' administrators to distance the storied basketball program from its most ardent and staunch supporters.

The Lexington Herald-Leader reported an on-campus arena plan would not only cost UK's athletics association \$93.34 million, (supplemented by revenues from pleas for you and me to make donations), it would mean 1,100 fewer seats for blue collar fans and 64-to-75 sky boxes and luxury tickets doled out through a seat-licensing plan.

Clearly, this is where C.M. Newton, Larry Ivy, and members of the athletics board who voted a year ago to sell a chunk of UK to Nike Corp., would take the basketball program.

It is a calamitous direction and demonstrates an elitist vision made dim by pursuit of profit at the expense of those who are oft acclaimed "best fans in any sport in America." This venture shamefully threatens to ignore the lifeblood of what made the proud history of UK basketball.

Kentuckians who care about such things had better wake up. Says here fans ought to petition Gov. Paul Patton to call to account University of Kentucky president Charles Wethington, along with the school's powerful athletics association, and review not only decisions being made, but directions taken.

Action should be taken now before architectural proposals become more than trial balloons and drawings.

SI PIECE ON TUBBY A HALF-MEASURE

Tubby Smith and Keith Van Horn were made issues in national news articles last week. Kentucky's basketball coach, Sports Illustrated reported, has been embraced by

Wildcat faithful and has experienced no criticism related to his skin color.

My, what a revelation worthy of the sports world's attention by SI's Alexander Wolff who predictably, grandfathered in the tired old line — Adolph Rupp was tardy integrating UK basketball (more than a quarter-century ago).

Meanwhile, in a piece for The Sporting News, columnist Shaun

Publication of one without them was a half-measure.

The view here is, it is not mainstream fans mesmerized by racism in athletics as much as self-righteous column writers clamoring to re-tell Smith is a black man in a white man's profession, which of course is antiquated; and that Van Horn is white in a professional league peopled by 80 percent non-whites.

Mississippi State and against South Carolina created more opportunities for UK's most dependable scorer, Nazr Mohammed. ... And, Wayne Turner was steady and the latest pleasant surprise (to some) is Saul Smith.

Interesting, the results when a coach demands his players get rid of facial hair.

such high quality is first to recognize and shower praise on those who helped make him so.

Q. Why did South Carolina try to zone (defense) Kentucky?

A. Vintage Eddie Fogler trying to play mind games, and gamble that media accounts were true that said UK is not a good shooting team.

Q. Montgomery County is ranked No. 1 in Kentucky girls high school basketball and has one of the top candidates for Miss Basketball, Beth Vice. In a state in love with the sport why is Vice going to Alabama to play college ball instead of staying home?

A. Excellent question ... for Miss Vice and her family. A better inquiry might be, how is it the SEC's nearest member school to Mt. Sterling was not able to mount a recruiting effort to keep Vice at home?

that merited attention. "...recognition for their academic, civic and athletic accomplishments."

√ Troy Jackson, University of Louisville backup center was declared academically ineligible last week. "It's nobody's fault but mine," he said. "No excuses. No alibi. I just didn't take care of things the way I should have. I take full responsibility."

√ According to basketball recruiting analyst Brick Oettinger, Kentucky has signed two of the country's top 25 small forwards — 6-8 Tayshaun Prince is rated seventh and 6-6 Desmond Allison 21st. And so it goes.

Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to Bob Watkins, Sports In Ky, P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740. Or, E-Mail SptsInKy@aol.com.

WARNING: UK fans ought to challenge direction taken by basketball administrators

Powell (a black man) said New Jersey Nets rookie Van Horn should not be labeled as the NBA's great white hope.

Since Smith and Kentucky are doing magnificently ... and since Van Horn is busy giving San Antonio's Tim Duncan a run for NBA rookie of the year honors, where is the news here?

Reminds me of the blizzard of incessant stories about which professional athletes are making how much money when mainstream fans in America are long since numbed to it, while the media herd—hooked on its own fascination with money and celebrity—is slow to get it.

To his credit, Van Horn dismissed the white-black (non)issue pressed forward by Powell. "People are going to say what they want to say, and I don't get concerned about it. I just play my game."

In Lexington, Smith had coached Kentucky to a sterling 16-2 record. Two of which served to illustrate Tubby's mastery of his craft — wins at Starkville, Mississippi, and at home against South Carolina.

These performances, it seemed to me, merited a more substantive piece by SI on UK's coach. And any article about Tubby the black coach designed to tweak a social chord, could be complete without illuminations from his wife, Donna.

Do fans need reminding? Do you care? Probably not. Such articles are penned to impress editors and other columnists more than stir public comment.

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Last week it was not so much that UK marched up to claim its familiar pedestal atop the SEC standings, as how the Wildcats played to get there. Allen Edwards' dozen assists against South Carolina ... Heshimu Evans' propensity to ignite his team (Miss. State and Arkansas). The junior forward has not only become UK's rally guy, but The People's Choice to Rupp Arena patrons.

Jeff Sheppard stopped running over defenders and did what good shooters do, kept shooting. And his production went up. ... Scott Padgett's late-game clutch play at

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. Isn't there a kind of low rumbled excitement among fans for UK football these days?

A. Yes. And according to recruiting gurus, UK fans have good cause. Wildcat recruiters have been 'in' with more blue ribbon high school athletes this season than ever before. Example: Heralded offensive lineman Aaron Deal of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. narrowed his college choices to Florida, LSU and Kentucky before eliminating UK last week. Even with an impressive list of verbal commitments, Coach Hal Mumme may not sign any more than the usual 3-4-5 outstanding prospects. But with barely three weeks until signing day, there is more optimism associated with UK football than ever before.

Q. Why would you not vote for Tim Couch, so obviously the Kentucky sportsman of the year?

A. Forgive me for being enamored with those who make available the shoulders onto which greatness is hoisted. Couch is a marvelous football player and an outstanding role model for youngsters across the state. Ironically, this young man of

UK FOOTBALL SCUTTLEBUTT

Unless UK makes a successful late charge, Bernard Jackson of Louisville St. X. looks to be headed to Michigan, but will visit Tennessee before signing. While family members deny it, Harrodsburg linebacker prospect Julius Yeast has reportedly committed to Ohio State.

Earlier this week UK reportedly received commitments from Mike Beirne, 6-3 195-pound wide receiver from The Woodlands, Texas; Vince Harrison, 5-10 180 defensive back from Cincinnati; and 6-3, 250-pound defensive lineman John Robinson of Buckeye Trail, Oh.

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Shawn Whitt had five points in the game for the Hawks, with Heather White and Josh Bentley scoring four points each. Jason Hughes added two points.

Kris Bentley led the Lakers with 10 points. Kyle Wicker netted five and Billy Joe Hicks scored two.

Francis had all 10 of his points in the first quarter for the Hawks. Bingham had four in the first and six in the fourth. Bentley went scoreless in the first half but scored his 10 points in the second half getting six in the third and four in the fourth.

PACERS VS SIXERS

Michael Morrison scored 14 points to lead the Pacers to a 30-21 edging of the Sixers this past Saturday at the Adams Middle School gym. Adam Meade finished with eight points and Kyle Ousley added six. Shane Dingus finished with two points for the Pacers.

Trevor Compton and Kory Caudill netted eight points each to lead the Sixers. Brandon Hurt tossed in five points while Justin Ferrell had four points. Molly Burchett scored two.

SPURS VS BULLS

Eight players scored for the Spurs as they won over the Bulls 44-13. Michael Stephens scored nine points to lead the Spurs, Ryan Hammonds and Tommy Layne finished with eight, and Nathan Lafferty scored seven. Tyler Burke netted six with Cody Branham scoring four apiece. Zack Rodebaugh and Brady Wright had two and one point respectively.

Kevin Smiley led the Bulls with

six points. John Mark Stephens scored five and Chanel Music had two points.

TRAINING LEAGUE PISTONS VS LAKERS

The Pistons edged a good Lakers team 12-10 in training league play. Tommy Johnson scored eight points to lead the Pistons. Ralph Frasure and James Absher scored two points each.

Zach Stanley topped the Lakers with his six points. Nick Lafferty and Josiah Reno added two points each.

It was 4-0 after the first quarter in favor of the Pistons. But a 6-2 run by the Lakers in the second period tied the game at 6-6 at the half. The two teams played to a 8-8 tie after three quarters. Johnson had four of his eight points in the fourth as the Pistons pulled out the win.

SONICS VS HAWKS

Chase Brown scored 10 points and Brooks Herrick added eight to lead the Sonics to a 30-16 win over the Hawks.

Austin May tossed in six. Matthew Crisp, Jesse Drury, and Elliott Baldrige scored two points each for the Sonics.

Michael Lafferty led all scorers with 12 points for the Hawks. Zack Ousley and Chris Oliver had two points apiece.

The Sonics owned a 8-5 lead after the first quarter, with Brown scoring four in the opening period. A 11-2 run by the Sonics in the second quarter netted them a 19-7 half-time lead. Brown scored six points in the second period.

BULLETS VS BULLS

The Bullets pulled out a 23-17 win over the Bulls in Training League play. Andrew Stephens scored a game-high 12 points with Nick McGuire tossing in nine points. Benji Fish had two points.

Chase Carpenter led the Bulls with 10 points. Chris Baker, Tyler Layne and Mickey Crum scored two points apiece. Chayse Martin had one point.

It was 4-3 after the first quarter with Carpenter scoring all four points for the Bulls. The Bullets trailed the Bulls 10-7 at the half.

HORNETS VS SIXERS

Aaron Patton had 12 points and Nathaniel Stephens scored six to lead the Sixers past the Hornets, 18-13. Patton scored six of his 12 points in the third quarter in a 8-0 run for the Sixers.

Alex Hammond topped the Hornets with his seven points. Jonathan Moore chipped in with six points.

The Hornets led 6-4 after the first quarter, and took a 9-6 lead to the locker room at the half. But the 8-0 spurt in the third gave the Sixers the lead at 14-9.

PEE WEE LEAGUE NETS VS PACERS

Seth Setser burned the nets for 14 to lead the Nets to a 24-6 win over the Pacers in the Pee Wee division. Allen Craynor added six points while Max Davis and Austin McKinney scored two points each.

J.D. Head, Vincent Hayes and Chris Schoolcraft had two points apiece for the Pacers.

Setser scored six points in the first quarter and tossed in four in each the second and fourth quarters.

KNICKS VS MAGIC

Dustin Coleman hit three-of-four free throws in the fourth quarter to give the Magic a 13-12 win over the Knicks. Coleman but three points, though they were big ones. Joshua Clouse led the Magic with his six points. Chris Schoolcraft scored four points.

Billy Robinson had eight points to lead the Knicks. Andrew Brown and Nicholas Conn had two points apiece.

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JUNIOR VARSITY HAWKS VS PACERS

Jason Hughes and Austin Francis combined for 22 points to lead the Hawks to a 30-22 win over the Pacers.

Hughes scored a game-high 14

points and Francis added eight. Shawn Witt scored four points while Brittany Bates and Heather White had two points each.

Michael Morrison led the Pacers with nine points.

Kyle Ousley netted six, while Adam Meade scored five. Shane Dingus had two points.

Morrison buried two three-point baskets for the Pacers hitting one in the first and another in the fourth.

Bingham had eight of his 14 points in the third period after scoring only two points in the first half. Kyle Ousley had six points in the second for the Pacers.

BULLS VS SIXERS

The Sixers ripped the Bulls 35-5 in basketball play Saturday. Trevor Compton scored a game-high 14 points and Kory Caudill added nine to lead the Sixers.

Brandon Hurt netted seven points, Tony Meade two and Shalonna Hamilton one for the winners.

John Mark Stephens scored all five points for the Bulls.

SPURS VS LAKERS

Kris Bentley scored 12 points to lead the Lakers to a 29-22 win over the Spurs.

Cory Tincher added seven points with Jarred McGuire and Billy Joe Hicks scoring four apiece. Jesse Davis had two points.

Tommy Layne topped the Spurs with nine points. Cody Branham added six and Nathan Lafferty four. Ryan Hammonds scored two and Zack Rodebaugh had one point.

TRAINING LEAGUE BULLS VS PISTONS

The Pistons posted a 11-8 win over the Bulls behind Ralph Frasure's six points. Tommy Johnson added four and Charlie Ousley had one point.

Tyler Layne netted six points to lead the Bulls. Mickey Crum tossed in two.

SONICS VS HORNETS

Matthew Crisp scored 14 points to lead the Sonics to a 22-18 edging of the Hornets in training league play.

Chase Brown netted four points

with Austin May and Jesse Drury scoring four points each.

Jonathan Moore led the Hornets with his six points. Lakole Ousley tossed in four while Adam Gearheart and Meaghan Slone had two apiece.

BULLETS VS LAKERS

Andrew Stephens pumped in 22 points to lead all scorers as the Bullets rolled past the Lakers 31-13. Nick McGuire had the other nine points for the Bullets.

Zach Stanley scored 10 points to lead the Lakers. Nick Lafferty had three points.

HAWKS VS SIXERS

Michael Lafferty scored eight points and Chris Oliver added six as the Hawks scored a 20-6 win over the Sixers. Bryan Whitten had four points and Amber Whitaker two for the winners.

Justin Ross scored all four of his points in the second quarter to lead the Sixers. Aaron Patton added two points.

PEE WEE LEAGUE PACERS VS MAGIC

Dustin Coleman was a one-man gang as he scored all eight points to lead the Magic past the Pacers 8-6 in Pee Wee basketball. J.D. Head scored four points and D.J. Ousley added two for the Pacers.

Coleman scored four points in the first quarter and four in the fourth.

NETS VS KNICKS

The Nets recorded a 16-4 win over the Knicks behind Max Davis' seven points. Seth Setser added four. Allen Craynor and Austin McKinney scored two apiece. Shane Poynter had one point.

Austin Gearheart had all four points for the Knicks. All four were from the free-throw line.

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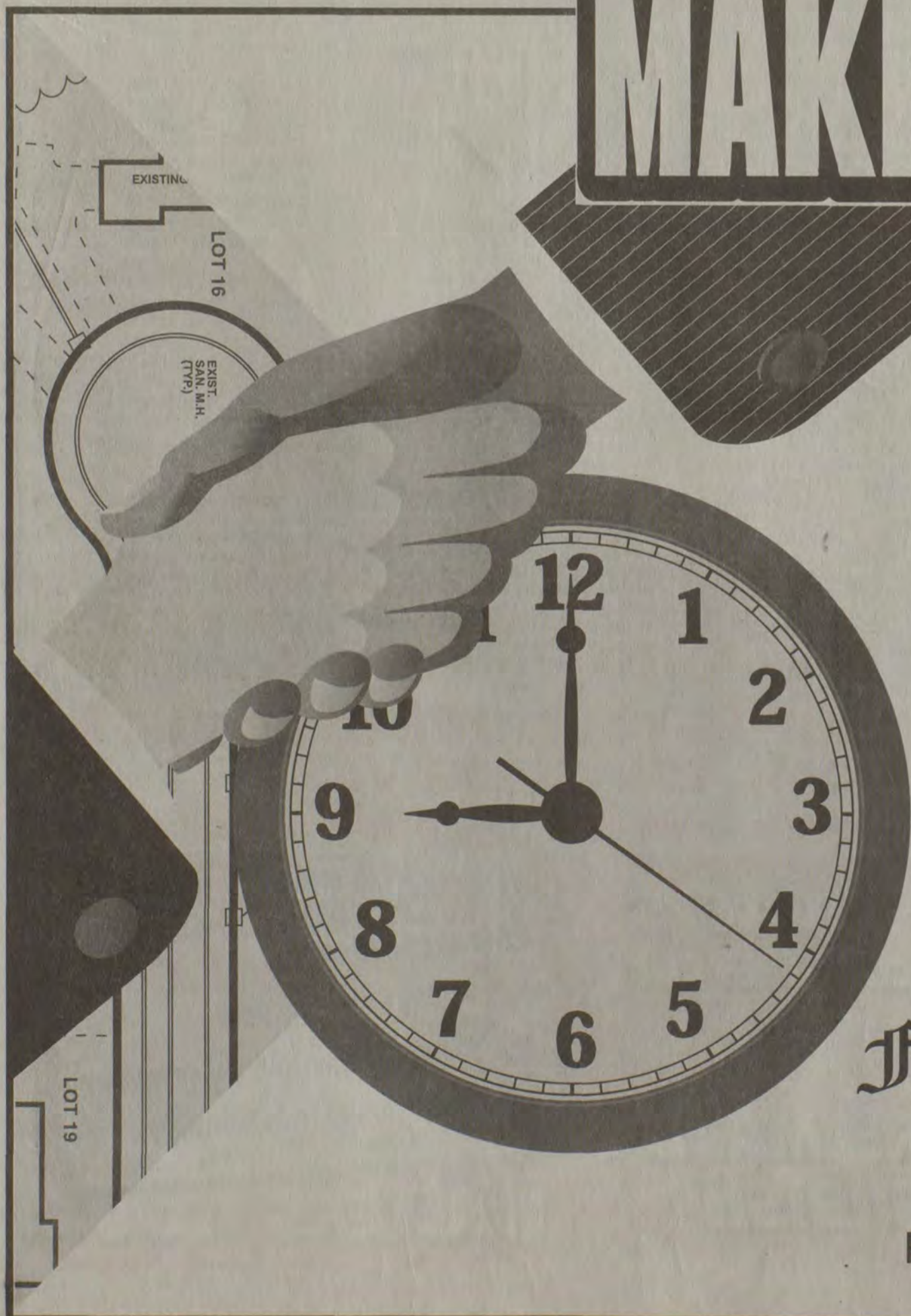
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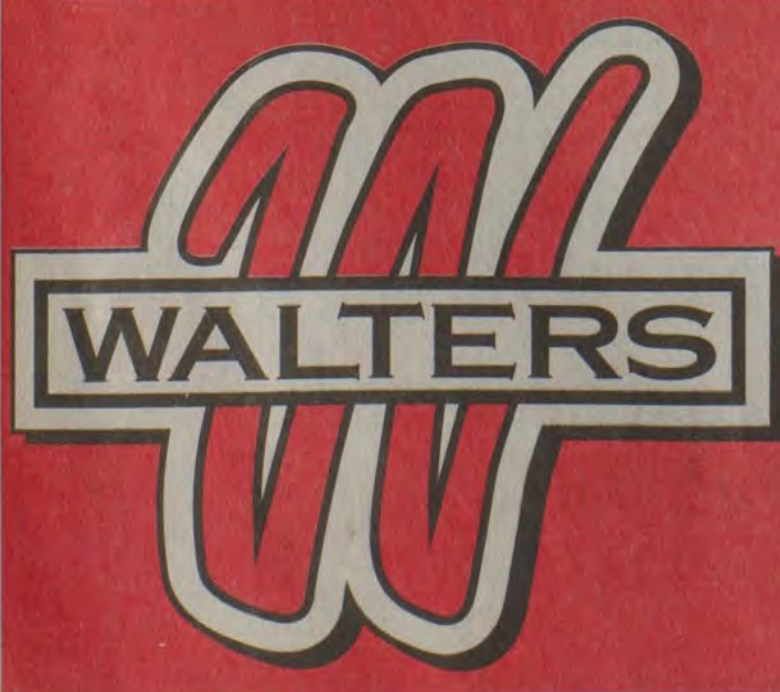
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Lifestyles

With all that said

Isn't it dreary outside? Even the occasional bits of bright sunshine that struggle to penetrate dense cloud cover can do little to erase the bleakness of these Eastern Kentucky hills in January. As if the lower temperatures and heavy frost on our wind-shields weren't reminder enough, the monotonous, monochromatic brownish hue is a stark testimony that yells, "It is indeed winter, and don't you forget it."

Poison Oak



Clyde Pack

The seemingly eternal drabness is almost enough to make one wish for a blanket of fresh snow. The only problems with that, of course, is that snow is no respecter of either people, places or things and is not particularly choosy as to where it falls. As we all know, it would just as soon cover Route 23 as it would a naked oak atop some rugged hillside.

This time of year always reminds me of those old grainy movies on the late, late show, which were often filmed in black and white for the express purpose of establishing a somber atmosphere. It apparently worked in the movies and, at least as far as I'm concerned, it works in real life, too.

The thing about an old movie, of course, is that in the instant it takes to twitch a thumb on the remote control, you can be transferred to some tropical island in the South Pacific. Unfortunately, local landscape changes are a bit slower than that.

According to The Old Farmer's Almanac, and there are apparently plenty of old farmers around who still swear by it, the average temperature for this month will be 34 degrees. It gets better in February as it climbs to 35. Mother Nature doesn't promise to really remove the chill, though, until May.

I suppose, then, the operative word here is patience. Eventually, these same ugly hills that hideously hover over us while now completely void of any hint of color, like a butterfly emerging from its cocoon, will give way to the dogwood pinks of spring and the green lushness of summer. Only then, will that annual renaissance occur, not only within our environment as tiny green shoots dig themselves through layers of dead leaves, but also within our very souls as all creatures undergo a rebirth—that resurgence of energy that manifests itself in humans through the insatiable urge to buy garden tools, large bags of manure, and brand-new weed eaters...all of which occurs, of course, just before we start complaining about how hot it is.

I guess what it all boils down to (as cliched as it sounds) is that it's an actual fact that the human animal, be it related to weather or whatever, is never really satisfied. And maybe, at least in this case, that's not so bad either, because the restlessness we experience with each season gives us something we can look forward to as we long for the next one.

Anyway, with all that said, isn't it dreary outside?

4-H agent leading the way for Muscular Dystrophy patients

by Janice Shepherd
 Managing Editor

(From an interview with Floyd County 4-H agent Chuck Stamper by Times Contributing Writer Rita Brock)

During a 4-H teen council meeting last summer, Floyd County 4-H agent Chuck Stamper was at the end of his physical endurance.

"After the meeting ended, I was in so much pain, I couldn't walk," Stamper recalled. "I was taken to an emergency room. The doctor explained it was because my muscles in my legs were just tired. They had strained themselves."

His muscles were strained because he has a form of Muscular Dystrophy called Charcot-Marie Tooth Syndrome (also known as Peroneal Muscular Atrophy), and his legs needed support from braces.

With Charcot-Marie Tooth Syndrome, the peroneal muscles, which are located on the outer portions of the leg, "don't react well," Stamper said.

"It hinders the flexing and movement of the foot. It's like I have to lift both my legs instead of walking normally. You walk, heel to toe, but I have

to lift my left leg all the way up and set it back down flat. It's like I have a constant limp on both legs. My ability to flex my foot is minimal. It got to be a hindrance," he explained.

Stamper was diagnosed with Charcot-Marie Tooth Disease when he "suffered growing pains." His leg muscles became painful and he had trouble lifting his legs to walk.

He began wearing braces at the age of 13, an age when most youngsters are more concerned with pride than with pain.

"Back in those days, they wore the old, clunky, real heavy metal braces, and they squeaked and they hurt my self-esteem," Stamper recalled. "For a 13-year-old boy to have to wear those all the time, it was really a problem. Things have changed so much now."

"I wore braces until I got to 15," he added. "Because of social things, I decided not to wear them. Now, it's a necessity."

In May, he was fitted with lightweight, plastic braces, which he wears on both legs.

"They (the braces) fit in the shoe. The brace fits under the foot, around the ankle, up against the calf, and latches around the calf. It gives my foot support so that I can walk a lot better," he

said. "I have no problems now. I still get some really weird looks when people see them on, but people seem to understand more."

The 4-H agent said he has received a tremendous amount of support from his 4-H students, and he has set an example for some of them. Not long after he began wearing them, a fourth grade student looked up at him and said, "Mr. Stamper, I'm glad you're wearing that because I have that problem, too."

That incident made Stamper realize the need for a support group for families of Muscular Dystrophy patients. So, the Floyd County 4-H and the Children, Youth, and Families programs at the Floyd County Extension Service are establishing a support group for families affected by MD or similar ailments.

"I'm not aware of a support group for MD in this area. Floyd County doesn't have one. There is a need. With all the resources that I have at this office, the extension service — we are very lucky to have all the medical resources that we have — we could have a really good support program," Stamper said.

His goal is to "get the whole family involved and teach people to adjust, yet

still do activities as families." "That's your biggest support group — the family," he said. "We couldn't do anything in life without the family. You know the family doesn't have to be our moms and dads. Our family is anyone who loves us and cares about us."

"I look at it that God has meant for me to be in the position that I am so that I can work with young people and work with families that have similar problems that I have. I work with over 3,000 young people every month. In 4-H, our motto is to make the best better, and I don't think there's any better people around than Eastern Kentucky because you have that family atmosphere. "I just think that 4-H ties in with the family, and that's our purpose. We'll be working with the 4-H program in Floyd and the Children's Youth and Families program to start a Muscular Dystrophy support group for families."

The first sessions will deal with getting acquainted and "get more people involved with understanding."

"I am labeled now as disabled. Being an English major, that means not being able, but I've never looked at me not being able to do anything. I just have to do it differently. So I would call it differently able."

"These will be monthly meetings. We want to get it started, but we want the people and the families to take charge of the program. We want the people affected to be the decision makers," Stamper said.

"At the beginning we want people to know how it affects the family, not just physically, but the social problems, too. We'd like to see professionals, such as doctors, come in and tell us about the new treatment being formed; counselors to see what options people with MD have; what benefits; what precautions to take; insurance; and how MD fits in with the Americans Disabilities Act," Stamper said.

The support group will begin meeting this spring. For more information about the program, contact Stamper or Nyoka Slone, Children's Youth and Families coordinator, at the Floyd County Extension Office at 886-2668. The office is located on South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, and is open, Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., but is closed from noon to 1 p.m.

"We each have choices that we make in life, and it's up to us to make the choices that are best to us. I can sit and use the disease that I have as a crutch, but I'm choosing to go forward with my life and excel, and it's possible for anybody to do that," Stamper said.



Floyd County 4-H agent Chuck Stamper explained aspects of the Muscular Dystrophy support group program to students Sheena Brock, Mark Justice, and Eric Volk. The support group is being held in conjunction with the CYFAR program at the Floyd County Extension Service. (photo by Rita Brock)

Ten Years Ago (January 20, 1988)

The stretch of US 23 between Paintsville and Prestonsburg was blasted to shake off loose rock there, as rock falls from the bordering hillsides pose a hazard for this section of the highway...Superintendent Ray Brackett said he expected the Allen Central High School's roof to be repaired by the next school year, as well as the completion of construction of the Prestonsburg Middle School, Allen Elementary, Right Beaver Elementary, and The Left Beaver High School...A McDowell man, Eddie Jones, was stabbed seven times and suffered a collapsed lung after his estranged wife and her teenage boyfriend allegedly abducted the couple's three children...Proposed plans for a new Industrial Park outlined the re-channeling of Middle Creek if the project becomes a reality...The fiscal court meeting became a place for Mine Branch residents to air their woes regarding inadequate septic systems and garbage issues...The county's 513 farmers all agree that the ASCS office's policy of being open to Floyd farmers only one day per week, on top of the fact that the office is now located in Hindman, displays a lack of interest by the program and insensitivity to their problems...Last Friday the first woman to be named head of the Floyd County Bar Association, Julie Paxton, was chosen as well as her husband, Martin Osborne, who was the choice for vice-president...There died: Josie Marie Tackett, 64, of Melvin, January 3 at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Robert "Hobo" Kendrick, 77, of Melvin, January 7 at McDowell

Appalachian Regional Hospital; Lida Fraley, 77, of Stratton Branch, Monday at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Ezra Osborne, 68, of Ashtabula, Ohio, Saturday at her residence, there; Melvina H. Johnson, 81, of Weeksbury, Monday at the home of her daughter in Oil Springs; William Anderson Ward, 72, of Martin, Sunday at his residence there; Audrey Howard Ousley, 82, of Manton, Tuesday at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Ida Mae Cecil, 95, of Shelby, Ohio, formerly of Banner, Wednesday at Shelby; Jeanette Newsome, 63, of Martin, Thursday at her residence, there; Zona Phillippi, 66, formerly of Prestonsburg, January 7 at the Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio; Robert E. Harlowe, 78, of Blue Springs, Missouri, formerly of Prestonsburg, Saturday at Blue Springs; and Paul Bentley, 46, of Indianapolis, Indiana, formerly of Dema, Saturday in Indianapolis.

Twenty Years Ago (January 18, 1978)

The weather was more than a mere conversation piece this week as 10 to 12 inches of snow temporarily ended many normal activities, seriously curtailed others, and affected the entire population...More than 60 persons, including representatives of federal

and state funding agencies, braved falling snow and icy roads Friday, to attend an all-day meeting hosted by Carl D. Perkins at May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Park...The Prestonsburg Fire Department was credited with containing a fire last Tuesday which destroyed two buildings and threatened an entire block of downtown Salyersville. A second fire, the following night, burned two more buildings on the same block...Charles Nicklas, enterprise development specialist, Big Sandy Area Development District, told the Prestonsburg Area Chamber of

Commerce at its luncheon meeting Monday that the local economy had lost \$2,130,000 and 495 jobs due to the closing of the U.S. Shoe Company plant...State Senator Jim Hammond last week announced in Frankfort details of a tax program he is seeking for the benefit of the state's coal counties...There died: Edgar Charles (E.C.) Slade, 82, of Martin, January 11, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Mack Lewis, 65, of Banner, January 6, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Arthur Vance, 64, formerly of Floyd County, December 28 at Ohio's Madison County Hospital; Thomas Duty, 67, of Meally, Friday, November 30 at Mountain Manor Nursing Home; Miles H. Cook, 84, formerly

of Melvin, Saturday, January 7 at his home near Hindman; Sam Tackett, 58, of Little Paint Creek, Friday at his home; Mrs. Flotilla Burke, 71, of Halo, Tuesday at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lexington; Mrs. Mamie Setser Leslie, 60, of Emma, Sunday morning, dead on arrival at Highlands Regional Medical Center; J. I. Soad, 90, of Pikeville, Saturday at Pikeville Methodist Hospital.

Thirty Years Ago (January 18, 1968)

Floyd County's schools reopened this morning (Thursday) for the first time since Christmas vacation began...Wayland is one of seven Kentucky towns which were given a last warning Tuesday before the state takes legal action to force them to build adequate sewage treatment facilities...Major part of a Floyd County family fell afoul of the law last Thursday when officers found two moonshine stills near Risner and jailed a father, his two sons and his son-in-law...Conservation officers are engaged in a crackdown on stream pollution which, they say, will extend to all offenders...Married: Glenda Amburgey, of Allen, and Eugene Blackburn, of Endicott, December 22 at the Free Will Baptist Church at Endicott...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Snodgrass, of Grove City, O., a son, Christopher Allen, Jan. 10 at Columbus, O.; to Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Lafferty, of Price, a son, Ernie Floyd, January 10 at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville; to Mr. and Mrs. David P. Allen, of Prestonsburg, a son, David Patrick II,

(See Yesterdays, page four)

Our Yesterdays

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

Society

Aiken is speaker

at KCTE/LA convention

Ramona Aiken, a teacher and writing coordinator at Allen Elementary, was among the presenters at the Kentucky Council of Teachers of English/Language Arts (KCTE/LA) convention February 13-14.

Aiken presented "Interviews As a Writing Tool" at the Marriott's Griffin Gate in Lexington.

David holidays visitors

Visiting with Albert Hackworth of David, for the Christmas holidays were his son and his wife, Larry and Betsy Hackworth; Jeff and Tammy Hackworth and T. J. and Brandi Hackworth of Chelsea, Michigan. Special guests were great-grandkids; Dillon and Elana, also of Chelsea. Grandchildren, Kenny, Shelia and Melissa of Barboursville, West Virginia; and Ginger Lyon of Tempe, Arizona.

His daughter, Jo Ann and husband, Jim, were hosts to the Hackworth family Christmas dinner, gift exchange, and family photo session on Saturday, December 27.

Mr. and Mrs. James W. Lyon of David had, as holiday guests, their son and family; Kenny, Shelia and Melissa of Barboursville, West Virginia, and daughter Ginger, of Tempe, Arizona.

The family spent Christmas eve with Mrs. Delta Lyon, of Isonville, and Linda Lyon of South Point, Ohio.

They enjoyed the evening visiting with Phil and Marylyn Lyon, and Mark, Tena and Emily Eldridge.

A buffet supper and gift exchange concluded the evening.

Ginger Lyon of Tempe, Arizona was a holiday guest of her grandfather Albert Hackworth of David; her grandmother Mrs. Delta Lyon of Isonville and her aunt, Linda Lyon of South Point, Ohio. Ginger spent several days visiting with relatives and family in the tri-state area. She enjoyed her time here and was thrilled to see snow on Saturday, December 27. Her parents, Jim and Jo Ann of David, and her brother, Kenny, of Barboursville, West Virginia, saw her off from the Tri-State airport on December 31.

GFWC-KFWC Woman's Club holds meeting

The GFWC-KFWC Prestonsburg Woman's Club met January 8 at the clubhouse at Archer Park.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Sandy Burchett. The pledge to the flag was given. Miss Burchett read the club collect, followed by the Lord's Prayer.

A candle was lit and a moment of silence was held to reflect the life of a member, Kathryn Poe.

A report was given on "Christmas in the Park," which was held in December. More than 200 people attended.

The club voted to give a donation to the May House for wallpaper.

The club is planning a fundraiser for the next Christmas in the Park. The fundraiser will be a luncheon on March 17.

The next meeting will be February 5.

The program will be a craft project with Teresa Scott, from the extension office.

A white elephant sale was conducted by Pam Weiner S. Keene. Hostess were Eve May, Lois George, Martha Johnson, Debra Hall, Maxine Childers, Ditty Tackett and Florence Music, who served refreshments to the following: Sandy Burchett, Drema Miller, Lois George, Martha Johnson, Pam Weiner Skeen, Sabra Jacobs, Lida Howard, Eileen Burchett, Rose Mary Armstrong, Elizabeth Ramey, Cherie Mulling, Margaret Turnbull, Burieta Gearhart, Sandra Robertson, and Garnett Fairchild.

Attend Hall wedding anniversary

Those attending the 60th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Troy Hall of Somerset, formerly of Allen, were Helen and Ernest VanHoose, Mason Neck, Virginia; Troy and Mary A. Hall, Monticello; Nick Hall, Monticello; Amy, Carrie and Nora Whitehead, Monticello; Kenneth and Janella Hall Conn, Somerset; Kristel, Kerry, Kelby and Konnor Cowan, Somerset; Dina Conn, Somerset; Ruby H. Ratliff, Prestonsburg; Randall and Phyllis H. Burchett, Louisville; Bettina and Bill Riley, Frankfort; Tabitha and Rebecca Rhodes, Radford, Virginia; James and Christene Hall, Louisville; Desiree Hall, Carla and Ryne Hall, Louisville; Wendell and Pat H. Eichenberger, Louisville; Barbara H. Meeks, Johnson City, Tennessee; Michelle and Barron Allen, Taylor and James, Maytown; Karen D. Hall, Hueysville; William Michael, Stacia and Clay Hall, Louisville; and Gladys S. Conn, Dana.

Mended Hearts hold meeting

Mended Hearts Chapter 220 met Tuesday, January 13, at 6 p.m. in a conference room of Highlands Medical Offices Building. The meeting was called to order by President William Hughes and Calvin Herrick prayed the Mended Hearts Prayer.

Those present were Garnett Fairchild, Marjorie Bailey, Beverly and Freddie Goble, Dianna Hackworth, Calvin Herrick, Alicia and William Hughes, George and Mosaleete Patton, Ray Prater, and Walter and Arnita Snavely.

Minutes of the December meeting were read by secretary Mosaleete Patton.

The treasurer's report was given by Walter Snavely who stated that flowers had been sent in remem-

brance of Kathryn Poe who recently passed away.

Since February is National Heart Month, a discussion was held on ways to commemorate this observance at the next meeting. Many members are survivors of either a heart attack or major surgery; therefore, it was decided that February is a good time to celebrate our recoveries. A humorist will be presenting the program and 'heart smart' refreshments will be served. Each member was encouraged to bring a special guest, preferably one who has heart disease or a member of their family who would benefit from the support of Mended Hearts.

Following the business meeting, President Hughes announced that this evening's program would be a rap session. This exchange of personal experiences and the feeling of sympathetic relationship between members became a very enjoyable and emotional time spent together.

HRMC Auxiliary meets

The Auxiliary General membership meeting of Highlands Regional Medical Center met January 13 at 4 p.m. in the board room.

President Garnet Fairchild called the meeting to order. Inspiration, entitled "I am the New Year," was

given by Shirley Nelson.

The treasurer's report was given. Secret pals for Valentine's Day will be held again this year. Workers are needed for February 12 and 13.

It was voted to have a uniform sale for hospital employees.

The Kentucky Hospital Association's meeting will be held in Lexington at the Hyatt on May 6. The Southeastern Conference will be held in Lexington at the Merriott on May 18, 19 & 20.

The new officers were installed for 1998. Gladys Allen was installed as president; Helene Branham, vice president; Garnett Fairchild as secretary; Gloria Shepherd, treasurer.

The next auxiliary meeting will be February 10 at 4 p.m.

Attending were Helene Branham, Elizabeth Ramey, Shirley Nelson, Garnett Fairchild, Gladys Allen, Annis Clark, Susie Burchett, Margaret Ackerman, Gloria Shepherd and Kathy Allen, director.

Recycling group urged to strive for action

Rebecca Derossett, chair of the Floyd County Recycling Committee, urged her fellow members to strive for action in 1998 toward establishing a recycling cen-

ter in the county.

Derossett said previous meetings have been geared primarily to forming a mission and exploring potential goals for the committee, and it was time for action.

Lon May, DES director, proposed that the committee study the feasibility of a partnership between Floyd Fiscal Court and Bluegrass Recycling of Lexington to implement a recycling plan.

May distributed a draft of such an agreement, whereby the county would provide the land and building and hire one employee to run the operation.

Under the terms of the agreement, Bluegrass Recycling, a non-profit corporation created in 1990, would provide training, pick-up and processing, marketing, and a return on net sales, for a fee of 14 cents per capita.

May said the recycling facility would have to be large, possibly 10,000 square feet, and should be centrally located.

He suggested that additional staff may be obtained through the EKCEP welfare-to-work program or a sheltered employee plan. Equipment could be purchased with grant monies through Floyd County Solid Waste.

Those present agreed that the full committee should thoroughly study the proposal before recommending that the Floyd Fiscal Court enter into the agreement with Bluegrass Recycling.

In other discussion, Jean Dorton, education liaison with the Floyd County Conservation District, suggested that Rebecca Derossett contact Big Sandy ADD for that agency's input in coordinating a recycling plan. Kathy Friend recommended that each committee member "adopt a school" for purposes of encouraging recycling at those sites.

Reid Cordle, M.R. Metal, announced he has purchased a baler and is ready to accept cardboard and paper at his business in Allen. He plans to contract with a hauler to pick up recyclables. He may be reached at (606) 874-9657.

The next meeting of the recycling committee will be January 21, at noon at the Chamber Office in Prestonsburg. The meeting is open to the public.

Attending the meeting, in addition to Derossett, May, Dorton, Friend, and Cordle, were Hubert Puckett, citizen representative; Bob Lewandowski, with Big Sandy Area Development District; and Carla Coburn, business representative.

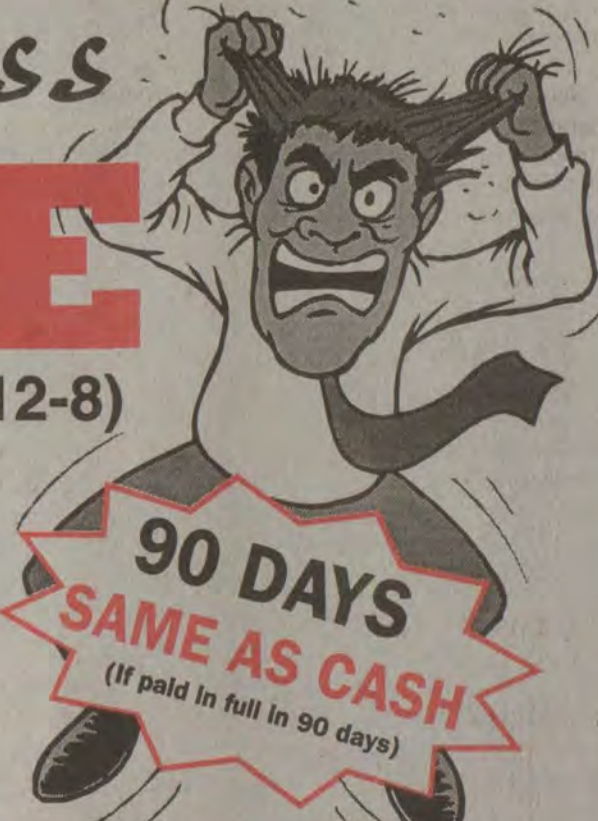
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Ronnie Hall, 29, of Galveston; criminal trespass, 3rd degree, no contact with complaining witness and no violations of the law for 12 months, waive court costs.

Ronnie Hall, 29, of Price; violation of EPO, 30 days jail, probated 12 months on condition there is no contact with witness, no violation of the law for 12 months, and is to enroll in AA and show proof within 10 days, pay court costs in 30 days.

Janie M. Bryant, 43, of Prestonsburg; 4th degree assault, \$62.50, 30 days probated.

George Hill, 27, of Weeksbury; 4th degree assault, \$112.50, 90 days, 30 days probated.

Lonzo Bryant, 36, of Teaberry; 4th degree assault, minor injury, \$112.50, 180 days jail, probated 90 days, 4th degree assault, merged.

Helen Prater, 39, of Tutor Key; driving side-to-side, merged with operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, \$457.50, 2 days public service, alcohol and drug education classes.

Scott E. Ramey, 28, of Garrett; AI (3 or more) amend to DUI (2nd), \$102.50, disorderly conduct, \$50.

Keith Justice, 29, of Martin; AI (1st, 2nd), \$87.50, criminal mischief, \$100.

Wade Jackson, age unknown, Salyersville; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, \$607.50, alcohol and drug education classes, 7 days jail.

Keith Gayheart, 22, of McDowell; AI (1st, 2nd), \$97.50, possession of marijuana, 20 days jail, drug paraphernalia, merged, endangering the welfare of a minor, two counts, merged.

Scotty Gibson, 23, of Wayland; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant; 3 or more with in 5 years, \$767.50, alcohol and drug education classes, 30 days jail, driving DUI under suspended license, 30 days jail to be served concurrently, operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant; dismissed, no insurance, dismissed, failure to register transfer, dismissed, obstructed windshield, dismissed, no seatbelts, dismissed.

Tivis Adams, 39, of Martin; theft by deception, \$52.50, 30 days jail, 180 days to pay restitution to Dollar General Store, 15 days credit time served.

Richard W. Salyer, 49, of Corbin; speed freight carrying vehicle, \$120, refer to state traffic school.

Jamie Riddle, 19, of Virgie; speeding 15 mph over limit, \$90.

Patricia McNeil, 30, of Prestonsburg; third degree criminal trespass, \$87.50.

Joe Wireman, no age or address, AI (1st, 2nd) \$87.50, disorderly conduct, \$50.

Charles Shell, 32, of Prestonsburg; criminal trespass, first degree, \$112.50, PI, excludes alcohol, \$50, paid to DARE Program, marijuana possession, 10 days, possession of a controlled substance, 10 days jail.

John D. Hurd, 23, of David; PI (excludes alcohol), \$97.50, possession of drug paraphernalia, \$50 paid to DARE Program, 5 days jail, first degree criminal trespass, \$50.

Henry Burchett, 33, of David; possession of marijuana, \$162.50, \$100 paid to DARE Program.

Phillip Stone, 29, of Combs; speeding 19 mph over limit, \$98.

Larry Duddlestone, 49, of Hueysville; operating a motor vehicle under the influence of an intoxicant, \$467.50, alcohol and drug education classes, 10 days public service.

Crystal Blankenship, 24, of Stopover; speeding 20 mph over limit, \$100.

Gregory Kinney, 27, of Phoenix, Arizona; speeding 20 mph over limit, \$100, no seatbelts, \$10, no insurance, 10 days to show proof.

Mark Evans, 27, of Shelbyana; speeding 15 mph over the limit, \$90, no license, dismissed with proof.

Veronica Conley, 23, of Salyersville; speeding 15 mph over the limit, amend to defective equipment, \$77.50, improper equipment, dismissed, two counts no seatbelts, \$50, no registration receipt, dismissed, no seatbelts, three counts, dismissed.

Mary L. Hall, 24, of Grethel; speeding 15 mph over limit, amend to defective equipment, suspend fine, pay costs, no insurance, dismissed.

Teresa Adams, 36, of Salyersville; speeding 17 mph over limit, \$94, no seatbelts, \$25, no seatbelts, dismissed, no license, dismissed.

Suits Filed

Triple B Corporation of Prestonsburg vs. Pamela Allen et al.; alleged debt.

Cindy Justice of Harold vs. Allan Tackett et al. of Hi Hat; compensation for injuries sustained on or about March 21, 1997 on Rt. 979 at Harold.

ITT Hartford Group, Inc. of Hartford, Conn. vs. Gladys Conn of Martin; contract dispute.

Gary Williams of Wintonsville vs. Lisa Williams of Staffordsville; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Loretta Howard of Boonscamp vs. Highlands Regional Medical Center of Prestonsburg; compensation for alleged injuries sustained on or about February 17, 1997 in the emergency room, there.

Bobbie Morrison of Allen vs. Mark Weisenburger et al. of Louisville; petition for compensation for injuries sustained on or about January 13, 1996 in Prestonsburg Village, Prestonsburg.

Gregory Crace vs. Church of Christ in Martin; petition for injuries sustained on or about January 19, 1997 at Martin.

Raymond Jarrell vs. Ben Hale of Prestonsburg; contract dispute.

Betsey Collins of Allen vs. Ricky Blackburn of Prestonsburg; petition for injuries sustained on or about September 9, 1997 on Rt. 1428.

Credit Acceptance Corporation vs. James Moore et al. of Bevinville; alleged debt.

Jacqueline Gibson of Blue River vs. Johnny Gibson of Kissimmee, Florida; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Erin Crum et al. of Prestonsburg vs. Collie Hall et al. of Pikeville; contract dispute.

Elmer Tankersley of Wheelwright vs. Rhonda Tankersley of Murray; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Community Trust Bank of Pikeville vs. Ronnie Newsome of Wheelwright; alleged debt.

American States Insurance vs. Lloyd Johnson et al. of Prestonsburg; alleged debt.

Patricia Murphy of Wayland vs. Floyd County Board of Education; contract dispute.

Florence Harris of Prestonsburg vs. Floyd County Board of Education; contract dispute.

Frank Branham of El Paso,

Texas vs. James McClung et al. of Prestonsburg; contract dispute.

Kevin Dotson of Richmond vs. Nikki Dotson of Richmond; petition for dissolution of marriage.

Billy Baker of Thelma vs. Oliver Setser of Auxler; petition for compensation for injuries sustained on or about June 26, 1997 on US 23 in Prestonsburg.

Prestonsburg Police Dispatch Logs

Editor's note: Dispatch records are taken from the logs of the Prestonsburg Police Department.

January 12

12:30 a.m. — An anonymous male called dispatch to report that his 17-year-old daughter had left home, presumably to meet up with a Layne House man scheduled to be released today, and that the two had met while both were hospitalized.

9:42 a.m. — Super 8 Motel reported a vehicle break-in.

1:28 p.m. — Paintsville dispatch advised PPD of two women posing as a deaf/mute duo had been going into food stores and while one distracted the employees, the other robbed the stores.

2:34 p.m. — A runaway was reported from the Job Corps facility.

3:00 p.m. — The lights on Court Street were reported not working correctly.

4:30 p.m. — An anonymous report of a female runaway spotted at Green Acres.

5:50 p.m. — A two-vehicle accident without injuries was reported at Goble-Roberts.

January 13

7:52 a.m. — A deer was reported hit at the intersection of US 23/1428.

3:39 p.m. — An accident without injuries was reported on North Arnold Avenue.

4:53 p.m. — A woman at Food City advised PPD that a child was locked inside a vehicle.

January 14

6:40 a.m. — A Rose Drive man requested EMS, then refused to go with them.

12:08 p.m. — Archer Clinic advised PPD that a man had attacked a doctor, and was believed to be going back to his home on Rose Drive. Subject, presumably armed, then called dispatch, apparently suicidal, wanting to see his attorney.

1:29 p.m. — A vehicle fire was reported on top of the Holiday Inn hill.

9:28 p.m. — A small fire was

noticed at a storage building on Rose Drive.

January 15

7:36 a.m. — An accident with injuries was reported on the overpass of US 23/80.

8:40 a.m. — An accident with injuries was reported south of the Lancer red lights.

8:13 p.m. — McDonald's advised PPD that a possible intoxicated male was bothering individuals there, then went into Winn-Dixie, then Super 8, where he claimed to be the sheriff.

January 16

10:00 a.m. — A man at Archer Clinic advised that a man was calling and threatening him.

10:12 a.m. — McDonald's reported that three or four males were smoking marijuana as they went through the drive-thru.

1:32 p.m. — A woman reported a two-vehicle accident without injuries near Trans Financial Bank.

6:16 p.m. — The Kentucky State Police advised dispatch that alcohol had been stolen from

County Line Liquors by a subject that was heading towards Prestonsburg.

9:24 p.m. — Dairy Queen advised that a male went through their drive-thru using profane language to their employees.

January 17

11:48 a.m. — EMS was requested to come to Goble-Roberts for a woman having a seizure.

12:06 p.m. — An anonymous woman reported her boyfriend is taking items from their home and pawning them.

6:14 p.m. — A Goble-Roberts woman reported that her ex-boyfriend was trying to force his way into her home.

7:40 p.m. — A woman advised dispatch that her friend had called and wanted her to pick her up near Puck's Tattoo Parlor because her boyfriend was beating on her.

11:06 p.m. — Shell Mart reported a man in their store causing a disturbance.

11:53 p.m. — Job Corps reported two juveniles were out of control.

January 18

12:42 p.m. — Job Corps reported a fight in the male dorm.

2:10 a.m. — A South Lake Drive woman reported boys were shooting fireworks and making her dogs bark.

3:50 a.m. — A domestic dispute was reported in progress at Highland Heights.

12:47 p.m. — A Goble-Roberts man needed police escort to his home to drop off some items and check to see if his television was still there.

8:05 p.m. — Sparkling Car Wash reported female runaways in a vehicle with a driver that doesn't speak English.

8:53 p.m. — A Goble-Roberts woman reported someone was trying to get into her house.

10:42 p.m. — A domestic fight was reported at Goble-Roberts.

11:30 p.m. — A Goble-Roberts resident requested extra patrol because her boyfriend was there causing trouble.

11:58 p.m. — A domestic dispute with possible injuries was reported at Goble-Roberts.

Attention, Senior Citizens

Study Related to Proposed Independent Living/ Assisted-Independent Living Community

Highlands Regional Medical Center, its parent organization (Consolidated Health Systems), and a group of area investors are considering building an independent living and assisted-independent living facility between Prestonsburg and Paintsville.

Gallagher Research Services is conducting a study to determine the types of facilities and services that senior citizens in the area desire.

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Hall's 60th

Troy and Stella Branham Hall, of Somerset, formerly of Allen, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 14, at the home of Kenneth and Janella Hall Conn, of Somerset. The couple were married on December 23, 1937, at Dwale, by the Rev. Johnny Nelson. The Halls have six daughters, five sons (two deceased), 16 grandchildren (one deceased), and ten great-grandchildren.

WEDDINGS ENGAGEMENTS



Williamson and Hamilton to wed

Jesse Williamson of Pikeville, announces the marriage of his daughter, Janice Denise Williamson of Ivel, to Marty Keith Hamilton of Betsy Layne, son of Emmitt Hamilton Jr. They were married on January 8 at the Faith First Baptist Church in Regina. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Rick Wright with Lisa Wright and Carl C. Hall as witnesses. Marty is self-employed with Marty's Detail Shop in Betsy Layne. Denise is employed as F&I Manager of Fletcher and Halls Motor Corporation in Pikeville. They will reside in Betsy Layne.

AG NEWS

by Patricia G. Spicer
Floyd County Cooperative
Extension Service
Agent for Agriculture and
Natural Resources

Rising sparks from this year's cozy fire can ignite creosote that collected in your chimney last winter. Chimney fires cause millions of dollars in property damage every year, and a significant number of those blazes could have been prevented by maintenance and common sense.

Professional cleaning eliminates dangerous buildup of creosote, a byproduct of burning wood. It's carried upward in the smoke but rarely makes it all the way out of the chimney. The surfaces inside a chimney aren't as hot as the fire, so creosote tends to condense and collect there. If the deposits get thick enough, they can be ignited by a hot fire. Once it starts to burn, creosote reaches temperatures as high as 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The heat can cause structural damage to the chimney or even set the house

ablaze. Creosote typically forms a black, bubbly crust you can see looking down into a chimney from the roof, up through the damper, or by holding a mirror inside exterior clean out doors. Smoking and back drafting fires are typical signs of creosote buildup. But if you haven't had your chimney cleaned since last fall, you can be sure it needs it now.

You should check your chimney regularly. Whenever the creosote accumulation is more than a quarter of an inch thick, it should be cleaned. Because it's such an important—and messy—task, it is recommended that you hire a certified chimney sweep.

If they're certified, their ad will say so. Certification tells you they've been trained and meet professional standards. You also want a sweep with liability insurance coverage. A certified sweep will not only check for crumbling mortar, but also for other unsoundness that can lead to chimney fires.

Once your chimney is clean, there are steps you can take to keep creosote buildup to a minimum. The cooler the fire is, the more creosote you're going to get. Fires that smolder for a long time produce more creosote than hot, blazing fires. It is also recommended burning only well-seasoned hardwood. Freshly cut wood burns a lot cooler and produces more creosote, because it takes a lot of the fire's energy just to evaporate the moisture in unseasoned logs.

For more information, contact Pat Spicer at the extension office at 886-2668 or stop by at 670 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg.

Clean chimneys for fireplace safety

Yesterdays

(Continued from page one)

January 4 at the Paintsville hospital...There died: Guy E. Childers, 68, formerly of Allen and Martin, Tuesday at Huntington, West Virginia; Hiram (Hie) Stephens, 77, Sunday at his home at Martin; Andrew J. Brown, 75, of East McDowell, Friday at the McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital; Katherine Gayheart, 93, of Garrett, Sunday at the Prestonsburg General Hospital; Lois Ann Durand, 25, formerly of Auxier, Tuesday at Sacramento, California; Christian (Chris) May, 81, last Tuesday at his home at Regina (Pike County); Ellis Martin, 83, of Garrett, Sunday at the Methodist Hospital, Pikeville.

Forty Years Ago (January 16, 1958)

Purchase of rights-of-way for the Prestonsburg-Auxier by-pass of U.S. 23 has begun, preparatory to an expected contract on the \$800,000 roadbuilding project next spring, it was said here this week...After completion of a special population study on Dewey Lake this week, Bernie Carter, chief biologist for the Kentucky Division of Fisheries, said the fishing prospects at the reservoir "looks pretty bright"...The number of persons certified to receive government commodities in this county stood at 6,787 persons for January, but the number is climbing according to G. R. Spradlin, head of the distribution program in this county...Sheriff Hershell Warrens' official move against the illicit liquor business in this county came Sunday night when he led a party of four of his deputies in the capture of a moonshine still near Lambert, on Clear Creek...There died: Ivo S. Clark, 83, of Wheelwright, Thursday of last week at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Enoch Hicks, 71, of Garrett, Monday at the McDowell Memorial Hospital; Lacy Collins, 73, of Auxier, Saturday at the home of a son; Wilburn Bentley, 92, Tuesday at the home of a son at Beaver; William Floyd Justice, 77, of Endicott, Sunday at the home of a relative; Mrs. Perchie Moore, 63, of Lackey, last Wednesday at the Beaver Valley Hospital, Martin; Ralph Greene, 31, Saturday at his home at Weeksbury.

Fifty Years Ago (January 15, 1948)

A record two-year budget of \$111,197,679.64 was asked of the Kentucky Legislature Monday by Governor Earle C. Clements, but even that figure was far short of the total asked for operation of all the state's agencies...Two miners were killed in accidents during the week: Johnny Meade, 39, of Dema, part-owner of the Rice Elkhorn Coal Company at Lackey, was instantly killed last Thursday when trapped beneath a 10-ton slatefall; Harold Perkins, 45, of Hindman, died at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey, Sunday, five days after his skull was fractured by a flying block of coal in a truck mine at Garner, Knott county...Wider support for the proposed Floyd County Public Library was seen here in the early days of the new year, with local groups planning intensified efforts...Injuries suffered Tuesday night of last week in a fall from the Betsy Layne bridge resulted last Thursday in the death at the Prestonsburg General Hospital of J. D. (Joe) Hatfield, 71-year-old Betsy Layne man...Among the projects covered by

President Truman's proposed budget of \$663,219,000 for waterways over the nation was the Dewey Dam reservoir on John's Creek. Congress is asked \$2,071,000 for the Floyd county project...Bill Jack Stephens, of West Prestonsburg, sustained a broken back and chest injuries Friday when caught between a coal car and the roof of the truck mine operated on Middle Creek by Mr. Stephens and W. C. Rimmer, of Prestonsburg...Wheelwright's new \$8,500 fire truck arrived Wednesday, and it was announced that immediate training of a volunteer fire department will be begin...Authorities here are unable to connect with any crime, old or modern, the human skull found last week atop a Middle Creek ridge by Goble (Jack) Branham Jr., of West Prestonsburg, while hunting..."Bay Horse," a rather potent substitute for White Horse and other standard liquor brands, is causing police here and a few business men considerable annoyance. "Bay Horse" is local jargon for bay rum, and its current popularity is even cutting in on the business of those who deal in the bonded variety...There died: Phares Crisp, 73, of Martin, Monday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Elizabeth Ellen Spears, 72, at home at Tram, Friday morning.

Sixty Years Ago (January 20, 1938)

Alleged irregularities at the August primary and the November election resulted this week in the grand jury returning six indictments naming Floyd County poll officials and a precinct worker on counts including the voting of voters not present at the polls, intimidating voters and electioneering in the voting house...Spinal meningitis outnumbered all other communicable diseases which required field visits of the Floyd County Health Department last year, the report released this week by Dr. Marvin Ransdell, department director, shows...Prestonsburg's first all home-owned wholesale grocery—Central Wholesale Grocery—will be in operation within the next few weeks and will be located in the I. Richmond Company building on First Avenue...The newly-completed Weeksbury school, consisting of 14 classrooms, study hall and an auditorium and built at total cost of \$37,000 is now being attended by more than 400 students in the Weeksbury area...Sixteen Prestonsburg citizens have been selected here as committeemen, with Frank Layne as chairman, to aid in the observance of the President's birthday, with a week of activities culminating with the President's ball, that will attempt to raise funds of fight infantile paralysis...Married: Delpha Johnson, formerly to Prestonsburg, and C. L. Keeton, of Salyersville, New Year's Day in Lexington...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Brady Shepherd, a daughter, Magadalene, January 6 at their home here; to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Compton, of Dock, a daughter, Julia Ann...There died: Ballard Branham, 47, at his home here last Thursday; Matt Caudill, 26, at home on Stephens Branch, January 11; H. K. Brown, father of E. B. Brown, of Prestonsburg, Sunday at his home in Lawrence County; Dave Wiley, former C. & O. section foreman, January 11 at the Stumbo Memorial Hospital, Lackey.

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NEW ARRIVALS

HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

January 6: A son, Timothy Jared, to Donna Kaye and Timothy H. Williams of Oil Springs.
January 7: A daughter, Angel

Rachelle Reffett, to Kathy Jean Taylor of Van Lear.

January 8: A son, James Christian Lindsey, to Kristie and James Stacy, of Salyersville.

January 9: A daughter, Annie

Katherine Nicole Allred, to Jessica Dawn Miller of Langley; a daughter, Megan Lynn, to Thelma and Joseph Jones of Allen; and a son, Jason Alexander Spencer, to Beth-Ann Honeycutt of Flat Gap.

January 10: A daughter, Jannah Elizabeth, to Amy and Wesley Halbert of Martin.

January 11: A daughter, Kaytlin Dean, to Jessica and Steven Mosley of Topmost; and a daughter, Brittany LeAnn, to Shana and Harvey D. Caudill of Wittenerville.

January 12: A son, Travis Andrew, to Teresa Lynn and Travis Len Puckett of Salyersville; a daughter, Alexis Nicole, to Sheila and Everette S. Hatmaker of Topmost; a son, Aaron Dean, to Lisa Rose and Ricky Fairchild of Paintsville; and a daughter, Megan Leona, to Leona and Elijah Stepp of Inez.

January 13: A daughter, Madlyn Elizabeth, to Leslie E. and Rodney Ousley of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Katelyn Nicole Stull Cooley, to Jama Stull of Prestonsburg, and a daughter, Ashley Danielle, to Lea Etta and Phillip Earl Weimann of Hindman.

January 15: A son, Jonathan Bailey, to Timothy and Dara Herald of Staffordsville; a son, Brad Allen, to Janie Lynn and George Edward Pennington of Williamsport; and a daughter, Taylor Drew, to Kristie and Eric Lewis of Paintsville.

January 17: A son, Theodore Alexander, to Eleni and Iraklis C. Livas of Staffordsville.

Nykole, to Randa Renee and Brian Mitchell Dotson; a daughter, Mikah Jo, to Leta Jo Griffith and Joey Fitch.

January 4: A son, Nathon Ryan, to Daretha Lynn and Avery Rodney Hunt.

January 5: A son, Dustin Tyler, to Christy Lynn and Darrell Wayne Varney; a daughter, Lauren Ashley, to Teresa Dell and Jimmy Reed Adkins; a son, Brenden Connor Hurston, to Rebecca Martin and Stephen Plymale II; twins sons, Jordan Scott Muse and Justin Kyle, to Jennifer Jo Muse.

January 6: A son, Chase Micheal Allen, to Rachel Danielle and Steven Allen Keen; a daughter, Katie Elizabeth, to Violet May and Wayne Tackett; a daughter, Emily Lauren, to Wendy Patrice and David Wayne Thacker; a daughter, Jonna Michelle, to Peggy Ellen and Michael David Ousley; a son, Tony Wayne, to Melissa Jean and Tony Ray Conley.

January 7: A son, John Cody, to Bobbie Arenia and John Kevin Hess; a son, Haley Brooke, to Pamela Sue and Mark Allen May.

January 8: A daughter, Brandi Rae, to Deborah Lynn and Randall Paul Bevins.

January 9: A son, John Edward Triston, to Christine Ann and Charles Edward Murphy; a daughter, Megan Leigh, to Bobbi Jo and Wesley Ronadall Workman.

January 12: A daughter, Caitlyn Michelle, to Rebecca Ann and Joey Elbert Justice; a daughter, Jasmine Leigh, to Jessica Lee and Robert Steven Compton; a son, Donnie Eugene Keene Jr., to Sabrina Jo and Donnie Eugene Keene; a son, Daniel R. H. Blake Robinette, to Carla Lea and Roy Daniel Robinette; a son, Tylan Kane, to Tomeca Fawn and Dennis Ray Tackett.

January 13: A son, Cody Dean Junior, to Cherly Ann Rogers; a son, Austin Ryan, to Letisha Sue and Scotty Ray Yates; a son, Isaiah Jordan, to April Mullins; a son, Brian Lee Newman, to Morhonda Gaye Hamilton.

January 14: A son, James Carson, to Carol Ann and Christopher Alan King.

McDonalds announce birth

Kateland Elizabeth-Rose McDonald, daughter of Ted Nelson



Kateland McDonald

and Stephanie Ann-Elizabeth McDonald of Martin, was born on December 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. She weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 in. long.

Kateland's paternal grandparents are Jeffery and Mary McDonald of Prestonsburg. Her maternal grandparents are Calvin and Leslie Ann Sizemore of Martin. Her paternal great-grandparents are Helena Nelson of Cow Creek and the late Ted Nelson. The maternal great-grandparents are Merle and Deanna May of Martin. Her paternal great-grandparents are Haime Warrix of Cow Creek and the late Theodore Warrix. The maternal great-grandparents are Dean Merritt of Emma, and the late Wilma Agnes Leslie Merritt.

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BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Sanders celebrates 80th birthday

Rev. Leroy Sanders will celebrate his 80th birthday, Tuesday, January 20.

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Rev. Sanders

United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Illinois.

Sanders married Sarah Berry on January 19, 1935. She is now deceased. The couple had four children: Bobby of Owenton; Joan Wilmert of Springfield, Illinois; Marshall of Coffeen, Illinois; and Libby of Jacksonville, Illinois. He has eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Rev. Sanders has served Lock Port Methodist Church, Gent Methodist Church, Port Royal Methodist Church, Martin/Allen Methodist Church, Elkhorn City Methodist Church, and Prestonsburg Community Methodist Church, all in Kentucky.

He moved from Kentucky to serve in the Illinois conference in 1964. He retired in 1982.

Letters or cards can be sent to him at: Rev. Leroy Sanders; 133 Richards; Jacksonville, Illinois 62650.

PIKEVILLE METHODIST

December 29: A daughter, Brianna Lashae, to Melissa Kaye and Carl David Justice.

December 30: A son, Benjamin Parker, to Theresa Karen and Donald Dwayne Hall; a son, Timothy Mark, to Lisa Lee and Oscar Timothy McCoy; a daughter, Alexis Faith Williams, to Staci Tennifer Abshire; a daughter, Nikki Raj, to Panna and Virgibhai Patel.

December 31: A son, Larry Paul Dee, to Vicky Lynn and Paul Allen Henson; a son, Michael Douglas, to Valerie Renee and Kevin Douglas Hopkins.

January 1: A son, Murphy McCrae, to Misty Madel and David McCrae Deskins.

January 2: A daughter, Amanda McKayla, to Jennifer Ann and Gormond Lee McKinney.

January 3: A daughter, Brianna



Kyle Burgess, eighth grade student at Auxier Elementary, transformed a toy boat into a "motor boat" by creatively using a battery, motor and propeller. Kyle took his invention to school to demonstrate it to his classmates.

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COMMUNITY ENCOURAGER

by Katie Newsome

A task force has been formed to have ambulance services cover "blind spots" in the area. This came about as a recommendation of the Community Health Council after conducting a Community Initiated Decision Making (CIDM) process in 1996-97.

Local ambulance owners and community people have been meeting since September, 1997 at McDowell ARH to discuss ways of providing better emergency medical service (EMS) to residents.

There are currently 26 ambulance units that serve Floyd County. This number is two more than serve Fayette County and the Lexington area. It is noteworthy that our area is not flat—we have mountains,

hollers, creeks and a multitude of geographical and directional obstacles that are encountered daily when responding to a call for EMS.

Several concerns have surfaced during the sessions of this task force.

Competition among the ambulance services has been recognized, and owners and personnel of those services has agreed on "friendly competition"—they realize that conflicts will arise, but are breathing a sigh of relief because they can sit down at a table, and discuss any problems and help bring about solutions that will work for both the EMS and the community.

Seventeen community people and ambulance service owners comprise the body of this task

force. This group has chosen Phillip Elliott (owner of LifeLine and Respond) as their chairperson with Danny Gullett (director of Left Beaver Ambulance Service) as the co-chairperson.

Several questions by the community has been brought up, such as, "Why does an ambulance run cost so much?" This question and more will be discussed in upcoming issues of this paper.

If you have comments, concerns or questions you would like the ambulance service providers to answer contact any of the Ambulance Task Force members or contact Katie Newsome, Community Outreach Coordinator at 358-9763 or Danny Gullett at 377-6773.



Ambulance Task Force

Morgan Joseph, Doug Rice, Phillip Elliott, Katie Newsome and Daniel Gullett.

Somebody's gonna win.

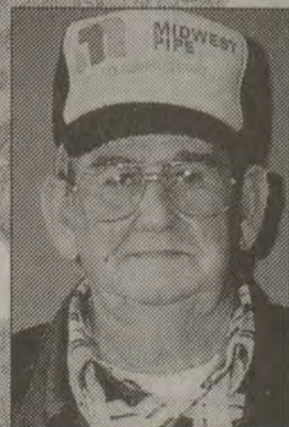
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BUSINESS/REAL ESTATE

VNG and MG Industries announce deal

Valley National Gases Incorporated (Nasdaq: VNGI) and M G Industries (Malvern PA) recently announced that they have completed an agreement for the sale of a portion of M G's bulk carbon dioxide business providing to specific customers in parts of seven states to Valley. The agreement also provides an option for Valley to purchase carbon dioxide from specific new M G plants.

The bulk carbon dioxide business includes specified contracts with customers, bulk product storage vessels and trailers. The business currently generates approximately \$2 million in annualized sales.

"These customers can be readily serviced through our established distribution system and this business provides an excellent addition to our

existing base of bulk CO2 customers," said Lawrence Bandi, President and Chief Executive Officer of Valley National Gases. "We are excited to have the opportunity to continue providing to these customers the same level of service excellence that they are accustomed to with M G Industries."

"Given recent changes in our carbon dioxide product supply sources and distribution systems, we concluded that it would be best for these customers to be serviced locally," said James Freeman III, Vice President and General Manager of M G's CO2 business. "This is an excellent example of combining the strengths of M G in production and large volume supply, with Valley in customer distribution and service in these regions, to ensure the highest

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M G Industries, with headquarters in Malvern, Pennsylvania, supplies industrial and process gas supply and application technologies, welding supplies and cutting systems to a variety of industries, serving customers across the Americas through a network of strategically placed production and distribution sites. M G Industries is the American affiliate of Messer, a global leader in industrial gases. Messer is a member of the Hoechst Group of companies.

Valley National Gases, with headquarters in Wheeling, West Virginia, is a leading packager and distributor of industrial, medical and specialty gases, welding equipment and supplies, propane and fire protection equipment, operating fifty-

two locations in ten states, with seven production and distribution centers in the mid-Atlantic and Midwestern regions of the United States.

Valley completed the acquisition of Buckeye Welder Services, Inc. ("Buck-Weld") on December 19, 1997 and the acquisition of Mundy's Welding Supply, Inc. on November 26, 1997. Buck-Weld, with locations in Columbus and Lima, Ohio has annual sales of approximately \$8 million. Mundy's, with locations in Altoona and Glassport, Pennsylvania has annual sales of approximately \$2 million. Valley has added approximately \$43 million in annualized sales within the past fifteen months through acquisitions.

Additional information on the Company is available on the internet at: <http://www.vngas.com>.

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COMMERCE CORNER

by **Carla Coburn**
 Executive Director
 Chamber of Commerce

This week, the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is planning for the first taping of The Chamber Show, a monthly informative program which will promote the organization, its projects and the 250+ businesses that are members of the Chamber of Commerce. The first program will be an overview of membership services, and will be filmed in the CableVision studio



Carla Coburn

this Thursday. Members, mark your calendars for the upcoming Chamber Seminar, "How the Internet Can Help Local Business." This seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, from 2 p.m. through 5 p.m. at the Mountain Arts Center. The seminar agenda will include workshops on "How the Internet Works," an Internet Demonstration, "Ways to Utilize the Internet for your Business." Presentation of the Chamber of Commerce Internet Site, and "Ideas

for Preparing your Employees for the Internet."

The seminar will be instructed by Michael Paynter of KIH On-Line, and will include presentations by Chris Kidd, Highlands Regional Medical Center; Stephanie Baldwin, Manpower Temporary Services; and Chris Conley, Prestonsburg Community College.

The registration fee for the seminar is \$15 for Chamber Members and \$25 for non-members. Companies can send as many participants as they wish; however, advanced registration is suggested due to limited seating.

To receive a registration form, contact Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Carla S. Coburn at (606) 886-0364.

This week, we welcome the following members who have dedicated their businesses as a part of our organization: St. James Episcopal Church, WYMT-TV, Carl D. Perkins Job Corps Center, Food City of Prestonsburg, Dowell Schlumberger, Super 8 Motel, and Prestonsburg Community College.

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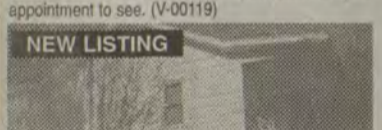
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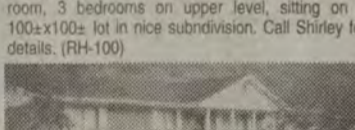
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10:00 a.m. - RT. 119, SIDNEY—Tract of land with approximately 875 ft. road frontage.
DIRECTIONS: Property is located across the road from the Chevron Service Station in Sidney.

11:00 a.m. - DIX FORK—Approximately 800 ft. road frontage with 36 acres more or less total property. Property includes a 3 bedroom, brick house with approx. 1100 sq. ft.
DIRECTIONS: From Sidney, go approximately one mile east on Rt. 119 (toward Williamson), turn right onto Dix Fork. Property is approximately one mile on the right.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 1998

10:00 a.m. - LANCER—Approximately 15 acre tract of land with approximately one acre level.
DIRECTIONS: From Prestonsburg take Rt. 1428 toward Jenny Wiley State Park. Property is next to Ray Howard Furniture and across the road from Briarwood Subdivision.

11:00 a.m. - MCDOWELL - REAL ESTATE: 40' x 60' metal shop building with bay doors on each end. Situated on approximately 2 acres of bottomland. Blacktop road.

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FOR LEASE WITH OR WITHOUT OPTION TO BUY: 4 bedroom, completely fenced, fireplace, decks, private, minutes to Prestonsburg, Paintsville. \$595/month firm. References required. 886-8108.

ONE BEDROOM HOUSE FOR RENT: Stove, refrigerator, and dinette set in Prestonsburg. \$350/month utilities (except cable and telephone) paid \$125 deposit. Call between 9 AM and 8 PM. 874-1246.

THREE BEDROOM, TWO BATH HOUSE FOR RENT: Nice neighborhood, 1 1/2 story, in Prestonsburg. \$425/month plus utilities \$200 deposit. Call between 9 AM and 8 PM 874-1246.

HOUSE FOR RENT IN PRESTONSBURG: 4 Rooms and bath, central heat/air. \$350/month \$200 deposit. References, 886-8077.

FOR RENT: 2 BR House in Garrett, partially furnished. Central air/heat. Call 606-358-9695.

HOUSE FOR RENT: Two bedroom. \$250/month, \$100 cleaning deposit required. Appliances available at additional monthly charge. Drift. Call 377-2113 after 5 PM.

THREE BEDROOM BRICK HOME FOR RENT: 5 Mi. from Prestonsburg. \$450/month plus deposit. 874-8967.

THREE BEDROOM HOUSE with farm setting. Large fenced front yard. \$365/month and deposit. Call 606-789-9428.

FOR RENT: Two bedroom house for rent. You pay own utilities. \$275/month \$150 deposit. Ask for Ish or Beth. 886-2134

Apartments For Rent

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT everything furnished, all utilities paid. \$400/monthly or \$125/weekly. Located near Hospital at Martin, KY. Call 285-0650.

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT close to PCC and Highland's Regional. Needs to be seen to appreciate. 886-9291.

FOR RENT: Small, nice, clean, efficiency apartment. Electric, heat, air, furnished. \$165/month. Deposit required. Utilities extra. 886-6208.

WINCHESTER APARTMENTS: 1 bedroom, all utilities included. \$365/month \$150 deposit. 606-928-9741.

NICE TOWNHOUSE APARTMENT two bedroom, one bath. Stove, refrigerator, central air/heat, W/D hookup. Good location at US. 23 and Rt. 80. \$405/month plus utilities. One year lease. 886-6551 or 237-4758.

TWO BEDROOM 1 1/2 bath Townhouse and One Bedroom Apartment. 886-8991.

FIRST MONTHS RENT FREE with paid security deposit. New!! 1 and 2 Bedroom Apartments Available. **PARK PLACE APARTMENTS** Monday - Friday 9:00 - 4:00 (606) 886-0039 Offer expires 1-31-98

ONE BEDROOM APARTMENT on Cooley Street. \$325/month plus electricity and deposit. Also, two bedroom duplex below hospital. Call 886-2880.

Mobile Homes For Rent

THREE BEDROOM MOBILE HOME: Bucks Branch, Martin. 874-8967.

FOR RENT: 2 BR Mobile Home. Private lot. Fenced yard. 8 x 10 outside storage building. Washer and Dryer included. All utilities turned on. 874-9049.

FOR RENT: 1 Bedroom Trailer. Good location. Real clean, private, near Prestonsburg and Lake. Utilities partly paid. 886-3941.

ONE BEDROOM TRAILER: All utilities furnished. \$350/month. Private. 285-3061.

FOR RENT: 2 BR Mobile Home. Furnished. All utilities turned on. Fenced yard. 874-9049.

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT: 1 large BR, newly remodeled on private lot. Near Mt. Parkway, Bonanza. 6 Mi. from Prestonsburg off Rt. 1427 Abbot Road. \$300/month plus deposit. 606-285-9236.

FOR RENT: Two trailers, clean, private. Call 886-0479 after 6:00 PM.

FOR RENT: 3 BR trailer, water included \$250/month. \$100 deposit. Located at Grethel, above Mud Creek. 874-1214.

TRAILER FOR RENT: 1 BR at Berna in Knott County. Washer, dryer, stove, refrigerator, and water furnished. 946-2529 or 358-9617.

FOR RENT: 2 BR Trailer. Located near Clark School on Rt. 114 \$275/month + utilities. Available Feb. 9th. 606-285-9991 leave message.

TWO BEDROOM TRAILER FOR RENT: C/Air and Heat. In Auxier. 275/month \$100 Dep. 886-6895.

FOR RENT: Mobile Home on private lot. Two bedroom, refrigerator, and stove included. Must have references and deposit. Call 358-9142.

FOR RENT: Two - Three bedroom mobile home, located on Cow Creek. \$375/month includes gas heat. Security deposit required. Call 874-2802 J. Davis.

FOR RENT: New model 14' x 65'. 2-bedroom, 2 bath, mobile home. Total electric. Stove and refrigerator, new carpet. Between Prestonsburg and Paintsville on old US. 23. Also have lots for rent. Call 886-9007.

AKERS TRAILER COURT in New Allen has several trailers for rent. 1 1/2 to 2 bedrooms. Call 874-8978 or 874-8039 after 5 p.m.

Office/Retail Space For Rent

WHY PAY HIGH RISE MEDICAL OFFICE RATES?? Part-time, MEDICAL OFFICE space available with us at reasonable rates. Fully equipped, 24 hour answering service. Located on the 4-Lane, US. 23, near Johnson and Floyd County line.

FOR RENT ON NORTH LAKE approximately 3,500 sq. ft. of office or retail space. Call: 606-789-3292

Space for Rent

SPACE FOR RENT: Next door to Christina's Flower Shop. 1 Mi. North of Prestonsburg. 886-3680.

Mobile Home Lots For Rent

LARGE PRIVATE TRAILER LOT with farm setting. All hookups available. \$145/month, \$145 deposit. Call 606-789-9428.

FOUR TRAILER LOTS FOR RENT: All hookups available. Located at Blue River. Call 886-6186 or 886-8286.

TRAILER LOT FOR RENT: Contact 874-0440.

Employment Available

AVON: BUY OR SELL. Call Jancy at 886-2082.

MARTIN COUNTY HOME HEALTH / MINGO WAYNE HOME HEALTH is now accepting applications for a Speech / Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist and Physical Therapist. Applicant must be licensed in West Virginia and Kentucky. Service area is Mingo and Wayne counties in West Virginia and Martin County in Kentucky. Attractive benefits package available. May work full or part-time. If interested, please contact Madge May, RN, Assistant Administrator at 606-298-7748. Martin County Home Health is an equal opportunity employer.

POSITION AVAILABLE: Dental Assistant. Experience preferred. Benefits include: paid vacation, holidays, and retirement plan. PO Box 444, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

SALES POSITION: Energetic, self motivated, go getter to sell cheerleading & dance uniforms to schools & youth groups. Draw + comm. \$30K + potential. Send resume to: PepQuarters, 4535 Poplar Level Road, Louisville Ky. 40213.

POSITION AVAILABLE: Coordinator of Benefits Counselling Program for Elderly. Duties include: learn details of federal and state benefit programs, recruit volunteers, travel 5 county Big Sandy area. Requirements: college or equivalent work experience, good communication skills. Must have vehicle. This is a part-time job (15 hours/week). Six month appointment with possibility of extension - \$6.50 per hour. Send letter expressing interest and resume to: Ms. Carol Napier, Appalachian Research and Defense Fund, 28 N. Front Street, Prestonsburg, KY 41653. Minorities, disabled, women, elderly encouraged to apply.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Health Careers/Special Projects Coordinator The Southeast Area Health Education Center, a regional health education agency responsible for 16 counties in SE KY, is now accepting application for a health careers, providing health education programming in schools, and coordinating a summer health screening project with health professions students. Some knowledge of the health care system and familiarity with principles of community health and adult education helpful. A bachelor's degree in health education, community health, education or a related discipline required, master's degree preferred. Must demonstrate competence in planning, organizational skills, verbal and written communication, computer knowledge and ability to manage a variety of complex tasks. Residence within general vicinity of Prestonsburg required. Salary range: 25-28K depending on experience and background, excellent benefits. Submit resume to Karkie Tackett, Assistant Center Director, SE AHEC, 100 Medical Center Drive, Hazard, KY 41701.

AVAILABLE JANUARY 1: The Lexington Herald-Leader has a morning newspaper route available in the Paintsville/Louisia area. Route takes about four hours daily with an approximate profit potential of \$1,200 monthly. Dependable transportation and ability to post cash refundable bond required. Call 1-800-484-5577, ext. 7192.

Pets & Supplies

FOR SALE: O.M.C.B.A. Registered Mt. Cur puppies and Mt. Fiest puppies. 358-9231.

AKC REGISTERED GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPPIES: Six weeks old with shots. \$200 each 606-358-9743. (1-28-98/Randy/cash)

TABBY KITTEN: Male, very friendly, free to good home- Ned Pillarsdorf. 886-6090.

CHOCOLATE LABRADOR RETRIEVER PUPPIES for sale: AKC registered. 285-0273.

Free

FREE CASH GRANTS! College. Scholarships. Business. Medical bills. Never Repay. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext. G-6778.

Work Wanted

LOOKING FOR WORK: Tree trimming of any kind. Also, Gutter and hillside cleaning, light hauling & fire wood for sale. Please call 886-8350.

Wanted

NEED SOMEONE for live-in 285-3536 for more information.

WANTED: Part-time music teacher for children in pre-school through eighth grade. Salary commensurate with license and experience. Interested parties please send resume to; Sister Barbara McClelland, Principal, 405 Third Street, Paintsville, KY 41240.

WANTED: Nurses and other licensed health professionals. Would you like to get away from the cold and snow? Would you like to keep that small town life style and live just 40 minutes from the beach and 2 hours from Orlando? Would you like to live near the lake where the crappie and bass fishing is great? You can talk to a local nurse who made the move and loves it. Call Clarissa Hall at 941-467-7052 if I'm not home, we've gone fishing so leave a message and I will call you back.

Social Security Claims Services

TURNED DOWN ON SOCIAL SECURITY/SSI? Free Consultation. 1-800-896-1130. No fee unless we win your case.

Computer Consultant

CBT FOR CONSULTING on your computer needs for your home or office. Did Santa bring you a computer for Christmas? Need help hooking up or programming? Call CBT today at 886-8494.

Taxi Service

MARTIN CITY CAB Need a ride? Can't drive? We have fast service, friendly drivers serving all Floyd County and surrounding areas. Call 285-0320. Medicaid accepted. Judy Barnett, owner.

EAST KENTUCKY TRANSPORTATION INC.

Taxi Service. Friendly and courteous service, reasonable rates. Medicaid accepted. Wheelwright: 452-2402 Allen: 874-8546.

Mobile Home Movers

NEED YOUR MOBILE HOME MOVED? Call Crum's Moving Service at 886-6665. Insured or permits. Free estimates. References furnished. Double wides, long distance moving, honest, dependable, and reliable service.

285-0633 **LITTLE'S** Hwy. 80, Langley Move double and single wides any where in Ky. Easy or hard, we move them! 22 years experienced, licensed, and insured. 285-0633

PLACE YOUR AD HERE FOR A VERY LOW PRICE!!

NEED YOUR MOBILE HOME MOVED? Call DMT Transport Moving Service 606-874-9838 Insured and Permitted. Free estimates and references furnished.

Driver Training

DRIVER EDUCATION Save money on car insurance. Check with your agent. Take Driver Education at PCC, Monday through Saturday. Cost \$250. Six hours on the road and six hours classroom instruction. Call 886-3863 to register.

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED: Earn up to \$500 per week assembling products at home. No experience. INFO 1-504-646-1700 DEPT. KY-2276.

Chimney Cleaning

CHIMNEY CLEANING SERVICES AND PAINTING CO.: R.A. Taylor, professional interior with references. 886-8453.

Carpentry Work

REMODELING SPECIALIST: Carpentry, electrical, masonry, vinyl and stucco. Charles Scott 874-9462.

CARPENTRY WORK, ALL TYPES: New homes from ground up; remodeling or additions; all finish work; drywall; painting (interior, exterior and trim work); all types concrete work, driveways, sidewalks, foundations, etc.; any size pole buildings; garages; decks. Over 20 years experience. Robie Johnson, Jr., call anytime, 886-8896.

Contractors

CONTRACTING: Boyd Contracting. Roofs, decks, porches. Home building and Remodeling. Contract or by the hour. 478-1764 or 478-4230.

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.

Weight Loss

REDUCE: Lose weight while you sleep. Take OPAL. Available at Reid's Pharmacy, 127 Main St. in Martin.

FAX US FOR A PRICE QUOTE ON YOUR AD!! 886-3603

Tree Service

TREE CUTTING AND TRIMMING, Topping, brush removal, land clearing, etc. Large or small jobs. Free estimates. Call 874-9271

Reward Offered

LOST CHOCOLATE FEMALE LABRADOR RETRIEVER with red collar. Last seen in the Maytown area. Answers to the name of Brandi. 285-0273.

Want To Buy

OLD POCKET WATCHES, WRIST WATCHES, GOLD RINGS, ANY SCRAP GOLD. Will pay top dollar. 587-2946.

Legals

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Prestonsburg will be taking bids on laying black-top. This will include labor, hauling fee and tax. Price per ton bids will be taken until 4:00 p.m. January 30, 1998. W-1/14, F-1/16

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Progress Land Corporation, HC 82 Box 1045, Arnold Fork Road, Kite, Kentucky 41828 has applied for Phase III Bond Release on Permit Number 836-5310 which was last issued on February 22, 1994. The application covers an area of approximately 135.18 acres located 4.0 miles south of Weeksbury, Floyd County, Kentucky. The permit area is approximately 6.0 miles southeast of the junction of KY 466 and Hwy. 122 and located 1.0 miles south of Left Fork of Beaver Creek. The latitude is 37 degrees, 17 minutes, 26 seconds. The longitude is 82 degrees, 42 minutes, 25 seconds. The bond now in effect for Permit Number 836-5310 is a surety of \$2,300. One hundred percent (100%) of the remainder of the original bond amount of \$10,500 is included in the application for release. Reclamation work performed includes: backfilling, final grading, seeding and mulching completed in the Spring of 1991. All disturbed areas have been seeded as to provide adequate growth for plant species and provide appropriate conditions for the surrounding wildlife. Results thus far indicate growth of vegetation is according to re-vegetation plan. This is the final advertisement of this application. Written comments, objections, and requests for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, by February 20, 1998. A public hearing on the application has been scheduled for February 23, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. at the Prestonsburg Regional Office of the Department for Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1455. The hearing will be canceled if no request for a hearing or

informal conference is received by February 16, 1998.

W-1/21

NOTICE OF BOND RELEASE

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.093, notice is hereby given that Buck Coal, Inc., 415 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653 (606-886-2330) intends to apply for Phase III Bond Release Permit No. 436-0099 which was last issued on March 7, 1989. The operation cover a surface area of 46.56 acres.

The operation is located 2.6 miles south of Langley in Floyd County and is approximately 2.6 miles south of the junction of KY 80 with KY 777.

The latitude is 37°-29'-00" and the longitude is 82°-47'-08", and is located on the Wayland 7 1/2 minute USGS quadrangle map.

The performance bond (Surety) now in effect for the operation is \$3,300.00. 100% of the original bond of \$355,900.00 is to be included in this application for release.

Reclamation work thus far performed includes: backfilling and grading, sampling and testing, liming, fertilizing, seeding and mulching, and was completed in June, 1990. Results thus far achieved include: establishment of vegetation, and the post mining land use in accordance with the approved post mining land use plan.

Written comments, objections, and request for a public hearing or informal conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Field Services, #2 Hudson Hollow Complex, Frankfort, KY 40601 by March 13, 1998.

A public hearing on the application has been set for March 16, 1998, at 1:00 p.m., at the Department for Surface Mining and Enforcement's Regional Office, 2705 South Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, KY 41653.

The scheduled public hearing will be cancelled if the Cabinet does not receive a request for the public hearing or informal conference by March 13, 1998.

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CIVIL ACTION NO. 96-CI-00630

First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Kentucky...Plaintiff

Vs. Bob Branham, Inc., d/b/a Arrowood Hardware Company, Robert C. Branham and Frances L. Branham...Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the December 15, 1997 Term, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 30th day of January, 1997 at the hour of 10:30 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum, the following described property to-wit:

TRACT I-BEING THE SAME property conveyed to the parties of the first part (Robert C. Branham and Frances L. Branham), by Deed dated the 14th day of September, 1956, from Flossie McGuire and Hobert McGuire, her husband, which is duly recorded in Deed Book 164, Page 386, in the office of the Floyd County Clerk and is more particularly described as follows:

Lying and being in the Mayo Subdivision of the city of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and being Lots

No.'s 127, 128, 159 and 160, as shown by the plat of said Subdivision recorded in Deed book 139, Page 629, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office. The oil and gas having been heretofore excepted same is not hereby conveyed.

A certain tract or parcel of land lying in Floyd County, Kentucky, on the Big Sandy River, in the Mayo Subdivision filed in the office of the Clerk of the Floyd Circuit Court, Prestonsburg, Kentucky, in Deed Book 139, Page 629, and being the same land conveyed to parties of the first part by Lucille M. Herndon, Trustee, by Deed bearing date the 23rd day of October, 1948 and duly recorded in Deed Book 140, Page 169, records of the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include, costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale.

For the purchase price the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid and having the force and effort of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property as a further security. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

Given under my hand, this 30 day of December, 1997.

EARL MARTIN MCGUIRE
Master Commissioner,
Floyd Circuit Court
P.O. Box 1257
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
41653
1/14, 1/21, 1/28

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-CI-00503

First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Kentucky...Plaintiff

Vs. Sand E Foods, Inc. d/b/a Martin's Finest Cash Saver; and Stephen R. Farthing; Emma B. Farthing, husband and wife; and Keathley Land Inc.; and Jack Keathley and Winnie M. Keathley; and Commonwealth of Kentucky, Revenue Cabinet; and Kentucky Food Stores, Inc.; and Floyd County, Kentucky...Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the December 15, 1997 Term, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 30th day of January, 1997 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum, the following described property, to-wit: Being the same property conveyed to Stephen R. Farthing and Emma B. Farthing, his wife, from Keathley Lands, Inc., a Kentucky corporation, and Jack Keathley and Winnie Keathley, by deed dated 2nd day of November, 1989, recorded in Deed Book 332, at page 013, Floyd County Court Clerk's Office, and being more particularly described as follows:

Being Lots No. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37 and 38 of Block F of New Martin Addition as shown on Plat File No. 424, in the Floyd County Court Clerk's Office including all improvements located thereon. Said lots are fronting on Main Street.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include, costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for

conducting this sale. For the purchase price the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid and having the force and effort of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property as a further security. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

Given under my hand, this 30th day of December, 1997.
Earl Martin McGuire
Master Commissioner,
Floyd Circuit Court
P.O. Box 1257
Prestonsburg, Kentucky
41653
1/14, 1/21, 1/28

EMPLOYMENT NOTICE

Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. is seeking to fill the position of a Program Manager. Applicants must have a Bachelor's + degree and 3+ years of office and/or personnel management experience preferably, but not necessarily in the transit, governmental, non-profit business. Salary shall be contingent on experience and education. All Resumes must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, January 23, 1998, at SVTS, 80 Resource Drive, Prestonsburg, Kentucky 41653-1842.
Voice: 606-886-1936/800-444-7433 Fax: 606-886-7039
E - M a i l : svts@itiseasy.com
Sandy Valley Transportation Services, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
M/F/D
W-1/14, F-1/16, W-1/21

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE Pursuant To Application No. 898-5979

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.055, notice is hereby given that Premier Elkhorn Coal Company, P.O. Box 130, Myra, KY 41549 has applied for a permit for an underground coal mining and reclamation operation located 1.0 mile northeast of Wales in Pike and Floyd counties. The proposed operation will disturb 14.38 surface acres and will underlie 1599.45 acres making a total area of 1613.83 acres within the proposed permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 1.2 miles northwest from CR-3514's junction with SR-122 and is located at the head of Arnold Fork. The latitude is 37° 21' 02" N and the longitude is 82° 38' 09" W.

The proposed operation is located on the Wheelwright U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The proposed operation will disturb land owned by Enterprise Coal Company and will underlie land owned by McKinley Akers; McKinney & Nellie Akers; Nellie Akers, Lola H. Anderson; Conley & Eartha Bartley; Randall Bentley; Garrie & Shirley Caudill; Turner Elkhorn Mining Co.; Rosy Ellen Bates Cole; Elbert & Sara Jane Cole Estate; Larry & Maggie Collett; Millard & Juanita Collier; John & Ethel Collins; Enterprise Coal Company; The Elk Horn Coal Corporation; Valley Supply Corporation; Claudetta Edwards; Tammy & Morris Gilliam; Grover & Jacqueline Gillum; Harold Ed & Pamela Jean Gunther; Bill Hall; Burnis Eugene & Lorretta Hall; Jacqueline Hall; Millard & Alvira Hall; Milton & Dellie Hall; Russell & Juanita Hall; Silas & Leona Hall; Walter Hall; Walter & Janet Hall; Dixie Harmon; William Hickman III; Mid State Homes, Inc.; Phil & Shirley Hughes; Danny Hylton; Howard & Pearl Hylton; Alberta Johnson; Estill Johnson; Hassell & Alberta

Johnson; Hassell & Daisie Johnson; Johnny & Shirley Johnson; Rosa Johnson; Sterling Johnson; Russell & Maudie Johnson; Raymond & Helua Jones; Charles & Patricia Justice; Buck & Ruth Keens; Ella Keens; Marie Lay; Franklin & Dorothy Little; Pete Little; Daniel & Carol Lyon; Ellis & Bertha Newsome; Milburn Newsome; Paul E. & Vada Faye Newsome; Kevi, Rosana & Kenneth Ray, Jr.; Dora Reynolds Estate; Augustus Palmer; Waclaw, Alexandria & Sonny Platkus; John D. & Maudie Simpkins; Bill & Patricia Slone; Foster & Violet Slone; Garner Slone; Harve & Delia Slone; Violet Slone; Susie Smith; William & Loretta Stanley; Carl F. & Mabel Tackett; Claudis Tackett; Curtis Edward Tackett; Debbie (Cole) Tackett; Fawn Tackett; Marion Tackett; Paul & Frankie Tackett; Brack & Helen Younce; Douglas M. & Emma Younce; Henry Younce; Perry Younce; and Jody Michael & Trudy Wright. The operation will use the underground method of mining.

The application has been filed for public inspection at the Department of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's Pikeville Regional Office, 109 Mays Branch Road, Pikeville, KY 41501. Written comments, objections, or requests for a permit conference must be filed with the Director, Division of Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

F-12/19, 12/24, 12/31

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-CI-00453

First Commonwealth Bank of Prestonsburg, Kentucky...Plaintiff

Vs. RND, Inc.; Floyd County, Kentucky; Big Sandy Area Development District; East Kentucky Economic Development and Jobs Creation Corporation D/B/A Eastern Kentucky Corporation; and Floyd County Development Authority...Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

By virtue of a Judgment and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the October 9, 1997 Term, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 30th day of January, 1997 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum, the following described property to-wit:

A certain tract or parcel property located and lying in Floyd County, Kentucky:

Being the same property conveyed Floyd County Development Authority from United Central Industrial Supply Company by deed dated the 6th day of October, 1993 and recorded in Deed Book 371, page 95 in the office of the Floyd County Clerk.

A certain tract or parcel of land, lying in Floyd County, Kentucky and more particularly described as follows:

BOUNDARY "A" beginning on a stake corner to H.G. Hagons and Rebecca Preston land; thence running with H.G. Hagons line to the G.W. Allen line; thence with G.W. Allen line to West Flannery line; thence with West Flannery line to A. J. Davidson Allen line; thence with A.J. Davidson line to the J.M. Allen line; thence with the J.M. Allen

line to the Rebecca Preston line; thence with the Rebecca Preston line; thence the point to a Hickory tree; thence on around the hill to a Poplar on the west bank of drain; thence on around the hill to the center between a Hickory and a Buckeye tree on the point; thence down the side of the point to the Beaver Highway #80; thence with the meander of said branch to the John Allen line; thence with the A.J. Davidson line to the beginning.

BOUNDARY "B", TRACT #1. Containing 6.75 acres more or less and described as follows: Beginning on a stake in the center of Rebecca Preston branch from which a large Silver Maple bears S 32-00 E 7 feet, then up the hill with the land of Ella Preston etc. N 8-30 W 83.4 feet to a stake, thence N 13-00 E 174.6 feet to a stake, then N 45-35 W 134 feet (passing one foot right of a large Chestnut tree at Plus 98 feet) to a stake, then N 73-15 W 164 feet to a stake four feet right of a scrubby White Oak, then N 44-15 W 55.2 feet to a stake, then N 8-30 W 85 feet to a stake, then N 4-20 EW 114.5 feet to a fence post in line of land of Hiram Hagons, then down the hill with his line N 82-45 W 342.4 feet to a stake in lower edge of the old county road a corner to B.L.C. May, thence with a line of same S 80-15 W 42 feet to a stake in the Centerline of Beaver Highway, then with the Centerline of said Highway to center of Rebecca Preston branch, then with the center of said branch to beginning, containing 6.75 acres more or less.

TRACT #2 Containing 4.27 acres more or less and described as follows:

Beginning on a hickory on the point opposite where John and Arzilla used to live, said hickory standing about three hundred feet from the house built by them, then around the hill S 29-30 W 174.6 feet to a stake from which a bunch of papaws bear N 11-00 W 27 feet, then S 74-00 W 164 feet to a poplar on the bank of a drain, then up the hill S 22-30 E 460 feet to a Black Oak, then around the hill S 59-00 W 150 feet to a stake from which a Maple bears N 85-00 E 4 feet then up a point, S 46-00 E 134 feet to a Sycamore, S 68-00 E 194.6 feet to an Ash, two sugars and an Elm in a Popular stump, then around the hill, N 38-15 E 127 feet to a stake from which a White Oak bears N 27-00 E 8 feet, then down a point N 5-00 W 132.8 feet to a stake, then N 17-30 W 122.8 feet to a stake, then N 11-15 W 92.4 feet to a Black Oak and a Sugar. Same course 118.4 feet to a stake, then N 10-25 W 132.4 feet to a stake, then N 19-30 W 63 feet to a stake 8 feet right of a White Oak, then N 14-35 W 138.2 feet to the beginning, containing 4.27 acres more or less.

BOUNDARY "C". This is a deed to clarify rights and title of the property line between Anna Preston and Virnus Isaac, beginning at an iron stake which is a marker of United Fuel Gas Co. Transmission line. Thence running East up the point within three feet of the North side of a large Hickory tree, thence up the point to top of point to a red oak tree, thence running down the hill to near a Wal-nut stump, thence back across the end of bottom to Highway 80, thence running with Highway 80 to a stake at the beginning.

A portion of the afore described surface land has been platted and a

map of said plat know as the Preston Addition has filed in the office of the Floyd County Clerk on October 27, 1967, designated Map File No., 352.

There is excepted and reserved from the property hereby conveyed that the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Transportation, from Elmco Elkhorn—Division of Envirotech, by Deed of Conveyance, dated April 11, 1978, of record in Deed Book 238, at Page No. 42, Floyd County Clerk's Office.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include, costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale.

For the purchase price the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid and having the force and effort of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property as a further security. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

Given under my hand, this 30th day of December, 1997.

1/14, 1/21, 1/28

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MINE

Pursuant to Application 836-5273 Amendment No. 3

In accordance with the provisions of KRS 350.070, notice is hereby given that Richardson Fuel, Inc., 16232 US Route 23, Catlettsburg, KY 41129 has applied for an amendment to an existing underground coal mining operation and reclamation operation located 0.6 mile west of Hueysville in Floyd

County. The amendment will add 6.0 acres of surface disturbance and will underlie an additional 3.5 acres making a total area of 890.4 acres within the amended permit boundary.

The proposed operation is approximately 0.3 mile east from Sayers Branch Road junction with SR 7 and located 0.07 south of Sattlick Creek. The latitude is 37° 29' 39". The longitude is 82° 51' 07".

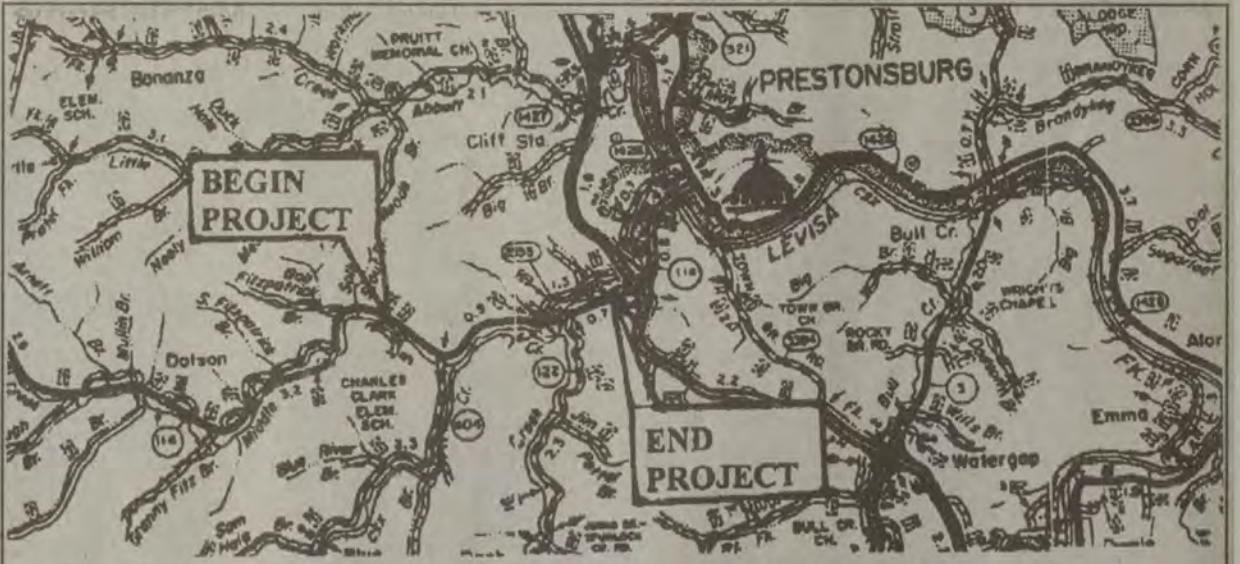
The proposed amendment is located on the Wayland U.S.G.S. 7 1/2 minute quadrangle map. The operation will underlie land owned by Norman Allen Heirs, Ben Combs, Stewart Howard, Dallas Cox Estate, Gordon Howard, Kelly Huard, Norma Martin, Juanita Cox, Barry L. Combs, and Arlie Jackson.

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

F-1/16, W-1/21, F-1/23, W-1/28

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FLOYD CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION NO. I CIVIL ACTION NO. 97-CI-00676

Matewan National Bank F.S.B...Plaintiff
Vs. Elizabeth Miller...Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE
By virtue of a



LEGAL NOTICE FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

FLOYD COUNTY (KY 114)
RELOCATION FROM 1/2 MILE WEST OF CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TO US 23
FD04 036 0114 009-012
ITEM NO. 12-296.0

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Department of Highways has scheduled a Public Information Meeting for Thursday, January 29, 1998, from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Charles Clark Elementary School in Prestonsburg. The purpose of this meeting is to offer all interested persons the opportunity to become fully informed about the purpose of and need for the proposed highway project, its location and design features and to obtain from the public, comments, information, and recommendations on the proposed project. The public is invited to attend and encouraged to express viewpoints, opinions and ideas on this roadway improvement proposal and the affects it may have on the social, economic, and environmental resources of the area. Project exhibits, maps, right of way acquisition and relocation assistance information, and other pertinent data will be available at the Public Meeting and for a period of 15 days following the Public Meeting, at the Pikeville District Office.

This is an informal Public Meeting, which allows for attendance at any time between the hours of 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The Transportation Cabinet and project Consulting Engineering Personnel will be available for questions on an individual basis. Handouts will be available at the meeting describing the objectives of the Public Meeting, the project purpose and need, the general project location, and the recommended design features. Oral and written statements will be accepted at the Public Meeting, and will be accepted, for a period of 15 days following the Public Meeting, at the Pikeville District Office, 101 North Mayo Trail, Pikeville, Ky. 41502. All statements and comments provided in conjunction with this Public Meeting will be considered by the Transportation Cabinet in the decision making process for the advancement of the project.

Once compiled, the summary from this Public Meeting and other supporting documentation will be made available for review and copying only after an Open Records Request has been received and approved. All Open Records Requests must be submitted to the Transportation Cabinet, Department of Administrative Services, State Office Building, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.

In accordance with the "Americans With Disabilities Act," if you have a disability for which the Transportation Cabinet needs to provide accommodations, please notify Berita Castle in the Pikeville District Office at (606) 433-7791, by January 23, 1998. This request does not have to be in writing.

Charles W. Reichenbach, P.E.
Chief District Engineer
District #12-Office
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet
Department of Highways
P.O. Box 2468
Pikeville, Kentucky 41502

Judgement and Order of Sale of the Floyd Circuit Court rendered at the December 15, 1997 Term, in the above styled cause, I shall proceed to offer for sale at the Courthouse door in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, to the highest and best bidder, at public auction, on the 30th day of January, 1997 at the hour of 11:30 a.m., same being a day of the regular term of the Floyd Circuit Court, on a credit of thirty (30) days at the rate of 12% per annum, the following described property to-wit:

On the Waters of Middle Creek and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a concrete highway right-of-way monument 85 feet left (north) of Kentucky 114 centerline station 4717 plus 95; thence N 30 degrees 08' 11" W 44,505 feet to a point 02 feet north of station 4717 plus 53.87; thence N 41 degrees 50' 06" E 15,872 feet to a point in the center of a headwall on the inlet end of a culvert under old (abandoned portion of) KY 114; thence containing N 41 degrees 50' 06" E 99.625 feet to a PK nail in a 14-inch bent Sycamore; thence S 34 degrees 31' 51" E 169.117 feet to a fence post; thence following old fence N 51 degrees 00' 00" E 52.549 feet to an iron stake beside a fence post, thence N 52 degrees 13' 52" E 23.910 feet to a 2 inch Pine, thence N 54 degrees 32' 16" E 39-30 feet to a 14-inch Pine; thence N 52 degrees 45' 09" E 69.365 feet to a 3-inch Pine; thence N 49 degrees 33' 06" E 292.742 feet to a 28-inch oak on point; thence downhill following old fence S 5 degrees 50' 51" E 33.430 feet to a 10-inch Pine; thence S 11 degrees 07' 08" E 75.812 feet to a PK nail in the base of an 18-inch Pine; thence S 12 degrees 18' 34" E 86.851 feet to a PK nail in the base of a 12-inch Pine, thence S 10 degrees 16' 00" W 41.660 feet to a nail in a fence post; thence S 11 degrees 29' 26" W 64.111 feet to a point in the KY 114 right-of-way line said point being 195.73 feet N of said highway centerline station 4725 plus 09.36; thence with said right-of-way line the following Calls: N 63 degrees 59' 32" W 217.210 feet to a point 190 feet N of station 4722 plus 50; thence N 87 degrees 04' 39" W 166.761 feet to a point 100 feet N of station 4721 plus 00; thence N 55 degrees 26' 49" W 304.708 feet to a point of beginning.

The above described parcel of land contains 162,544.96 square feet or 3.732 acres. Being the same land conveyed be Darrell E. Hampton and Diana Hampton, his wife, to Elizabeth Miller, single, by deed dated December 10, 1996, and recorded in Deed Book 400, Page 837, Floyd County Records.

The amount of money to be raised by this sale shall include, costs of advertising of this sale and the fees and commissions for conducting this sale.

For the purchase price the purchaser must execute bond with approved surety or sureties, bearing legal interest from the day of sale until paid and having the force and effect of a judgment with a lien retained upon said property as a further security. Bidders will be prepared to comply with these terms.

Given under my hand, this 30 day of December, 1997.

Earl Martin McGuire
Master Commissioner
Floyd Circuit Court
P.O. Box 1257
Prestonsburg,
Kentucky 41653
1/14, 1/21, 1/28

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Prestonsburg will be taking bids for concrete priced per yard. This will be for curbs and sidewalks. Bids will be taken until 4:00 p.m. January 30, 1998.
W-1/14, F-1/16

ORDINANCE NO. 1-98

An ordinance of the City of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, annexing certain real property, located on Water Gap Road, into the corporate city limits.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to annex certain property on Ky. Rt. 302, Water Gap Road, adjacent to the current city limits, and;

WHEREAS, said property is owned by Carl Scutchfield and is suitable for development for urban purposes, and;

WHEREAS, the annexation is entirely voluntary and therefore the property owners do not require notice of the second reading or publication of the right to petition against annexation; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PRESTONSBURG, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Prestonsburg hereby annexes into the municipal corporate limits, the property described in exhibit "A" attached hereto, known as the Carl Scutchfield property on Water Gap Road.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be published and the City map shall be amended to include this new annexed portion.

Section 3. All Ordinances, or any parts thereof in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted this the 16th day of January, 1998.

Mayor
Attest:
Sue W. Webb
City Clerk
1/21

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Clyde Boyd, H.C. 74, Box 635, Dana, KY 41615, has filed an application with the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet to propose to fill an area above the 100 year flood level and construct a bridge for access purposes. The property is located approximately 0.75 mile south of the junction of Route 23 and Route 1426 near Prater Creek of the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River. Any comments or objections concerning this application shall be directed to: Kentucky Division of Water, Water

Reilly Road, Frankfort Office Park, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Phone: (502) 564-3410.
W-1/21, F-1/23

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to KRS 231.040, application for a permit to operate a place of entertainment, has been made by Kimberly R. Hunt of 1334 Fk. Island Creek, Pikeville, Kentucky 41501. The name of the proposed business is The Dew Drop Inn. The nature of the business will be beer by drink, bar/store, carry-out, juke box, band, arcade machines, pinball machines, pool table.

Pursuant to KRS 231.070, the Floyd County Attorney shall investigate whether the applicants lacks good moral character, or

will obey the laws of the Commonwealth in the operation of the business, or whether the applicant, within the last (2) years prior to the date of filing the application has been convicted in Kentucky of maintaining a public nuisance. Pursuant to KRS 231.080 any person desiring to oppose the permits shall file with the County Clerk no later than January 26, 1998, in writing, allegations that show cause as to why the application shall not be granted. Said written information shall be signed, dated and reflect the current address of said person providing the information. Pursuant to KRS 231.080, a hearing has been scheduled for January 26, 1998, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as same can be heard before the

Judge/Executive shall hear evidence in support of or in opposition to the granting of the permit.
Keith Bartley
Floyd County Attorney
W-1/21, F-1/23

PUBLIC NOTICE

ARR Division of Home Services proposes to establish an ambulatory infusion suite to serve Parry, Letcher, Floyd and Pike counties.

Any affected person who desires a public hearing on this proposal must submit such a request in writing within ten (10) days of January 15, 1998, to the following:

John Gray, Executive Director
Cabinet for Human Resources
Certificate of Need Office
275 E. Main Street
Frankfort, KY 40621-

W-1/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

February 5, 1998, at 10:30 a.m., or thereabout, a 1996 Fleetwood Claremont, 14x66 Mobile Home S/N#VAFLS19A43404-CM12 will be sold to the highest bidder for cash "as is where is" at Hylton Mobile Homes, U.S. 23, Ivel, Ky., under the terms of a Consumer 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
1/21, 1/28, 2/4

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

February 5, 1998, at 10:45 a.m. or thereabout, a 1995 Legend Legacy 14x52 Mobile Home S/N#HL50702AL will be sold to the highest bidder for cash "as is where is" at Hylton Mobile Homes, U.S. 23, Ivel, Ky., under the terms of a Consumer 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.
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1/21, 1/28, 2/4

YOU CAN by jax church

Dear Beakman,
Where does nuclear energy come from?
Zack Waller
Gilroy, California

Beakman or Jax
P.O. Box 30177
Kansas City, MO 64112
Question, name & address

Dear Zack,
Nuclear energy is what we get when matter is changed into its other form. This is going to sound all weird, but stay with me.
Matter - you know, physical stuff - is just a way for energy to be. Matter can change its form and be pure energy - a tremendous amount of energy.
One pound of the metal uranium can change form - into as much energy as we'd get from exploding 16,000,000 pounds of dynamite. Controlling that much energy safely is a very difficult problem and very controversial. That's why few nuclear plants are built anymore.

experiment #1
Losing Your Marbles
WHAT YOU NEED: 20 marbles or pebbles - an active imagination
WHAT TO DO: Place 1 marble aside. Draw a circle in the dirt and pile the marbles or pebbles inside it all crowded together. Engage your imagination (!) and drop the saved marble onto the pile. Imagine that the pile splits into 2 smaller piles.

so what:
If you had weighed the first big pile, it would have weighed the same as the 2 little piles. However, if your pile of 1000 marbles was an atom, it would not work that way. The weight would change.
We can split a uranium atom by firing a particle at it. But the two pieces we get weigh less than the atom we started with. That missing weight is matter that turns into energy. That's what nuclear energy is.

WHAT WE GET:
When uranium splits, we get 2 smaller atoms and 2 free neutrons, which zoom off to split more uranium atoms. But all these pieces weigh less than what we started with. The missing mass changed into heat energy. That's what we use to make electricity.
We also get waves, which is the dangerous radiation we hear about. It's another thing that is difficult to control in nuclear energy.
Read more about nuclear power. Look at the library or in an encyclopedia or on the Internet.

The atom splits into 2 separate pieces.

Free Neutron (at 12,000 m.p.s.)

Free Neutron
Beta Rays
New Atom
Heat Energy
Gamma Rays
New Atom

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J.A. Duff Elementary announces honor roll



David Hall and Rachel Gearheart decorate their pumpkins for Halloween in Denise Isaac's class at Dr. W.D. Osborne Elementary School.

Charletta Martin, 4th grade (9 weeks): David Slone, Sabrina Howard, Samantha Nelson, Logan Slone, Samantha Bailey and Marinda Collins.
 Rachel Crider, 5th grade (9 weeks): Kortney Osborne, Rachel Cooley, Julie Alexander, Andrea Allen and Brian Vanderpool.
 Helen Martin, 5th grade: Kim Collett, Kayla Moore, Courtney Hall, Rebecca Thomas, Kevin Tackett, Julia Compton, Jess Staggs, Britta Fraley and Jennifer Anderson.
 2nd 6 weeks (6th, 7th, and 8th)—Charlotte Case, 6th grade: Brandon Allen, Brittany Bailey, Whitney Boyd, Leavodis Casebolt, Josh Conley, Austin Francis, Whitney Hayes, Brittany Murphy, Laken Salyer, Tyler Smith, Brett Watson, and Sheena Wright.
 Wava Turner 6th grade, David Stukenberg, Dyron Ward and Paul

D. Francis.
 Mary Murphy, 7th grade: Nolan Slone, Rodney Watkins, Bonnie Collins, Rachel Martin, Ross Samons, Laura Slone, Felisha Jones, Heather Deaton, Kristie Fitzpatrick, Marsha Patton, Oliver Kilgore, Amy Sparkman, Eric Terry, Megan Handshoe and Amanda Devery.
 Billie O'Quinn, 7th grade: Kristi Howard, Amanda Crisp, Eva

Duncan, Christopher Goble, Terri Moore, Misty Samons, Amber Scott, Tiffany Turner, Ryan Walls, Brett Whitaker, Chandra Bailey, Courtney Childers, Brittany Combs, Ashley Wellman, T. K. Sullivan, Kari Hicks, Heather Wireman and Aberum Wright.
 Sheila Ratliff, 8th grade: Chris Allen, Robert Fitzpatrick, Amber Hall, Miranda Holthouse, Johnna Isom, Leslie Martin, Donetta

Mullins, Jonathan Niece, Kyle O'Quinn, A.J. Patton, Tiffany Prater, Lauren Robinson, Amanda Vance, Steve Waddles, Eric Wallen, Chad Webb, Ashley Slone and Bobby Conley.
 Greg Nichols, 8th grade: Greg Isaac, Daniel Ratliff, Beth Combs, Stephanie Howard, Megan Conley, Heather Watkins, Tim Workman, Elizabeth Thornsberry and Sarah Noble.



Teachers at Prestonsburg Elementary School participated in DWOK (Different Ways of Knowing) training before school began this year. They learned different approaches to teaching and assessing social studies and science. Pictured are Bridget Clay, Sherrie Slone, Marcella Slone, Robin Nairn, and Joy Adams (in the tub).

EXTENSION NEWS

by Theresa Morgan-Scott

MEDICARE AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

All adults in hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, and health care settings have the right to prepare a document called an "advance directive." The most common component of an advanced directive is known as a "living will."

Hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, hospices, home health agencies and health maintenance organizations (HMOs), serving persons covered by either Medicare or Medicaid are required by federal law to give you information about advance directives and to explain your legal choices in making decisions about medical care.

The law is intended to increase your control over medical treatment decisions. Through a living will, you can make these decisions ahead of time, before the situation arises where you find yourself incapacitated or otherwise unable to make such decisions. While many Kentuckians believe living wills exist only for the purpose of declining heroic measures to keep you alive, the document can also be used to insure that every measure possible is taken to keep you alive. This has become more common as more consumers belong to managed health care programs and are afraid their health care provider, in an effort to control costs, may not take heroic measures to prolong the

When traveling out of state, it is advisable to carry a copy of your living will with you. This could become vitally important in the event you were so seriously injured or ill that you were unable to communicate your wishes to your family members in a life prolonging action. Likewise, be aware that another state may not carry out your wishes because its laws may be more restrictive than Kentucky laws.

If you wish to cancel an advance directive while you are in the hospital, you should notify your doctor, your family, and others who may need to know. Even without a change in writing, your wishes stated in person directly to your doctor generally carry more weight than a living will or durable power of attorney, as long as you can decide for yourself and can communicate your wishes. But be sure to state your wishes clearly and be sure that they are understood.

Who should prepare an advance directive? You may want to consider preparing one if:

- you want your physician or other health care provider to know the kind of medical care you want, or don't want, if you become incapacitated.
- you want to relieve your family and friends of the responsibility for making decisions regarding life-prolonging actions.

Make sure that someone, such as your lawyer or a family member, knows that you have an advance directive and knows where it is located. You might also consider the following:

- If you have a durable power of attorneys, give a copy of the original to your agent or proxy.
- Ask your physician to make your advance directive part of your permanent medical record.
- Keep a copy of your advance directive in a safe place where it can be found easily if it is needed.
- Keep a small card in your purse or wallet stating that you have an advance directive, where it is located, and who your agent or

proxy is, if you have named one.

If you need help in preparing an advance directive, or if you would like more information, you may want to contact a lawyer, a nearby hospital, hospice, or long-term care facility, or your state representa-

tive. A new publication is available free of charge through your county's Cooperative Extension Service office. Ask for "Legal Devices When One Cannot Make Decisions," a publication under FAM-GW.105.

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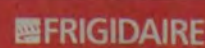
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 1/4 cup chopped pecans
 1-1/2 tablespoons melted butter or margarine
 1 tablespoon firmly packed brown sugar

Bread
 1 cup Quaker oats (quick or old fashioned, uncooked)
 1/2 cup skim milk
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1-1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon each: baking soda, salt
 1 cup mashed, very ripe bananas (about 3 medium)
 1/3 cup vegetable oil
 2 eggs, lightly beaten

Heat oven to 350°F. Spray bottom only of 9 x 5-inch loaf pan with cooking spray. In small bowl, combine all topping ingredients; set aside. For bread, combine oats and milk in medium bowl; set aside. In large bowl, combine dry ingredients; mix well. Add bananas, oil and eggs to oat mixture; mix well. Add oat mixture to dry ingredients all at once; stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Pour into pan. Sprinkle evenly with reserved topping; press gently. Bake 55 to 65 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes in pan; remove to wire rack. Cool completely. Store tightly wrapped.

Nutrition Information (1/16 of loaf): Calories 190, Total Fat 8g, Saturated Fat 1.5g, Cholesterol 30mg, Sodium 180mg, Dietary Fiber 2g.

CAMPBELL'S EASY CHICKEN & PASTA

1 tablespoon vegetable oil
 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut up
 1 can (10 3/4 ounces) Campbell's Condensed Cream of Mushroom or 98% Fat Free Cream of Mushroom Soup
 2 1/4 cups water
 1/2 teaspoon dried basil leaves, crushed
 2 cups frozen vegetable combination (broccoli, cauliflower, carrots)
 2 cups uncooked corkscrew pasta

Grated Parmesan cheese
 In medium skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add chicken and cook until browned, stirring often. Set chicken aside.
 Add soup, water, basil and vegetables. Heat to a boil. Add uncooked pasta. Reduce heat to medium. Cook 10 minutes, stirring often. The pasta cooks right in the soup!
 Return chicken to pan. Cook 5 minutes more or until pasta is done, stirring often. Serve with cheese. Serves 4.

PINEAPPLE BUTTERSCOTCH SQUARES

2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup margarine
 1 cup packed brown sugar
 1/2 cup granulated sugar
 1 can (20 oz.) Dole® Crushed Pineapple, well drained
 2 eggs
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1 cup (6 oz.) butterscotch chips
 1 cup chopped nuts, toasted
 Vegetable cooking spray
 Powdered sugar, garnish (optional)

Combine flour, baking powder and salt in small bowl; set aside.
 Beat together margarine, brown sugar and granulated sugar in large bowl until creamy. Add pineapple, eggs and vanilla; beat until blended. Stir in flour mixture, butterscotch and nuts until blended.

Pour into 13 x 9-inch baking pan sprayed with vegetable cooking spray.
 Bake at 350°F, 40 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool completely in pan on wire rack. Dust cooled cake with powdered sugar, if desired. Cut into squares.

PINEAPPLE TOFFEE COOKIES

1 can (20 oz.) Dole® Crushed Pineapple
 2 cups all-purpose flour
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 cup margarine, softened
 3/4 cup granulated sugar
 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
 1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 3/4 cup, chocolate-covered toffee baking chips
 Vegetable cooking spray
 Pineapple Icing, recipe follows (optional)

Drain pineapple well; reserve 2 tablespoons for icing, if desired.
 Combine flour and baking powder in small bowl; set aside.

Beat together margarine, granulated sugar and brown sugar in large bowl until creamy. Add egg, vanilla and pineapple; beat until blended. Stir in flour mixture and toffee until blended.

Drop dough by tablespoonful onto cookie sheets sprayed with vegetable cooking spray.
 Bake at 350°F, 15 to 18 minutes or until edges are browned and cookies are golden brown. Cool slightly; carefully remove to wire rack to cool completely. Drizzle icing over cooled cookies, if desired. Store cookies in container in refrigerator.

Pineapple Icing: Stir together 1/2 cup powdered sugar and enough reserved pineapple juice to make thick icing consistency, until blended in small bowl.

CHICKEN 'N PEACHES PICANTE

1 can (15 1/4 oz.) Del Monte Sliced Peaches, reserve liquid
 4 skinned and boned chicken breast halves (about 5 ounces each)
 Salt and pepper
 1 tablespoon olive oil
 1/2 cup coarsely diced red bell pepper
 1/2 cup thick and chunky salsa
 1 tablespoon frozen orange juice concentrate
 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro or parsley

Drain peaches, reserving liquid, and set aside. Season chicken with salt and pepper.
 In large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add chicken and cook 9 to 10 minutes, turning once, until no longer pink in center. Remove to platter.

Add bell pepper to skillet, reduce heat, and cook and stir 2 minutes until crisp-tender.
 Add reserved peach liquid, salsa and orange juice to skillet and bring to a boil, scraping up browned bits from bottom of pan. Add peaches and cilantro and cook and stir 3 minutes until hot.

Add chicken and any juices that have accumulated on platter. Spoon sauce and peaches over chicken until glazed, and serve.

PUMPKIN CHIFFON MERINGUE PIE

3 1/2 cups (30 oz. can) pumpkin pie filling*
 4 large egg whites, divided
 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice mix
 2 envelopes plain gelatin (approx. 4 tsp.)
 1 cup DANNON® Vanilla Low Fat yogurt
 1 7 oz. jar marshmallow creme (about 2 cups)
 1 ready-made 9-inch graham cracker crust (6 oz. net wt.)
 Pinch of salt
 4 tablespoons granulated sugar

*Pumpkin pie filling can be substituted for 29-oz. can pureed pumpkin plus 1/4 cup sugar and an additional 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice mix.

Preheat oven to 425°F. In medium saucepan combine pumpkin pie mix, 2 egg whites and spice mix. While whisking mixture with small wire whisk, sprinkle gelatin slowly over mixture to incorporate. Heat gently, whisking constantly. Bring to a boil, lower heat and whisk for 3 to 4 minutes. Remove from heat and let mixture cool 30 minutes.

2. Stir in yogurt until smooth. Cover and refrigerate 45 minutes or until mixture begins to thicken. Fold in marshmallow cream until completely smooth. Spoon pumpkin filling into pie crust and refrigerate 3 hours or until completely firm.

3. To make meringue: Using an electric mixer, whip remaining 2 egg whites with a pinch of salt at high speed 3 minutes. Slowly add sugar, a little at a time, beating well after each addition. Continue beating 3 minutes or until meringue is stiff and glossy. Spread meringue evenly over top of chilled pie, covering entire top and edges of pie. Bake in oven 5 minutes on cookie sheet until lightly browned. Let cool completely before cutting into 8 slices to serve.

Nutritional Information Per Serving = 1 Piece
 310 Calories; 7.0 g Protein; 6 g Fat (17% calories from fat); 60 g Total Carbohydrates; 90 mg

Calcium; 10 mg Cholesterol; 245 mg Sodium.

SPICY SAUSAGE BITES

1 pound bulk fresh pork sausage or Italian sausage removed from casing
 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
 2 cups buttermilk baking mix
 4 tablespoons Jim Beam Bourbon
 1 teaspoon dried sage
 2 teaspoons fresh parsley, minced
 2 tablespoons shallots or scallions, minced
 salt and pepper to taste

Preheat oven to 400°F. Combine sausage, cheese, buttermilk baking mix and Jim Beam Bourbon in mixing bowl. Mix well. Add remaining ingredients and blend well. Form walnut-sized balls and place on rack on cookie sheet so that sausage fat drains off. Bake at 400°F for 20 minutes until golden brown. Remove from rack immediately and serve. Makes 60 sausage bites.

TURKEY WITH ORANGE GLAZE

Turkey:
 3 tablespoons Jim Beam Bourbon
 10 to 12-pound turkey
 2 tablespoons butter, softened
 Salt and pepper to taste (optional)

Heat oven to 325°F. After preparing turkey for stuffing according to label directions, sprinkle Jim Beam Bourbon in turkey cavity. Skewer cavity closed. Tie legs together for even cooking. Place on rack in

foil-lined shallow roasting pan. Spread softened butter evenly over surface of turkey. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, if desired. Roast turkey 20 to 25 minutes per pound or until internal temperature of stuffing is 165°F and juices run clear when turkey thigh is pierced. Internal temperature of turkey thigh meat should reach 180°F.

Glaze:
 1/2 cup Jim Beam Bourbon
 1 cup orange marmalade
 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice
 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 Prepare glaze in advance or when turkey is placed in oven. Combine ingredients in saucepan. Cook over high heat, stirring occasionally, until mixture boils. Reduce heat to medium; continue to simmer gently 10 minutes or until glaze is reduced to 1 cup, stirring occasionally. Brush half of glaze over turkey. Brush again with remaining glaze during last hour of roasting. Transfer turkey to carving board. Let stand 10 minutes before carving. Makes 10 to 12 servings.

PECAN CAKE

1 pound seedless raisins
 1 cup Jim Beam Bourbon
 1 pound or quart broken pecans
 1 cup butter
 2 cups sugar
 6 eggs
 3 1/2 cups sifted flour (all purpose)

1 teaspoon salt
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 Soak raisins in bourbon overnight. Cream butter with sugar, gradually adding one egg at a time, beating after each addition. Add flour sifted with baking pow-

der and salt. Add raisins and pecans, mixing well. Pour batter into a greased and lined tube pan or greased and floured bundt pan. Bake at 325°F for 1 1/2 hours or until cake is done. Cool cake on rack. After cooling, wrap in cheesecloth soaked with bourbon and place in airtight container.

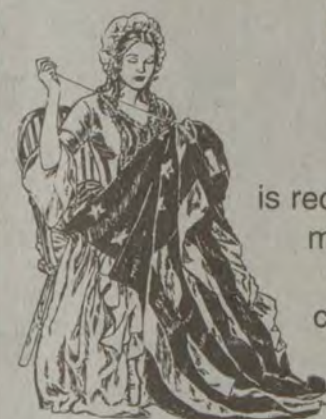
CREAMY CHICKEN & BISCUITS

1 (10.8-ounce) can refrigerated buttermilk biscuits
 1 pound chicken stir-fry meat
 1 (16-ounce) package frozen vegetable combination (broccoli, red pepper, onions and mushrooms)
 1 cup Land O Lakes® Sour

Cream (Regular, Light or No-Fat) 1 (.87-ounce) package chicken gravy mix

Bake biscuits according to package directions.
 Meanwhile, spray 12-inch non-stick skillet with no-stick cooking spray; add chicken. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until chicken is no longer pink (5 to 6 minutes). Stir in vegetables. Cook, stirring occasionally, until vegetables are crisply tender (4 to 5 minutes). Stir in sour cream and gravy mix. Cook, stirring constantly, until heated through and slightly thickened (1 to 2 minutes). Serve chicken mixture over warm split biscuits.
 Makes 5 (3/4 cup) servings.

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