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Tuesday mishap claims 4th life

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

An area resident died at a Prestonsburg hospital the morning after an accident claimed the lives of her unborn child, three-year-old son and mother.

Ivory Jane Cole, 22, of Salyersville, died Wednesday morning at Highlands Regional Medical Center from injuries she suffered in the tragic mishap on Route 114 at Middle Creek.

Cole was admitted to the hospital's intensive care unit Tuesday after undergoing emergency surgery.

Cole's mother, Walanda Helton, 48, also of Salyersville; son, Kenneth Ray Cole; and seven-month-old fetus died Tuesday as a result of the two-vehicle accident.

According to a report from authorities, the mishap occurred shortly before 10 a.m. Tuesday when Helton's vehicle was struck head-on by a westbound car, driven by Fannie Allen.

Allen also suffered extensive injuries in the collision. After more than an hour of being trapped in her vehicle, Allen was extricated from the wreckage by local rescue units.

Reports indicate Allen was in critical condition when she was airlifted from the scene. She was transported to St. Mary's Hospital, where she was listed in stable condition Thursday afternoon.

No charges have been filed in connection with the fatal mishap. State police trooper Mike Thorpe is investigating.

County eligible for federal and state disaster aid

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Floyd County was declared a major disaster area by President Bill Clinton Wednesday due to last month's flash flooding which damaged numerous homes and public roads.

The declaration qualifies Floyd County for federal assistance to supplement recovery efforts.

Preliminary assessment reports conducted by local and federal officials last week indicate approximately 230 area homes and numerous roadways were damaged by the flooding.

The reports also indicate that repairing the damages could cost nearly \$300,000.

But with the availability of federal assistance, residents affected by the flood may be eligible for grants, low-interest loans and temporary rental payments.

Federal assistance can also relieve local governments of up to 75 percent of the costs associated with repairing or replacing damaged public facilities; removing debris from public areas; and efforts to prevent or reduce long-

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Bingo audit is revealing

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Many of the original members of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad were pictured along with squad members in the early 1960's. The rescue squad was organized after the tragic 1958 school bus accident which claimed the lives of 26 children and the bus driver.

"There is something better, if possible, that a man can give than his life. That is his living spirit to a service that is not easy..." — Woodrow Wilson.

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

40 years of dedicated, volunteer service will go without celebration, for now, as Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad volunteers continue to fulfill the organization's purpose.

Monday, April 27, marked the rescue squad's 40th anniversary of service to the residents of Floyd County and to all agencies which have called upon the squad for assistance.

Squad captain Harry Adams said Thursday that volunteers anticipated having a special dinner prepared for current and past members to celebrate the squad's accomplishments.

But, duty has left the squad with little or no time to plan the celebration.

"We have absolutely been covered up," Adams said. "The rescue squad has responded to at least one call a day for the last 35 days."

Ironically, the interview with the squad captain Thursday morning was interrupted when the rescue squad was dispatched to a one-vehicle accident where its assistance was requested.

Volunteers with the rescue squad have remained extremely busy providing numerous sorts of aid to Floyd County residents.

Last month's flash flood kept the volunteers preoccupied with evacuating area residents by boat and delivering food and other necessities to those stranded.

The rescue squad has also been responding to an unusually high number of accident scenes where motorists and passengers were trapped in vehicles.



This week marked the 40th anniversary of the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad's dedicated, volunteer service in emergency situations. Current rescue squad officers are: (from left to right) 2nd Lt. Lee Schoolcraft; Brian Sexton, secretary/treasurer; captain Harry Adams; 1st Lt. Derek Calhoun; and co-captain Richlie Schoolcraft.

Despite the rescue squad's intensive service, the volunteers never complain about being called to a scene where their aid is needed. Squad members indicate they were aware of the rescue squad's purpose before they became volunteers and that they only strive to fulfill that purpose.

The Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad's purpose is "to provide a cadre of men trained and equipped to provide immediate assistance to those in need of rescue, recovery, and similar emergency services."

According to a press release issued Tuesday by squad Lt. Derek Calhoun, the Floyd County rescue squad is "Kentucky's first and finest rescue organization."

The rescue squad was orga-

nized after the 1958 school bus accident in which 26 school children and the bus driver lost their lives.

Dozens of Floyd County residents and businessmen rallied at the old National Guard Armory after the tragic mishap and established the rescue squad.

Rescue squad officers were elected on April 28, 1958. The squad's first captain, Graham Burchett, and first secretary/treasurer, James "Beady" Goble, served in their positions for 20 years.

Mr. Graham remained a squad member until his death in August 1996. Mr. Goble has been named as a Distinguished Life Member of the organization.

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Various Tennessee rescue squad officers helped organize the Floyd County Emergency and Rescue Squad in the late 1950's. Floyd County rescue squad's first captain, Graham Burchett, center, was pictured with many of the Tennessee officers. Burchett served as the rescue squad's captain for 20 years.

Floyd is in target zone for pot war

by Chris McDavid
Staff Writer

Floyd County is one site in a three-state area which will be targeted by a new federal program created to fight marijuana trafficking and production.

General Barry McCaffrey, the nation's director of National Drug Control Policy, announced Wednesday the creation of the program, Appalachia High Intensity Drug Area (HIDTA).

The program, federally funded with \$11 million, is expected to orchestrate an intensive, coordinated effort by federal, local and state authorities to attack production and trafficking of the drug in 65 Kentucky, West Virginia and Tennessee counties.

Kentucky is one of five states that produce 90 percent of the domestically-cultivated marijuana, according to a press release from Fifth District Congressman Hal Rogers.

Floyd County was one of 26 Kentucky counties included in the program's proposal. Eleven counties in West Virginia and 28 in Tennessee were also named in the proposal.

"Kentucky has a lot to be proud of, but marijuana production gives us a black eye," Rogers said Wednesday. "We have the dubious distinction of being one of the top marijuana producers in the nation."

Rogers also said that law enforcement agencies in the state "simply don't have the resources to adequately fight illegal drug trafficking in the rural areas of Appalachia."

HIDTA headquarters will be located in London. The effort funds local, state and federal task forces focused on solutions to the areas' drug problems.

Marijuana use among eighth graders has increased 99 percent within a four-year period, according to statistics released by U.S. Senator Mitch McConnell. Annual usage among high school sophomores has increased by 75 percent.

Federal and state offices such as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco

and Firearms; the FBI; the Kentucky National Guard; the Governor's Marijuana Strike Force; and U.S. Attorney's offices will be involved in the eradication effort.

Other Kentucky counties targeted by the crackdown are Adair, Bell, Breathitt, Clay, Clinton, Cumberland, Harlan, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Laurel, Lee, Leslie, McCreary, Magoffin, Marion, Monroe, Owsley, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Taylor, Wayne and Whitley.



Jean Rosenberg

Rosenberg lauded at conference

by Janice Shepherd
Managing Editor

A Prestonsburg woman has won the Eastern Kentucky Leadership Conference's first Vision for East Kentucky Women's Award.

Jean Rosenberg, who administers the Single Parent/Homemaker Program at Prestonsburg Community College, was named the organization's first recipient of the award during the Eastern Kentucky Leadership Conference in Ashland April 24-25.

She was one of nine women from Eastern Kentucky to be

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Thirty teaching jobs lost to budget deficit

by Susan Allen
Staff Writer

Over 30 first and second-year teachers were informed Thursday that their teaching contracts will not be renewed next year.

Floyd interim superintendent Mike King said Thursday that 33 teaching positions will be affected, but that "it could be a lot worse, too."

All tenured and four-year teachers in the district will be placed in current positions available for which they are certified, King said. Excluded from the layoff are the

district's special education and speech and language teachers.

Some teachers with three-years experience will be notified their jobs are not renewed, but some of those educators are expected to be placed in the system, King said.

In July, after officials look at the staffing situation in the district, some of the termination letters may be rescinded, King added, and laid off teachers may be rehired. He said five to 10 people could be reemployed in the system, but he is not sure of the exact number.

As for those let go for which

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Rosenberg

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including the Big Sandy District Cancer Council, the Prichard Committee, and the advisory committee of Our Lady of the Way Hospital.

Rosenberg also became involved in improving education in Floyd County schools. When routine elementary classes weren't enough to satisfy her son's appetite for learning, she helped to establish the county's first Gifted and Talented Program for exceptional students. That project, which was set up at Clark Elementary, became the blueprint for TAG programs across the state.

Rosenberg also developed the Floyd County Education Forum, an organization that encourages parents to become directly involved with the local schools which educate their children. The program became an outreach for the Prichard Committee.

Then she turned her attention to non-traditional students. In 1987 she became the part-time program administrator of the Prestonsburg Community College Single Parent/Homemaker Program, which services a ten-county area. The program focuses on building self-esteem and sets motivational goals for these students.

Through the program, Rosenberg conducts an annual Survival Skills Workshop for low-income participants. The workshop offers seminars on topics such as auto repair, money management, self-defense and career counseling. She has become an advocate for

these non-traditional students and has been vocal in her stance regarding education reform. She protests recent legislation that these students get only one year of post-secondary education, without work requirements. Rosenberg wants two years for her students.

She's also interested in helping every low-income family become computer literate so they can enter the workforce competitively.

When Rosenberg accepted the Vision for East Kentucky Women's Award, she had with her four of her non-traditional students — Rayanna Spradlin of Prestonsburg; Iva Hall of Magoffin County; Deborah Alsip of Johnson County; and Paula Preece of Martin County. They are her "courage and grit," she said.

"That's what motivates me daily, the courage and grit I see from these parents/non-traditional students," Rosenberg said during an interview with WYMT-TV regarding the award.

When she moved to Prestonsburg with her nine-month-old son, Michael, and her husband, John, in the early '70s, she soon became involved in improving the Floyd County community. She was one of the founding members of the Floyd County Meals on Wheels program established by the Prestonsburg Presbyterian Church's Christian Services Ministry. She coordinated a volunteer effort for the program from her kitchen.

In an effort to see that healthier babies were born in the area, she established and taught a childbirth preparation class in her home. When the program grew, PCC offered space for the classes and some financial support. It kept expanding and, in 1978, she organized the Big Sandy Family Childbirth and Educational Association, which includes a growing set of classes, annual reunions, and the Breast Feeding Support Group.

As a health educator, Rosenberg decided to improve her own education. She obtained an associate degree in nursing from PCC in 1982. She had earlier served on the Nursing School's Advisory Committee.

She has served on numerous boards in the Big Sandy area,

Jobs

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there are no positions in the system, King said site-based councils will be given the names of those teachers and it will be noted that they have previously worked in the district.

Local officials are in the process of a central office reorganization and are looking for ways to trim expenses in the district in an effort to reduce the system's budget deficit.

Finance director Matt Wireman told board members at last month's meeting that it appears the school system will end the year with a budget deficit for the fourth straight year.

Several recent court judgments against the system, plus a lower than anticipated delinquent tax collection rate are two major factors

contributing to the projected deficit, Wireman said.

A more detailed financial report is expected at the May board meeting.

In February, the local board of education entered into an agreement with state education officials which allowed for a three-year state takeover of the system after a management audit showed widespread financial and management problems throughout the district.

A plan of corrective action has been developed by central office staff and local board members continue to call for expansion and revision of the document. The board is also to get monthly updates regarding the implementation of corrective measures and timelines for those actions to be taken.

Anniversary

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Two of the squad's original members — Ben Ferguson and Don Willis — continue to participate in activities.

Other original members were Manis Gray, Donald C. Sullivan, Rev. Robert Regan, Flem Jarrell, Marion S. Collins, Fred Goble, Henry Gray, Amos Gray, Isaac Goble, Edward P. Hill, Henry Stumbo, John D. Perry, Tommy Cole, Palmer Patton, Homer D. Neeley, Marvin Goodman, William Harris and Tommy LeMaster.

"Many of these men served for

dozens of years and others, like former captain Darrell 'Bud' Alexander, came in later and served for decades," the release says. "Their sacrifices and commitment will never be forgotten...[T]he service and dedication of these men and the current membership is unparalleled in the state or the country."

More than 300 volunteers have served Floyd and other counties with their memberships with the rescue squad over the last 40 years. There are currently 30 active members and many reserve members.

Aid

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term risks from future disasters.

Local governments can also receive an additional 13 percent of the cost associated with the damages from state-regulated programs.

Other federally assisted programs available for residents affected by the flood include:

- grants for minimal repairs not covered by insurance to make damaged homes habitable;
- grants for medical, funeral, transportation and other disaster-related needs not covered by insurance or other federal, state and

charitable aid programs;

- unemployment payments up to 26 weeks for workers who temporarily lost jobs because of the disaster and who do not qualify for state benefits; and
- relief programs such as crisis counseling for those traumatized by the disaster.

Area residents wishing to begin the process of applying for the federal assistance should contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) by calling toll-free 1-800-462-9029.

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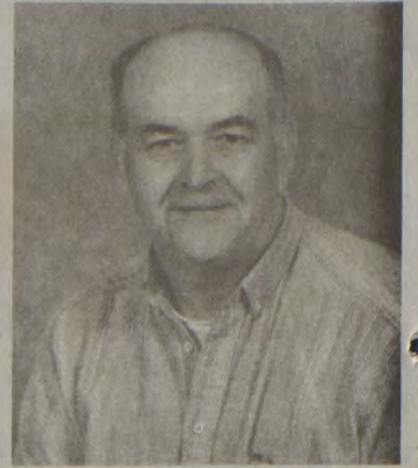
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Piarist school presents a production of Cinderella

The timeless enchantment of a magical fairy tale is reborn as The Piarist School presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella on Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2, at 7:30 p.m.

Originally presented on television in 1957, Cinderella was the most widely viewed program in the history of the medium. This recreation as adapted for the stage, is imbued with great warmth and

more than a touch of comedy, the hearts of children and adults alike still soar when the glass slipper fits. Senior Rachel Woods of Auxier is Cinderella, who dreams "In My Own Little Corner" of going to the

ball with junior Johnny Clay Keeton of Salyersville, who is making his dramatic premier as Prince Charming. Senior Kristi McGarey of Prestonsburg is the magical fairy Godmother who reminds all that "Impossible Things are Happening Every Day." Sophomore George Hall and senior Cori Duty, both of Prestonsburg, are charming as the king and queen. Sophomore Tai England of Hi Hat is a delightfully-wicked stepmother, as are sophomore Princess Witten of Sitka and senior Jeanne Mahaffey of Paintsville as the stepsisters whose lively "Stepsister's Lament" could almost make you

like them. Rounding out the cast as the townspeople are junior Adam Hutchinson of Martin, sophomores Katie Karn of Whitehouse and Natalie McDonald of Prestonsburg, and freshmen, Mary Bowmann of Martin, William Duty, Iris Stumbo, and Thomas Greene all of Prestonsburg, and Tabitha Nunemaker of Hager Hill as the herald who announces that "The Prince is Giving A Ball." The play is directed by Rev. David Powers, Sch.P., and the assistant director is junior Natasha Clark of Harold. Freshman Nora Traum of Prestonsburg is the musi-

cal director, and senior Sally Lambert of Prestonsburg is the choreographer. The play is being presented in the round in a unique dessert theater format. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The Piarist School is a small, private, college preparatory high school located on Route 80 in Martin. For tickets or for more information, call the school at 285-3950.



The cast

The cast of Cinderella are, back row, left: Cori Duty (Queen), John Keeton (Prince Charming), and George Hall, (King); front row: Kristi McGarey (Fairy Godmother), Tai England, (Wicked Stepmother), Rachel Woods (Cinderella), Jeanne Mahaffey (Portia), and Princess Witten (Joy).



Prince Charming, portrayed by John Keeton, assists Cinderella, Rachel Woods, from her carriage, as the Fairy Godmother, Kristi McGarey Watches.

1998 MS Walk is Sunday

The West Virginia Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society encourages Floyd Countians to register for the 1998 MS Walk to be held Sunday, May 3, at Prestonsburg Community College.

Registration begins at 1 p.m., and the MS Walk begins at 2 p.m. Walkers who have not pre-registered may do so on the day of the event.

The MS Walk will cover five scenic kilometers (a little over six miles). Walkers will raise funds for their efforts. Throughout the route, the society provides support services such as rest stops, refreshments, first aid, and entertainment, all donated by local groups. Prizes will be awarded to walkers raising \$65 or more. Proceeds support the National MS Society's cutting edge research, and local support programs to help people with MS maximize their lives and retain independence.

MS is a chronic, often disabling disease that attacks a person's central nervous system. The progress, severity, and specific symptoms of the disease cannot be foreseen. The symptoms run the gamut from slight blurring of vision to complete paralysis. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 40, but the unpredictable physical and emotional effects can occur for the rest of their lives. Participating in the MS Walk provides the public an opportunity to make a difference in the lives of a third of a million Americans who daily battle the disabling effects of MS.

The goal for the MS Walk this year is to recruit a new walker for each person with MS served. That's 2,500 walkers in the areas the local chapter covers, including West Virginia, two counties in Ohio and seven counties in Kentucky.

Funds raised from the MS Walk will be used to support the local chapter and its programs. Currently, the chapter provides educational

programs to people with MS, their families, professionals, and those in the community. The West Virginia Chapter contributes funds toward national research efforts to end the devastating effects of MS. Recently, some \$8.9 million have been committed by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to support 28 new research projects by top scientists investigating many aspects of MS. The 28 new projects are scheduled to begin April 1. They will focus on understanding and reversing the mistaken immune-system attack in MS, finding ways to repair nerve-insulating myelin damaged by the attack, and the effects of exercise. The society funds more MS research than any other voluntary agency in the world.

Mark and Connie Miller, and James Michael Vance are some of the organizers of the local event.

Prestonsburg High School's Mark Miller has issued a challenge to his classmates of the PHS class of 1970 to join the Walk.

Individuals, and teams already registered include Branham & Baker Coal Company, Brown Food Service, Class of 1970, Dance Etc., Jurich Family Practice, Prestonsburg High School faculty, Prestonsburg High School Athletics, and Porter Elementary.

The MS Walk in Prestonsburg is sponsored by Hardee's, WSIP, Metro News Networks, Stone & Thomas, West Virginia InterNet, Frito Lay, Foodland and Tyler Mountain Water.

For more information about registering for the 1998 MS Walk, contact the West Virginia Chapter of the National MS Society at (304) 343-5152, 1-800-628-5645, or visit their web site at: www.wv.nmss.org

SBA disaster loans available in Floyd, 11 other counties

Federal disaster loans are available from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for homeowners, renters, landlords, and businesses located in Adair, Barren, Bell, Casey, Clay, Floyd, Knott, Knox, Metcalfe, Perry, Warren, and Whitley counties due to damages caused by the severe storms, tornadoes and flooding that began on April 16.

Because the SBA Disaster Assistance Program is the primary form of federal assistance to those affected by a disaster, most homeowners, renters, landlords, and all businesses will be referred directly to the SBA for low-interest disaster loans when they register for assistance.

SBA offers loans of up to \$200,000 to repair disaster-damaged homes. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to \$40,000 to replace personal prop-

erty. Loans to businesses and non-profit organizations of up to \$1.5 million are also available to repair damage to real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, etc., and for leasehold improvements.

Interest rates can be as low as 3.50 percent with loan terms up to 30 years. Actual loan amounts and terms are set by SBA based on each applicant's financial condition.

Disaster victims are reminded that to be considered for all forms of disaster assistance, including SBA disaster loans, they must first call the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) tele-registration at 1-800-462-9029. This is a very important first step.

The application filing deadline for physical damage loan applications is June 28, 1998; the deadline for economic injury applications is January 29, 1999.

Church to host garden party

As part of a Magoffin County community endeavor to provide opportunities for sustainable gardens, St. Luke's, a mission of St. Martha's Church in Prestonsburg, is hosting a Community Garden Party on Saturday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Coordinated by Sr. Jan Barthel of the Benedictine Community of Mt. Tabor, Martin, the project promise a half-day of fun and learning and will include a free lunch as well as a chance to meet other interested new and old gardeners.

Todd Garland from West Virginia and a member of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia will demonstrate double-digging organic gardening. He will use the biotensive method and show how to increase food production two to six times using one-eighth of the water normally needed. This method employs very little purchase fertilizer, no toxic chemicals and calls for 100 times less energy! The demonstration on St. Luke's grounds is free and open to the public.

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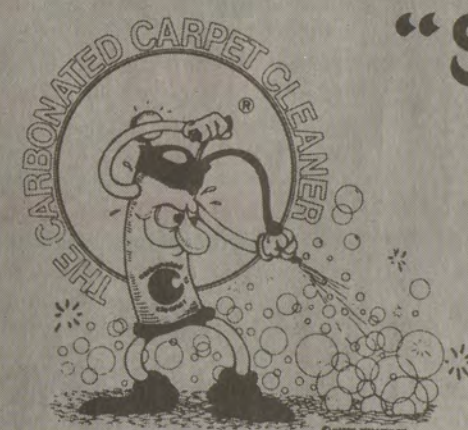
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Viewpoint

Quote of the week...

A short saying oft contains much wisdom.

Sophocles

Editorial

A curve in the road for education

by Scott Perry

Can't say where the new Kentucky Board of Education will take us on our journey to improve education in this region of the state, but we can say without a moment's hesitation that Eastern Kentucky parents lost two faithful, dedicated drivers Wednesday.

For the announced purpose of "inserting new blood" on the state school board, Governor Paul Patton has replaced board chairman Joe Kelly and Whitesburg newspaper publisher Tom Gish with an education establishment insider...EKU education professor Lydia Carol Gabbard... and a Hindman political activist...attorney Bill Weinberg.

We don't know Ms. Gabbard from Eve or Mr. Weinberg from Adam, but we do know the two men they are replacing.

Joe Kelly has been a public servant above reproach who has often taken a personal interest in Eastern Kentucky's educational misadventures. He's one of a rare breed of officials who actually made himself available to the public and who didn't let political pressure get in the way of solving, or attempting to solve, school problems.

Tom Gish was the state school board's conscience, and an outspoken one at that.

His heart and his head were always in the right place when it came to addressing the deeply-rooted problems our school districts face and he never was one to hide his disdain when the efforts to cure those problems came up short.

Eastern Kentucky owes a debt of gratitude to both of these public servants and we owe it to ourselves to serve notice to their successors that we expect their jobs to be carried on.

We aren't optimistic, sad to say, but we'll reserve judgment for another day.

Meanwhile, we remain thankful for Joe Kelly and Tom Gish for living up to what we consider to be the true definition of public service.

This transfusion of "new blood" may be necessary, but it won't affect our educational health in a positive way unless it is a match of the type we are losing.

Asides...

Why do we get the feeling the federal government has been smoking a bit too much of the weed it hopes to eradicate?

U.S. Drug Czar Barry McCaffrey announced plans Wednesday to pump \$11 million into a law enforcement effort to eradicate the pot trade in southeastern Kentucky. Meanwhile, taxpayers will shell out about a zillion more dollars to zap tobacco out of existence.

Why don't they save a few bucks and just soak us down with Agent Orange?

That way they'll get rid of all our noxious weeds and all of us noxious poor folks at the same time.

If they want to spend all that money defoliating, why not spray it on the roots of our problems.

Poverty and under-education have led us down the path of ruin. Our marijuana "plantations" are just symptoms of desperation.



Letters to the Editor

National Day of Prayer theme is, "America Returns to God"

Editor:
The 47th consecutive National Day of Prayer in our nation is Thursday, May 7. This year's theme is, "America, Return to God."

Today when children are not safe in their schools, their homes or their mother's wombs; when children are killing each other and their teachers; when suicide, sexually transmitted disease, promiscuity, violence, Satanism, witchcraft, and pornography are common teenage experiences; when alcohol and drugs are destroying lives and homes; and when morals and values decline with each passing year, most feel the need to plead, "America, return to God."

On Thursday, May 7, millions of Americans will join heart and hands together to bow before the Almighty God and ask for help that we as a nation may return to God. Since the time of our founding fathers, prayer has been an integral part of this nation's history, and has knitted a divine strength into the fabric of America. The National Day of Prayer, firmly rooted in this Judeo-Christian tradition, is celebrated the first Thursday of May each year, to bring Americans together to prayerfully acknowledge their dependence on God.

Our hope is that people from all across Floyd County will join us for a Prayer Rally at the Municipal Parking Lot on Lake Drive in

Prestonsburg (or in case of rain, at the Family Life Center at First United Methodist Church). The rally will be at 7 p.m. on May 7. Join us and the rest of the nation in lifting our voices to God in prayer, that indeed America will return to God. Join us — you can make a difference!

Sue Fultz
Prestonsburg

Red Cross says, "Thanks!"

Editor:
On behalf of the Board of Directors, The Big Sandy Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, I want to thank Sheriff Paul Hunt Thompson and the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their invaluable assistance during the recent floods in Floyd County. Sheriff Thompson assisted our initial damage assessment operation throughout the county, thereby assuring timely assistance to the approximately 230 families affected by the disaster.

In addition, the flooding pointed out the need for more trained disaster response specialists in our area. Therefore, the Big Sandy Area Chapter of the American Red Cross will conduct a mini-disaster college at Prestonsburg Community College, May 29 and 30. Anyone interested in becoming a Red Cross disaster volunteer should call (606) 886-8330 for more details.

Tim Skeen, Chair
Disaster Operations

Other Voices

Editor's note: Viewpoints expressed in Other Voices does not necessarily reflect the views of The Floyd County Times

A FITTING MEMORIAL DAY TRIBUTE

by Anthony G. Jordan

Memorial Day is a time of remembrance and of thanksgiving.

"Remembrance," because we pay our respects to the one-million American men and women who laid down their lives in time of war.

"Thanksgiving," because we thank our Creator that such people once lived, and that their legacy is the unparalleled freedom we enjoy in this great country and much of the world.

Too often on Memorial Day we think only of our military patriots as having sacrificed for our freedoms, but there are millions of other

unsung Americans who supported their efforts.

And today, there are those who never wore the uniform of our country, but they, too, continue the fight to preserve the values we all cherish. Some of them will probably lead the effort to decorate graves and handle the myriad details of memorial services. Let's remember to say "thanks" to them, too.

Throughout the history of civilization, men and women of good will have honored their war dead. They have paid homage to those who went into harms way when their country called. If we expect future generations to answer the call of duty, this is a tradition that we must preserve. And it is fitting that we do so.

All of us, veterans or not, have a duty to do what we can do to pass on to the next generation the blessings of liberty and an appreciation for the values of patriotism, honesty, charity, civility, and diligence that provides the firm foundation for our freedoms.

On Memorial Day, we will celebrate the

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'Social Security' ads may be misleading—watch out

Social Security is issuing a general alert to area residents about misleading ads that purport to sell Social Security information, states Jim Kelly, Social Security District Director for the Big Sandy Area. "You will find that the same information is free from the Social Security office, and it will be accurate," Kelly stated.

Kelly said the elderly are often targeted by the misleading ads. But the ads also target new brides, new parents and people of all ages. Typical scams are those that use "official" letterhead stationery offering to provide a replacement for a lost or stolen Social Security card, have a name changed on a Social Security record or get a Social Security number for a child

for a fee. These services are free from Social Security and more easily obtained.

Individuals or groups who purposefully mislead the public about Social Security or Medicare services are subject to strong penalties under current legislation. The law makes such misrepresentations criminal offenses and increases fines that can be imposed.

The Social Security Administration responds to consumer complaints and inquiries from Congress about mail received by members of the public that appears to be misleading advertising. If it finds that such mailings violate the law, the senders face prosecution by the Inspector General's Office.

The law considers each piece of mail an individual violation. It states that the use of a disclaimer does not excuse such acts, removes a previous penalty cap amount of \$100,000 annually, and requires written authorization from the Government for printing and distributing any Social Security material for a fee.

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James, Anthony, and Jaime take a break from a practice session at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps. The three form a trio called "Unique."

Carl D. Perkins Dance Team, a 'Unique' trio

A trio of students at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps are putting their talents to work for their future.

Jaime Antonio Falu', James Johnson II, and Anthony Gallagher have formed a dance group called "Unique," and are demonstrating their skills on the dance floor.

They gave a sneak preview on Wednesday, April 15, of the things they have accomplished in the past couple of months.

Their routines are choreographed by Falu', 19. He is assisted in his choreography by the members of his dance troupe. The students are under the guidance of Barbara Blackburn.

The group says creating their routines "takes a lot of hard work and dedication, but all the work does not compete with the fun and friendships that are established."

The trio "Unique" will soon be graduating, but they hope the Job Corps will continue more recreational activities and allow students to form dance and singing teams, and they hope they have helped build a foundation for the future of dance teams at the center.

The group started out as an all-female dance team and, when the three male students joined the team, they met with opposition.

"I am glad that Ms. Blackburn

decided to let the guys on the dance team," James Johnson said. "She was against it at first because she was following instructions. I don't have a doubt in my mind that she will continue to let men work with her on the dance team. We have proven to her that men can work just as hard when it comes to something that we enjoy." The dance team made a positive influence on student Anthony Gallagher. He learned to persevere.

"I can't dance that well, but I stuck to the dance team anyway," Gallagher said. "They have really given me a lot of support and kept me with them no matter what. I enjoyed dancing for 'Unique.' I have also made two of the best friends I could ever ask for."

Choreographer Falu' found direction in his life — and possibly a career.

"Dancing is my life," Falu' said. "I have always dreamed of being on Broadway, but that takes work, and I am definitely willing to do just that as I was willing to take the responsibility of teaching the dance team new steps and representing them."

For more information about the dance group, or about the programs at the Carl D. Perkins Job Corps, call the center at 889-0788.

Certificates of Need meetings are scheduled for May 7th

The Cabinet for Health Services has scheduled public hearings in May on certificate of need projects.

In the Big Sandy Area, May 7 is the date for a 9 a.m. meeting in the Health Services building boardroom, 275 East Main Street, Frankfort, as Highlands Home Patient Services of Prestonsburg will present information on the establishment and expansion of home health services to include Martin and Magoffin counties.

Also, Central Baptist Home Health Care of Paintsville will present proposals on establishment and expansion of home health services to include Johnson, Magoffin, Martin and Morgan counties at a \$10,000 cost.

Our Lady of The Way Hospital Home Health Agency in Johnson County proposes to establish or

expand home health services to include Johnson County at a \$20,000 price, as well as Our Lady of The Way Home Health of Magoffin County wishes to propose to establish or expand home health services to include Magoffin County at a \$20,000 cost.

Finally that same day, the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center Home Health Agency in Paintsville proposes to establish or expand home health agencies to serve Johnson, Magoffin and Martin counties.

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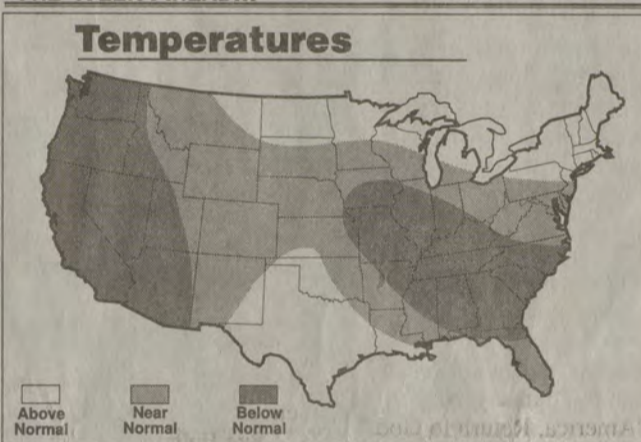
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Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
69	51	69/49	71/50	73/51	71/51	74/54	77/56

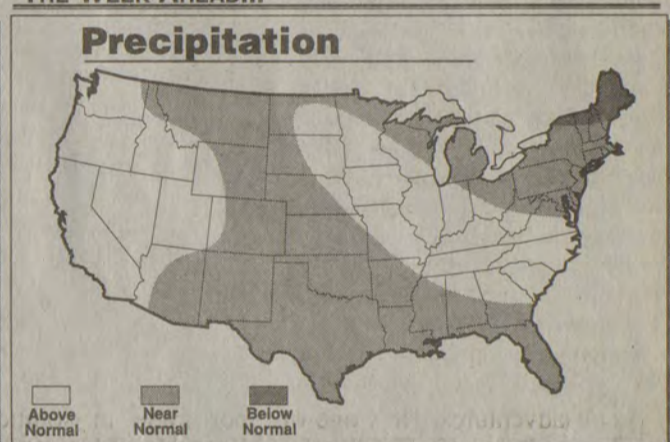
THE WEEK AHEAD...



NATIONAL SUMMARY

Stormy weather will be the likely scenario for the West during the period. Rain and mountain snow will fall across the Pacific Northwest, California and the northern Rockies. The midsection of the nation through the Southeast will be subject to cool and damp weather. The southern Plains, Great Lakes and northern Plains will enjoy mild weather.

THE WEEK AHEAD...



U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	76	54	76	54	72	52	74	54	75	55
Boston	66	54	68	52	62	48	65	50	73	57
Chicago	64	46	60	41	66	47	68	49	72	52
Cleveland	68	49	64	45	64	47	69	49	69	48
Denver	68	42	73	44	78	46	75	45	69	38
Des Moines	76	43	62	41	71	50	72	52	77	56
Detroit	66	48	64	45	65	48	71	50	71	49
Houston	86	59	83	60	82	61	84	65	87	66
Indianapolis	68	49	64	45	69	51	69	51	73	53
Kansas City	76	45	65	44	71	53	74	53	78	59
Los Angeles	78	58	74	52	74	51	73	51	66	39
Miami	84	70	85	69	84	69	84	71	81	68
Minn.-St. Paul	68	38	60	41	72	51	71	52	75	55
New Orleans	81	59	79	58	78	56	80	60	82	65
New York City	66	57	69	55	67	52	68	53	73	58
Omaha	78	41	64	43	75	51	75	52	80	56
Phoenix	96	65	93	66	95	64	91	61	79	50
San Francisco	66	51	66	51	66	50	64	49	53	38
Seattle	74	52	72	49	64	46	59	42	49	33
Washington	72	58	74	55	69	53	71	55	75	55

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Fri.	6:36 a.m.	8:21 p.m.
Sat.	6:35 a.m.	8:22 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Fri.	11:21 a.m.	12:56 a.m.
Sat.	12:18 p.m.	1:44 a.m.

MOON PHASES

First	Full	Last	New
May 3	May 11	May 19	May 25

Weather (W):
s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy,
sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain,
sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Today		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Amsterdam	68	53	63	43	55	41	59	44	60	45
Berlin	73	54	70	52	65	49	65	49	64	47
Buenos Aires	58	45	60	42	59	41	59	43	62	47
Cairo	94	61	96	69	98	74	100	75	100	75
Jerusalem	74	48	79	56	82	61	85	64	86	66
Johannesburg	84	53	81	52	77	52	76	52	75	52
London	58	46	60	41	59	44	62	46	62	47
Madrid	62	41	62	42	67	42	67	41	67	43
Mexico City	85	53	81	55	81	54	82	56	83	57
Moscow	60	44	63	51	65	49	68	53	71	54
Paris	65	45	63	43	57	39	59	44	60	45
Rio de Janeiro	75	63	73	65	75	65	76	65	75	66
Rome	60	51	62	58	73	49	64	46	63	45
San Juan	86	74	87	78	89	76	89	76	89	75
Seoul	70	69	76	52	73	54	77	59	82	60
Sydney	63	53	64	54	67	54	69	57	72	62
Toronto	64	46	65	43	61	44	65	46	66	46
Tokyo	67	60	74	73	82	68	76	67	82	72
Winnipeg	46	30	58	38	71	48	70	46	69	45
Zurich	60	49	62	47	60	42	59	44	61	44

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May 7 has been designated as National Day of Prayer and, locally, that observance will culminate in a Prayer Rally at the Town Center Parking lot in Prestonsburg as youth and adults join hands to pray for their nation, their counties, and their cities. This year's observance will include more music from several local churches. Pictured at a proclamation signing Thursday are, from left, Rev. David Fultz and Sue Fultz from the First United Methodist Church; Kaye Allen, Praise Assembly; and Father Dave Powers, president of the Floyd County Ministerial Association. (photo by Janice Shepherd)

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CPA review offered at PC

by Pamela Slone

Many professionals, such as doctors and lawyers, are required to take exams in order to be licensed in their particular fields. Accountants are no different.

The CPA Exam is an extremely difficult test that lasts 15 1/2 hours over two days. The test is divided into four sections; auditing, law and professional responsibilities, financial accounting and reporting, and accounting and reporting. The national exam is given twice a year—in May and November. Testing costs \$140, and licensing is issued by individual states, with some states having experience requirements.

In order to prepare for the CPA exam, many candidates enroll in the CPA Review Class. This type of class often costs between \$1000 and \$1500, with the nearest from the Pikeville area being at least two hours away. Seeing the need for a review a bit closer to home, Pikeville College began offering a CPA Review Class as part of its community education program. The class is offered for only \$150. As an added incentive, it has also been offered as college credit this semester for Pikeville College students.

The Pikeville College CPA Review Class meets on Mondays at 6 p.m., and is taught by Pikeville College business professor and CPA Peggy Jones. The importance of the class is two-fold; the review of the information is certainly

important, but the emotional support that the study-group setting provides is also invaluable during such a stressful time.

Accountants must pass two sections of the CPA exam with a minimum of 50 percent on the rest of the test in order to receive credit for those sections passed and to only be required to retake the other two sections. Otherwise, the entire test must be retaken. Last November,

833 candidates took the CPA exam in Kentucky. One-hundred-thirty-eight passed, only 32 of whom were taking the exam for the first time.

Pikeville College plans, if there is enough interest, to offer another review class next semester, beginning in early August, to prepare for the November exam. For more information, call the Pikeville College Office of Student Affairs at (606) 432-9319.

Gas prices down for seven straight month

Gasoline prices have started to rise again in some parts of the country, but overall, the average price of gasoline fell slightly in April, extending a trend that has brought prices down 21 cents in the last seven months, according to AAA.

AAA's monthly Fuel Gauge Report shows the national average for self-serve regular unleaded gas is \$1.079 per gallon, down two-tenths of a cent from March and down 17.4 cents from a year ago.

"It has been a remarkable 12 months for gas prices," said Dan Dickson, public relations manager for AAA Blue Grass/Kentucky. "I'm sure everyone enjoyed paying less when we needed a fill-up. Adjusted for inflation, we were paying some of the lowest gas prices in U.S. history," remarked Dickson.

Gasoline and oil prices rose

recently when oil-producing nations announced that they had agreed to lower production quotas, but prices dropped back again when actual production cuts were significantly less than anticipated.

Once again, the lowest gas prices in the United States could be found in the southeast. Folks living out west continued to pay the nation's highest prices.

Here in Kentucky, the average price for a gallon of self-serve regular unleaded gas was \$1.02 per gallon, up two cents from last month. In Lexington, the price for a gallon of self-serve regular was a dollar even, up three cents from a month ago.

AAA Blue Grass Kentucky is a not-for-profit auto club serving 121,000 members in Central and Eastern Kentucky and parts of Virginia and West Virginia.

Doctor completes requirements for membership

Virginia A. De Guzman M.D., of Martin, has completed continuing medical education requirements to retain active membership in the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national association of family doctors.

AAFP members are required to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical study every three years. The AAFP, which has more than 80,000 members, is one of the largest medical specialty organizations in the country. It was the first national medical group to require members to keep up with medical advancements through regular continuing medical education.

Dr. De Guzman has been an Active AAFP member since 1976. As a family physician, Dr. De Guzman is qualified to work in all major areas of health care and trained to treat patients of all ages for the vast majority of health problems.

The AAFP, which is headquartered in Kansas City, MO, provides education, legal, insurance and lobbying services to its members, and publishes American Family Physician, a 150,000-circulation clinical journal.

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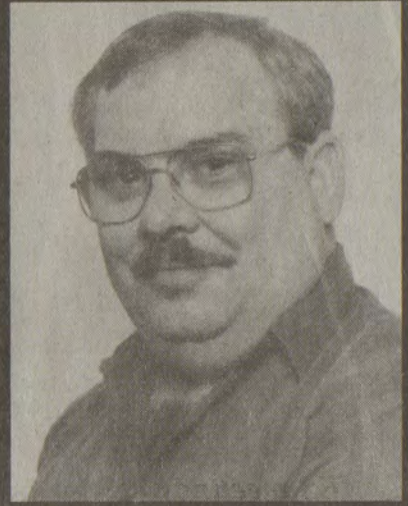
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My mother and step-father now reside in Plymouth, Ohio, and are in full support of my running for office.

My wife's name is Cora Lee Webb Greathouse. She was also born in Floyd County and she is one of 20 children born to the late Racheal Webb and the late Elza Webb, of Auxier, Kentucky.

All 16 children born to the Greathouse family, and all 20 children born to the Webb family were born in Floyd County, Kentucky.

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- Most of all, I promise to fight and stand firm on issues most important to the people and progress of Floyd County!
- I will work this job full-time, and not part-time as it has been in the past!
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REGIONAL OBITUARIES

Magoffin County

Shirley Ann Bailey, 53, of Salyersville, died April 20. Funeral services were April 22, at the Salyersville Funeral Home Chapel.

Alex Whitaker Jr., 69, of Salyersville and Waterloo, Indiana, died April 18. He retired in 1990 from the Indiana State Highway Department, Waterloo Unit, following 21 years of service. Funeral services were April 23, at the Feller Funeral Home in Waterloo, Indiana.

Clifford Hampton, 70, of Salyersville, died April 6. He is survived by his wife, Eva Lee Reed Hampton. He was a World War II Army veteran. A former truck driver for the Department of Transportation, he was employed as a security guard at Continental Conveyor and Equipment in Salyersville at the time of his death. Funeral services were April 9, at the Salyersville Funeral Home.

Pike County

Tony Lee "Kingfish" Robinette, 55, of Sidney, died April 24. He was a retired coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Linda Lou Hinkle Robinette. Funeral services were April 27, at the Pilgrim Home Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Irene Fleming, 74, of Virgie, died April 23. Funeral services were April 26, at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Mildred Wolford Hurley of Stopover, died April 24. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alexander Hurley Sr. Funeral services were April 27, at the Stopover Freewill Baptist Church, under the

direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Marie Prater Layne, 81, of Pikeville, died April 24. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ostice Willie Layne. Funeral services were April 26, at the Justice Funeral Service Chapel.

George B. "G.B." Hager, 53, of Sidney, died April 22. He was disabled. He is survived by his parents, Bailey and Lola Hinkle Hager of Sidney. Funeral services were April 25, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Lona Virginia Osborne, 66, of Jonancy, died April 22. She was preceded in death by her husband, Orbie Osborne. Funeral services were April 25, at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Teresa K. Ramey, 36, of Elkhorn City, died April 20. She is survived by her husband, Richard David Ramey. A memorial service was held April 23, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Calvin Coolidge Newsome, 74, of Virgie, died April 22. He was a retired coal miner, formerly employed by Apache Mining Company and a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Polly E. Holbrook Newsome. Funeral services were April 25, at the Lucas & Hall Funeral Home Chapel.

Toney Robinette, 83, of Lower Johns Creek, died April 22. He was a retired, self-employed timberman. He is survived by his wife, Betty Dillon Robinette. Funeral services were April 25, at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Myrtle Robinson, 84, of

Pikeville, died April 22. She was a retired teacher's aide. She was preceded in death by her husband, John B. Robinson. Funeral services were April 24, at the J.W. Call and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Lorna Green Hawkins, 87, of Rockhouse, died April 21. She was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie Hawkins. Funeral services were April 24, at the Little Hattie Church, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Kathleen "Nanny" Wilhoite, 68, of Kimper, died April 25. She was a nurse's aide in Owenton and an employee of L&M Mart. She is survived by her mother, Ethel Utley Roop of Kimper. Funeral services were April 29, at the McDonald Funeral Home Chapel, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Martin L. Justice, 79, of Phyllis, died April 25. He was a retired TV repairman and a World War II Army veteran. Funeral services were April 28, at the Bailey Funeral Home Chapel.

Gladys Belcher Lewis Sexton, 81, of Regina, died April 25. Funeral services were April 28, at the Unity Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Quentin R. Howard, 79, of Pikeville, died April 26. He was a retired school teacher, and a World War II veteran. Funeral services were April 28, at the Mayflower Unity Baptist Church, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Virgie A. Coleman, 90, of Ashcamp, died April 28. She was preceded in death by her husband, James R. Coleman. Funeral services

were April 30, at the Samaria Regular Baptist Church, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Eva Taylor, 88, of Sidney, died April 26. She was co-owner of Taylor's Gulf Service Station & Restaurant at Sidney. She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett James Paul Taylor. Funeral services were April 29, at the Rogers Funeral Home Chapel.

Earl Scott Damron, 67, of Robinson Creek, died April 26. Funeral services were April 28, at the R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home Chapel.

Johnson County

Lula Marie Montgomery, 75, of West Van Lear, died April 22. She is survived by her husband, Harold D. Montgomery. Funeral services were April 24, at the Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel.

May Jones Blevins, 86, died April 21. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leslie Blevins. Funeral services were April 24, at Highland Memorial Funeral Chapel, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Clifford Morris Conley, 55, of Paintsville, died April 1. He was a medical technician. Memorial services were held April 4, at the Paintsville Funeral Home Chapel.

Aaron Smith Burns, 21, of Nippa, died April 21. He was a welder. He is survived by his parents, Roy Lee and Nancy Daniel Burns. Funeral services were April 25, at the Preston Funeral Home Chapel.

Charles "Junior" Fraley, 81, of Staffordsville, died April 26. He was

a coal miner. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Elizabeth Castle Fraley. He is survived by his wife, Betty Dozier Fraley. Funeral services were April 29, at the Thealka Freewill Baptist Church, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Martin County

John H. Davis, 73, of Martin County, died April 26. He was a retired, disabled coal miner. He is survived by his wife, Brookie M. Davis. Funeral services were April 29, at the Richmond-Callahan

Funeral Home Chapel.

Laura Perry Mills, 90, died April 28. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roscoe Mills Sr. Funeral services were April 30, at the Richmond-Callahan Funeral Home Chapel.

Marcia Hinant, 38, of Cold Springs, died April 22. She is survived by her parents, Robert T. Hinant of Edgewood and Phyllis Robinson Hinant of Inez. Funeral services were April 25, at the Dobbings Funeral Home.

Tribute

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lives of our great patriots in many ways—family gatherings, memorial services, private moments at a graveside, where a single rose or tiny American flag has been offered in remembrance.

But as we remember those who paid the price to make our country—and, indeed, much of the world—the place it is today, let us also remember that there is only one symbol that embodies all that they believed as Americans—and that is our flag.

I don't have to tell you what our flag means not only to us but also to freedom-loving people everywhere. Yet, there are those who don't understand. Some elitist members of the media, ACLU officials, and general malcontents thrive on sewing strife and discord as they try to make us believe our flag represents the freedom to destroy it.

A five-to-four Supreme Court decision set this belief into law in 1989, contrary to more than 200 years of tradition and jurisprudence, and contrary to the wishes of the American people.

Strange that the very heroes we honor today are the people who would least understand such twisted logic, for it was they who laid down their lives on the field of battle to stop the enemy from burning their flags. They were more willing to suffer death than such disgrace at the hands of a foe.

Still, those who would relish such abhorrent conduct, evoke the names of these silent patriots as advocates for this perversion.

But we can change that, and we can change the state of the law. We can restore to the American people the freedom to protect their flag by urging our Senators to vote for the flag protection amendment, SJR 40.

And we can show our own support for this amendment by showing our colors on this Memorial Day.

And not on Memorial Day only, but by flying our flag proudly from our homes, our churches and our places of business until the U.S. Senate passes the flag protection amendment.

Let's fly our flags to remind the world that it was not the media that gave us freedom of the press. It was our patriots.

It was not the ACLU that gave us freedom of speech. It was the blood of men and women of all races, creeds and religions who honored our flag as a banner of opportunity and freedom, and saw it as an ally against the forces of oppression.

And it was not the demonstrators burning our flag that gave us peace. It was the men and women who served and sacrificed under that flag.

It is their memory that we honor on this day. Let us do so through prayer, reflection, thanksgiving—and, by "Showing Your Colors, America!"

Editor's note: Anthony G. Jordan of Augusta, Maine, is national commander of the 2.9-million member American Legion, the nation's largest veteran's organization.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

AES meetings

The Allen Elementary P.T.O. and SBDM council will meet May 4, at 6 and 7 p.m. in the school library. PTO officers and parent council members will be elected. Nominations must be made in writing to the principal before 3 p.m. May 1 for the parent council member.

Clark council elections

The Clark SBDM council will hold parent member elections on May 7, at 7 p.m. in the school library. Nominations must be made in writing to the principal before 3 p.m. May 7.

SFHS taking nominations

South Floyd High School is accepting nominations for parent

representatives to serve on the SBDM council. For more information, contact Debbie Daniels, principal. Nomination deadline is May 4. Election will be held May 7 in the school cafeteria.

PES council to meet

Prestonsburg Elementary will hold their regular SBDM meeting on May 4, at 6 p.m.

Martin Middle School Youth Service Center

- SBDM meeting May 4, at 6 p.m. at the school. The meeting is open to the public.
- Law Day, Friday, May 1, at 1 p.m. Lawyers will discuss their duties and job descriptions.
- Lost clothing can be picked up at the center.

The Ups of Down Syndrome

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meeting will be held May 3, from 2-4 p.m. at the Pikeville Pizza Hut, beside Watson's. Call 377-6142 or 478-5099 for more information. Refreshments will be served or you can place an order.

Revival meeting

The Middle Creek Baptist Church will hold a revival meeting May 3 at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and May 4-6 at 7 p.m. nightly. Evangelist will be Ron Hodge, Missionary to the Appalachians, Crab Orchard, West Virginia. For transportation, call 886-9633, 886-2889, or 886-6060. Special singing. Everyone welcome.

Harris Family Reunion

The Harris family will be having their reunion May 2 at the Cow Creek Freewill Baptist Church Annex beginning at 11 a.m. for the descendants of William Harris, James Harris, John Q. Harris, Buena Vista Harris, California

Harris, and Newton Perry Harris. Each relative is asked to bring a covered dish, salad or dessert. For more information, call 874-0555, 886-8652, or 874-2632.

BLES Kindergarten registration

Registration for Betsy Layne Elementary will be held May 4 from 8:30-11:30 a.m., and 12:30-2 p.m. Children must be five years old by October 1, and the following must be brought when registering: official birth certificate copy, immunization record, physical and TB skin test.

ACHS SBDM council meeting

The Allen Central Site Based Decision Making Council will meet May 5 at 6 p.m. in the school library. The meeting is open to the public.

Benefit auction

A benefit auction will be held at the Fiath Freewill Baptist Church, Sugar Loaf, Saturday, May 2, beginning at 6 p.m. Bid and buy. All proceeds go to the church renovation.

Fibromialgia meeting

A fibromialgia meeting will be held May 5, at 7 p.m. at the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Center. May 12 is National Fibromialgia Awareness Week. Call 874-2769 for more information.

OBITUARIES

Ralph Webb

Ralph Webb, 90, of Blue River, died Monday, April 27, 1998, at his residence.

Born April 6, 1908 at Blue River, he was the son of the late Talt and Nancy Dingus Webb. He was a retired miner with Princess Elkhorn Coal, a U.S. Army veteran of World War II, and a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18, at Auxier.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lizzie Webb.

Survivors include three daughters, Dottie Beecher of Louisville, Dolly Hughes of Blue River, and Polly Smith of Prestonsburg; three sisters, Anna Mae Slone of Michigan and Belva Nelson and Estil Brown, both of Prestonsburg; ten grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Thursday, April 30, at 11 a.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Pallbearers listed for Wanda Lee Gregory

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Wanda Lee Gregory were John Gregory, Rick Gregory, Robert Gregory, Wayne Gregory, Greg Mullins and Mike Gregory.

Honorary pallbearers were Jimmy Ward and Doug Moore.

Elizabeth Conn Roberts

Elizabeth Conn Roberts, 89, of Harold, died Wednesday, April 29, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born March 1, 1909 at Toler Creek, she was the daughter of the late William and Martha Taylor Conn.

She was a retired school teacher and member of the United Baptist Church since 1945.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ranel Roberts.

Survivors include eight sons, Wendell Roberts of Huntington, West Virginia, James L. Roberts of Harold, Bobby Joe Roberts of Grethel, Eddie F. Roberts of Frankfort, Ralph E. Roberts of Huntington, West Virginia, Charles L. Roberts and Garry D. Roberts, both of Harold, and Larry G. Roberts of Huntington, West Virginia; one brother, Woodrow Conn of Springfield, Ohio; 19 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be Saturday, May 2, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with the United Baptist Church ministers officiating.

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

Leonard Goble

Leonard Goble, 67, of Auxier, died Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

Born September 5, 1930 at Lancer, he was the son of the late Bannie and Net Burchett Goble. He was a welder with Clark Equipment in Lima, Ohio, and a veteran. He was a member of the Church of Christ of Prestonsburg.

Survivors include his wife, Brenda Hall Goble; one son, Mark Goble of Auxier; two daughters, Susan Burchett of Auxier and Edde Picklesimer of Paintsville; two brothers, Frank Goble of Auxier and Garnet Goble of Prestonsburg; and two sisters, Elva Blackburn of Wapakoneta, Ohio, and Bess Hager of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Funeral services will be Friday, May 1, at 1 p.m., at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, with the Evangelist Bennie Blankenship officiating.

Burial will be in the Goble Family Cemetery at Auxier, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home, Prestonsburg.

Pallbearers listed for Nora Holt

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Nora Holt were Tim Evans, Kevin Evans, Roger Owens, Davis Evans Jr., Ronnie Owens and Tim Holt.

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AUXIER

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

Horn Chapel Methodist, Auxier Rd.; Sunday Morning Services, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:30; Bible Study, Wednesday 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. David Fultz.

ABBOTT

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

ALLEN

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

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

BANNER

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

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

BEAVER

Elliott's Chapel Free Methodist Church, Beaver, Rt. 979; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6:00 p.m.; Pastor, Philip T. Smith.

BETSY LAYNE

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

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

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

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

Betsy Layne Church of Christ at Betsy Layne; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study, 7:00 p.m.; Minister, Tommy J. Spears

BLUE RIVER

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

BONANZA

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

BUFFALO

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

CORN FORK

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

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

COW CREEK

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

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

DANA

Sammy Clark Branch Freewill Baptist Church, Dana; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Church, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m.; Youth Meeting Sunday, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting, 6:30 p.m.; Pastor, Jody Spencer; Assistance Pastor, Terry Hall.

DAVID

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

DRIFT

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

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

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

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

DENVER

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

DWALE

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

EAST POINT

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

Little Paint First Church of God, East Point, 671 Little Paint Road; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning worship, 11:00; Sunday Evening, 6:00; Youth Fellowship, Sunday 6:00; Wednesday Night, 7:00; Kings Class (Children Ministry) Wednesday 7:00; Pastor, A Wayne Burch.

EMMA

Emma United Methodist, Emma, Ky.; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00; Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.; Paul Aiken, Pastor.

ESTILL

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

GARRETT

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

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

First Baptist Church, Garrett; Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, 7:00 p.m.; Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Wednesday; Pastor, Randy Osborne.

Garrett Church of God, Garrett; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service, 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Donald Bragg.

Garrett Community Christian Church, Route 550, Garrett, Ky.; Service Sunday

evening at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. regular meeting 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Come and bring a friend. Everyone welcome. Pastor, Donnie Hackworth.

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

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

GRETHEL

Grethel Baptist Church, State Route 3379, (Branham's Creek Road), telephone 587-2043; Junior Church and Morning worship at 11:00; Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Youth meeting Wednesday night 6:30 p.m.; Prayer meeting and bible study at 6:30.

HAROLD

Harold Church of Christ, at Harold. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Minister, James H. Harmon

Lower Toler Church of Christ at Harold. Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Minister, Doyle Meade.

HI HAT

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

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

HUEYSVILLE

Hueysville Church of Christ, Sunday School, 10 a.m., Sunday morning worship 11 a.m., Wednesday service, 7 p.m., Sunday evening, 7 p.m., Minister, Jeff Prater.

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

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

IVEL

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

LACKEY

Lackey Freewill Baptist Church, Lackey. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship Service, 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m.; Everyone Welcome. Pastor Johnny J. Collins, of Wayland. "If we meet and you forget me you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus and forget him you have lost everything."

LANCER

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Sunday; Relief Society/Priesthood/Primary 9:30 a.m.; Sunday School 10:30 a.m.; Sacrament Meeting 11:40 a.m.; Wednesday; Seminary 6:00 p.m.; Young Women/Young Men/Scouting 7:00 p.m.; Family History, Tuesday 12:8:00 p.m. and Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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

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

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

Martin Freewill Baptist Church, Martin, Ky.; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship Service, 11 a.m.; Evening Service, 6 p.m.; Bible Study, Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Youth League, Tuesday, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Pastor, John L. Blair.

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

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

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

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

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

Full Gospel Community; Main Street, Martin, Sunday School 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Bible Study; Pastor, Lavonne Lafferty.

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

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

MIDDLE CREEK
Fitzpatrick First Baptist Church, 2656 West Mt. Parkway Prestonsburg, (across from Clark Elem. School); Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.; Pastor, Jennings West.

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

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

Parkway First Calvary Pentecostal Church, Located at the Floyd and Magoffin County line. Sunday night, 6:30; Wednesday night, 7:00. A worship Center for everyone. Pastor, Mike D. Caldwell welcomes all.

PRESTONSBURG
Faith Revelation Ministry, 1/4 mile above WorldWide Equipment. Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Morning Service, 11 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00; Midweek, Thursday, 7 p.m.; Pastor Randy Hagans.

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

St. Martha Church, Water Gap; Saturday

evening mass, 5 p.m.; Sunday, 11:15 a.m.; Religious Education Classes, Sunday, 9:45-10:45 a.m.; Adult Class, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.; Pastor: Father John Moriarty.

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

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

First Christian Church, 560 North Arnold Avenue, Prestonsburg. No Wednesday evening or Sunday evening services at present. Bible study, 10:00 a.m.; Morning Worship, 11:00 a.m.; Minister, Kevin G. Jett.

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

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

Praise Assembly, 1 mile South of Prestonsburg, intersection of route 80 and U.S. 23; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Praise & Worship, 11 a.m.; Sunday evening services, 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.; nursery provided. Pastor, J.M. Sloce.

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

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

First United Methodist Church, 138 S. Arnold Ave., Prestonsburg; Sunday School, 9:45; Morning Worship, 10:55; Evening Worship, 7:00; Wed. Prayer Meeting, 7:00. Pastor, Reverend David Fultz.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tom Moore Memorial Freewill Baptist Church, Prestonsburg; Sunday School,

10; Morning Worship, 11; Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 p.m.; Pastor Clifford Austin.

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

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

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

STANVILLE
Mare Creek Church of Christ, at Stanville. Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.; Worship Service 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Night Service, 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Bible School, 6:30 p.m., Minister, Tommy D. Bush

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

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

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

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

Youth Fellowship Center; Youth Meeting, Mon.-Tues., 6:00; Thursday Night Bible study, 7:00 p.m..

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

Free Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 122, Upper Burton; Friday night, 7 p.m.; Sunday School, 11:00 a.m.; Sunday Evening, 6 p.m.; Pastor, Rev. Louis Sanlan; Rev. David Pike, assistant pastor.

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

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

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

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

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

WAYLAND
Zion Deliverance Church, Wayland; Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Worship service 11:00 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Prayer Service, 7 p.m.; Saturday Evening Worship, 7 p.m.; Pastor, Ada Mosley.

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

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Video shows parents how to decrease risk of SIDS

Kentucky parents can learn the best techniques for lessening their new baby's risk from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) with a rent-free video newly available at the Floyd County Library and the Floyd County Health Department.

The video, entitled, "Breathe Easy," was produced by the SIDS Network of Kentucky and outlines the newest proven advice on preventing SIDS, which happens when seemingly healthy, active infants go to sleep—and never wake up. A

grant from Kosair Charities, Kentucky's largest child-centered charity, has made it possible to distribute the video through county health departments and libraries in all of Kentucky's counties.

The video indicates that the baby's sleep position seems to be the most important factor in determining the risk of SIDS. When placing a baby down to sleep, whether it's for a nap or overnight, doctors now recommend that caregivers place the baby on its back.

The "back to sleep" campaign, advocated by the American Academy of the Pediatrics and the SIDS Foundation, cut SIDS death in the United States by 38 percent in the effort's first four years. Mothers should make sure day care or child care helpers, a spouse—even the baby's grandmothers—know how important this is to a baby's health.

According to Dr. Tracey Corey-Handy, Kentucky's state medical examiner, doctors now believe that SIDS may occur when the part of

an infant's brain that controls breathing hasn't developed correctly. In support of that belief, the video cited evidence that creating the best possible breathing environment for baby can cut the risk of SIDS. For instance, studies have found that a mother who smokes triples her baby's risk of SIDS. And it's not enough for a woman to stop smoking while pregnant, only to start again once her baby is born. Secondhand smoke is linked to more upper respiratory problems in

infants, which seems to make SIDS more prevalent.

The video also recommended that parents inspect their baby's sleeping environment to find hazards that might compromise their baby's breathing and air flow. The mattress should be firm and well-fitted to the crib, so there aren't any gaps at the edges. Avoid fluffy blankets and remove soft toys or other objects from the crib that could

bunch over, the baby's mouth or nose and obstruct normal breathing.

The new SIDS video, "Breathe Easy," will be available for free rental from county health departments and libraries in all of Kentucky's counties. Parents can find the nearest rental source for the video by calling their county health department; or Nancy Hoke, executive director of the SIDS Network of Kentucky, at 800-928-SIDS.

Wild horses, burros stampede on-line

In the past, Floyd Countians have become owners of Wild Horses and burros through the U.S. Department of the Interiors, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) program, who will sponsor the first Wild Horse and Burro Adoption live on the internet! Imagine adopting a wild horse or burro, one of America's Living Legends, from the comforts of your home.

"It's an easy, fun process to follow," said W. Hord Tipton, BLM's Eastern State's Director. "Starting May 1, 1998, the public will be able to view a wide variety of healthy, adoptable male horses, female horses, weanlings, foals, and even a few burros.

Electronic applications will be accepted from May 8, 1998, noon Central Daylight Time, until May 22, 1998, noon Central Daylight Time through the BLM's Adopt-A-Horse or Burro web page—<http://www.adoptahorse.blm.gov>," said Tipton.

After you view current photos of the animals on the internet, read the requirements for adoption, and comply with the requirements for care and feeding of a wild horse or burro, you can complete the on-line adoption application. Your application will be reviewed by a Wild Horse and Burro Specialist. Once you are approved, you will be e-mailed a UserID, and your password will be activated. Now the fun begins. You will be able to bid on any of the animals offered for adoption through the internet. Bids will be taken only during the period of open bidding: May 15, noon

Central Daylight Time until noon Central Daylight Time, May 29.

The high bid amount and UserID will be displayed, in real time, on the internet. While you can enter a bid on any of the animals, you may have only four untitled animals on your property. High bidders will be notified on May 29, June 1, and June 2. If you are the highest bidder on more animals than you are approved, you will be required to limit your choices. The animals you decline will be offered to the second highest bidder. If the second highest bidder also declines, the third highest bidder will be offered the animal. Even if you are not the highest bidder, you may still have a chance of obtaining an animal.

Animals for this internet adoption must be picked up at the BLM's Adoption Center in Cross Plains, Tennessee. Pick up time will be June 12 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and June 13 and 14 by appointment. When you arrive at the facility, you will need to complete the paperwork and pay your adoption bid with cash, money order or MasterCard/Visa credit cards.

"If for any reason the successful bidders are not satisfied with their selected animals when they arrive at the Cross Plains, Tennessee Center, they are not obligated to take them home," Tipton said. "We don't want anyone to take home an animal that they aren't entirely pleased with, and aren't willing to take proper care of."

Tipton said the Adopt-A-Horse or Burro Program is one way the Federal Government maintains a

balance of the wild animals, native wildlife and domestic animals grazing on fragile western rangelands. "To help maintain an ecological balance and preserve mustangs as 'living legends,' BLM gathers some of them and offers them for adoption," said Tipton.

Adopters are required to provide 12 x 12 feet of adequate shelter, a minimum of 20 x 20 feet corral space, and sturdy fencing 6 feet high for horses and 5 1/2 feet high for burros.

In order to transport the animals from the adoption, adopters must have a solidly-constructed horse trailer with a covered top and side-swing back gates (drop ramps are not permitted) along with halters and lead ropes. BLM contract crews sort, halter and load the animals onto the adopters' trailers. Each animal has been checked by a veteri-

narian, and has received vaccinations for Eastern/Western Encephalomyelitis, Tetanus, Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, and Distemper (Strangles). A broad-spectrum oral wormer is given and kept up to date with the animal is in the BLM's care.

"We've adopted more than 150,000 wild horses and burros to caring people who want part of the old west right on their property," said Tipton. "These animals are known for their endurance, intelligence, and hardiness, and make great trail and pleasure riding mounts after training. Now we're bringing this highly-successful program into the computer age to make it more available, and convenient to a new audience. After success of this pilot project, we will offer internet adoptions in other parts of the country," he said.



Floyd County 4-H'ers will be camping this year June 22-26 at the Diederich 4-H Camp in Rush. Deadline for applications is June 15. Kent Leedy, Heather Nelson, Carla Combs, and Chuck Stamper showed just how much fun 4-H camp can be during a session at last year's camp.

Jenny Wiley Theatre children's theatre update

Calls are coming in for information and registration for this year's Jenny Wiley Theatre's Children's Theatre in the Pines, but many parents have been unable to enroll their children due to the early start-up dates for some schools.

To alleviate that problem, the staff at Jenny Wiley Theatre decided to open both sessions of Children's Theatre in the Pines to both age groups of children. Students ages 6-to-14 may register for either session of classes.

As before, the first session will begin on June 22 and run for three weeks, with a final performance in the amphitheatre on July 13. Students enrolled in this first session will rehearse and perform the classic children's story The Three Little Pigs. Session Two will begin the following Monday, July 20, and students will rehearse and perform a new play, The True Story of Jack and the Beanstalk.

Joe Clark returns as director of

Children's Theatre, and is also the author of both plays. Scott Bradley, who wrote the music for Jenny Wiley Theatre's 'The Legend of Jenny Wiley,' and is the company's musical director, has also composed the music for the two Children's Theatre plays.

Clark will be assisted by Emily Damron, a senior at Transylvania University majoring in education with minors in drama and vocal music. She has been a part of Jenny Wiley theatre for six years, the last two with the Children's Theatre program.

Each session will last for three weeks and meets Monday through Friday, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Pines facility near the campground in Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. For more information or to register your child, stop by or call Jenny Wiley Theatre at (606) 886-9274. Enrollment is limited to 20 for each class, and positions are available on a first-come basis.



Linda Francis, a member of the Jenny Wiley Theatre board, accepted a donation from Jim Boggs, who respresented WYMT.

JW Theatre receives donation

WYMT-TV of Hazard has been a long time friend of the Jenny Wiley Theatre, and they're continuing that support.

Jim Boggs of WYMT recently traveled to the theatre earlier in the year to present Jenny Wiley Theatre

board member, Linda Francis, with a check to show their further support of the theatre and its mission.

Local support has played a major factor in keeping the theatre running for the past 33 years, theatre officials said.

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ACADEMICS

Piarist school announces honor roll

Seven students earned straight A's and had a perfect 4.0 grade point average during the third quarter at The Piarist School, a small, private, college preparatory high school in Martin.

Ten other students received First Honors for having grade point averages above a 3.70, and 11 students were named to Second Honors for having averages between 3.25 and 3.70.

Those students with straight A's were: senior Jesse Robertson of Prestonsburg; sophomores Tai England of Hi Hat, Chastity Ison of East Point, and Katie Vogelsang of Wittensville; and freshmen Nora Traum of Prestonsburg, Mary Boymann of Martin, and Iris Stumbo of Prestonsburg.

Other students receiving First Honors were: seniors Rachael Woods of Auxier, Cori Duty of

Prestonsburg, Monica Majmudar of Martin, and Roy Sturgill of East Point; sophomores Katie Karn of Whitehouse, Ryan Mullins of Salyersville, and Princess Witten of Sitka; and freshmen John Layne of Martin, Thomas Greene of Prestonsburg, and Matthew Goeing of Melvin.

Those students receiving Second Honors were: seniors Jimmy White and Kristi McGarey of Prestonsburg

and Andrea Griffith of Ivel; juniors John Keeton of Salyersville, Beth Lawson of Prestonsburg, Natasha Clark of Harold, and Megan McHale of West Van Lear; sophomores George Hall of Prestonsburg and Saskia Coolen of Hager Hill; and freshmen Joel Castle of East Point and Brett Hall of Wayland.

The Piarist School is located on Route 80 in Martin. For more information, call the school at 285-3950.



Harold Forensics team

Harold Elementary's Forensics Team, otherwise known as the Speech and Drama Team, began six years ago. In the past year, the team has consistently placed among the top elementary schools in the district and region. Students are again this year enjoying the experience of competing, and the recognition involved in placing in competitions. In the past six years, the team has always placed first, second and third in invitational tournaments. First and third place in regional meets and first place overall two years in a row.



Prestonsburg Elementary School perfect attendance winners for the sixth month of attendance were, from left, Brittany Coyer, Amanda Williamson, and Michelle Lackey, who each received a \$25 gift certificate from Wal-Mart. Prestonsburg Elementary had 197 students who had perfect attendance from January 16 to February 20.

PES perfect attendance for the 6th month of school

K-Phyllis Allison...Brandon Burchett, Brittany Coyer, Coty Crum, Courtney Marsillett, Ashley Martin, Christopher Sammons, Brennan Sarpas, Alley Derham.

K-Donna Collins...Alisha Blackburn, Warren Blackburn, Josh Craynon, Michael Dier, Stephanie Gibson, Kate Herrick, Ashley Kelley.

K-Connie Parsons... Beth Collins, Kasey Jett, Bradley Shepherd, Audrianna Smith, Michael Stanley.

Primary-Gina Crisp...Bethany Adams, Gary Craynon, James Jarrell, Chelsea Lafferty, Summer Noakes, Shane Poynter, Kyle Byers, Aaron Williams.

P-Martha Damron...Allison Adams, Craig Cooley, Michelle Ellis, Dalton Fulks, Pamela Gibson, Zachary Hughes, Samantha Osborne, Christopher Schoolcraft, Seth Setser, Caleb Sloan, Cameron Tinchler, Steven Boatwright.

P-Reba Griffith...Rachael Goble, Jonathan Hackworth, Nathan Honeycutt, Gena Reno, Whitney Gibson, Alan Harris.

P-Gail Hall...Robert Allen, III, Natalie Combs, Courtney Crum, Chris Daniels, Charlotte Hale, Mary Lewis, Nakeesha Maines, Dane Sizemore, Rachel Tussey, Benjamin Yates.

P-Scott Tackett...Kim Collins,

Stephanie Conley, Brad Conn, David Craft, Megan Henderson, Geneva Mitchell, Tanisha Powers, Mikey Slone, and Amanda Tackett.

P-Diana Turner...Barbara Brown, Jesse Drury, Cody Hall, David Hicks, Megan Johnson, Chris Mullins, Cassandra Prater, Nathaniel Stephens, and Amanda Williamson.

P-Jennifer Valentine...Jacob Burchett, Jeffery Campbell, Whitney Caudill, James Craft, David Hicks, Keesha Powers, Felisha Salisbury, Katrina Webb.

P-Deborah DeRossett...Steven Campbell, Nathaniel Goble, Tasha Jarrell.

P-Leslie Ousley...Savannah Burchett, Jeane Chaffin, Samuel Chaffin, Mathew Collins, Andrea Crum, Michael Hernandez, Paul Joseph, Krystal Layne, Chayse Martin, Tiffany Martin, Bridgette McBride, Matthew Nelson, Jordan Ochala, Trevor Patton, Jordan Williams, Corey Wright.

P-Jennifer Skeens...Aaron Buchanan, Michael Crum, Jared Harmon, Carman Maines.

P-Deborah Walker...Ashley Campbell, Whitley Castle, Jessica Conley, Charles Hammonds, Kellie Hatfield, Jennifer McNutt, Jonathan Moore, Brittany Ousley, Nicholas Reno, Daimen Short.

4-Linda Combs...Alma Bentley,

Rosslynn Butterworth, Zachary Carroll, Stephanie Conn, David Craft, Dennis Craft, Alison Ellis, Caitlin Hale, Ray Hayden, Kimberly Williams.

4-Debbie Holland...Cory Allen, Jobe Calhoun, Kenneth Hayden, Daniel Hunt, Jessica Johnson, Jessica Maynard, Timothy Wallen, Brittany Webb, Benjamin Welch, Joshua Whitaker, Aaron Williamson.

4-Lisa Hunt...Brad Bond, Gerri Butcher, Zachary Clark, Warren Combs, Neil Cottrell, Tony Hall, Brooks Herrick, Sonya Jervis, John Randy Lowe, Eric Reynolds.

4-Betty Minix...Thomas Brown, Tiffany Burke, Andrea Burns, David Holbrook, Joshua Johnson, Michael Lackey, Joseph Martin, Amanda Mosley, Justin Ross, Elisha Shell.

5-Joy Adams...Desirae Allen, Brandon Campbell, Cassandra Campbell, Savannah Campbell, Jesse Chaffin, Megan Goble, Rachael Hill, Adam Jennings, Michelle Lackey, Dakota Maynard, Jessica Moore, Megan Patton, Cory Tinchler, Samantha Tussey.

5-Marcella Slone...Kristofer Bentley, Angela Collins, Michael Conn, Brittany Crum, Lea Hayton, Shannon Hicks, Joshua Prater, Casey Price, Shonda Webb.

5-Jalenda Shepherd...Johathan Butterworth, Gary Cole, Kyle Colley, Patrick Henderson, Zachary Lafferty, Sharon Lewis, Jesse

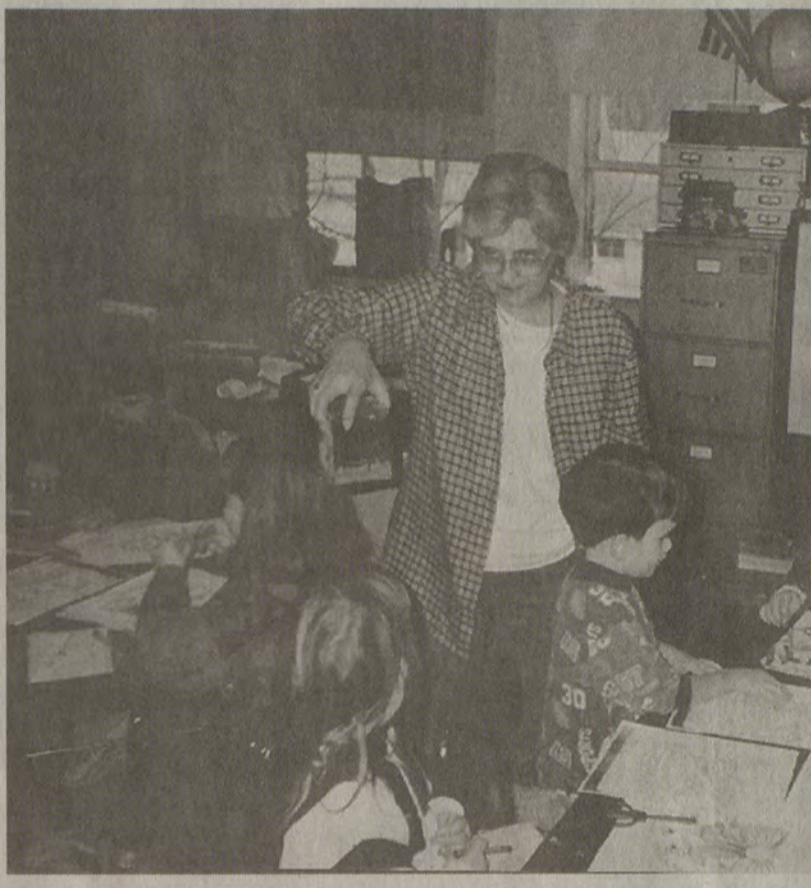
Duff school announces honor roll

C. Martin, 4th grade—David Slone, Samantha Bailey, Logan Slone, Miranda Collins, Samantha Nelson and Ashanti Risner.

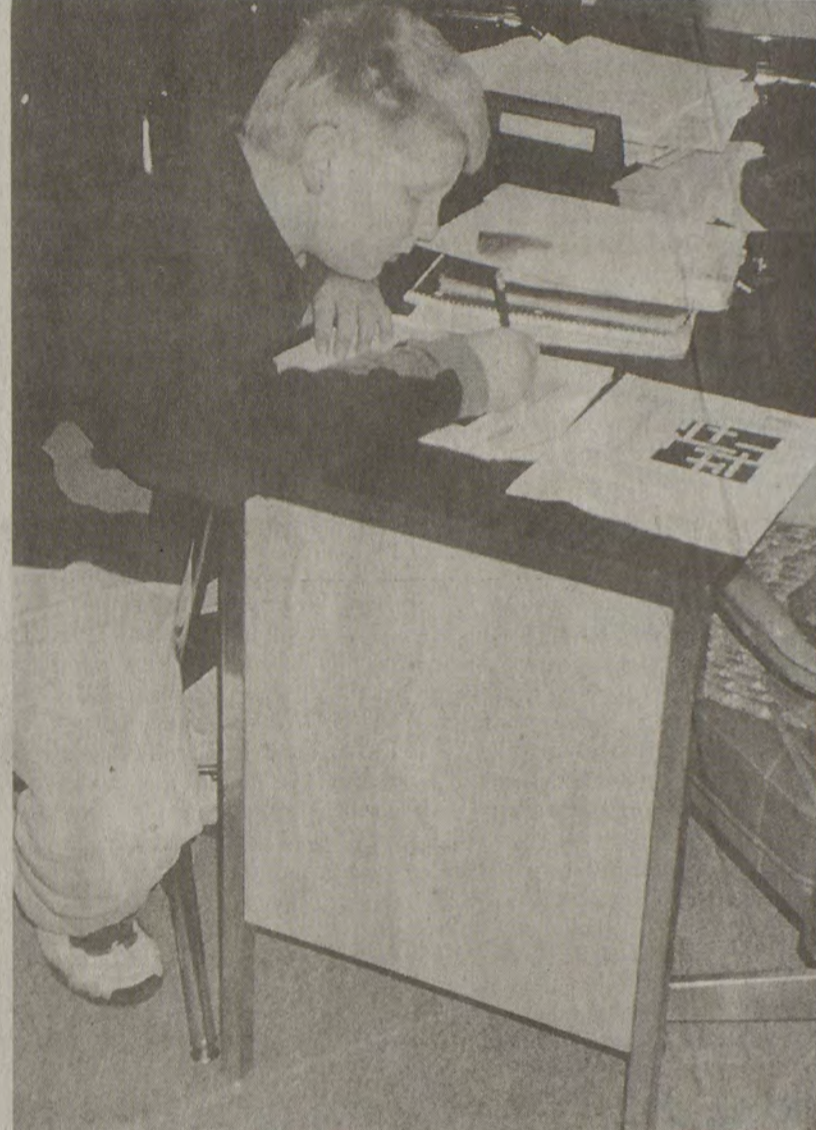
C. Faulks, 4th grade—Adam Chaffins, Amy Wallen, Keshie Goble, Brock Kidd, Susanne Smith, Erica Conley, Katie Collett and Misty Waller.

H. Martin/V. Cooley, 5th grade—Jennifer Anderson, Kim Collett, Britta Fraley, Courtney Hall, Jessica Hall, Kevin Tackett, Kayla Moore, Rebecca Thomas, Jess Staggs, Samantha Moore, Julia Compton, Jeremy Slone, Rachel Patton, Kyle Hoover, and Shaun Watkins.

R. Crider, 5th grade—Julie Alexander, Andrea Allen, Rachel Cooley, Stacy Howard, Kortney Osborne, Amanda Tackett and Brian Vanderpool.



Mrs. Pat Burke, fifth and sixth teacher visited Mrs. Reichenbach's first and second grade library classes at Auxier to show them tadpoles and give a brief talk about metamorphical changes. This was one of several activities Ms. Burke held in her classroom to give Auxier students "eyes on" and "hands-on" contact.



Auxier student Bradley Akers is completing his coal unit booklet after viewing the video "Discovering Coal" provided, by CEDAR. Brad took part in exciting hands-on activities in learning about the story of coal. He is in Charlene Goble's homeroom and studied coal in the library with Mrs. Reichenbach.

Music: Nicholas Parsons, Brittany Porter, Jennifer Prater, Oliver Reynolds, Ronnie Stephens, Lisa Wright, Julie Brown.



Guess who is guessing what's in the pan of coal: cookie bars? From left are Matt Stamper, Matthew Spencer, Kevin Horn and Jessica Connors. After discussing the role heat and pressure have in "baking" the layers of vegetative ingredients into coal and the layers of cookie ingredients into the cookie bars, the class chose to eat the cookie bars! The fun activity was funded by a cedar grant to Mrs. Reichenbach at Auxier Elementary.



Anna Shepherd's primary class at May Valley Elementary, helped cheer on the U.K. Wildcats by dressing in U.K. colors and painting their faces with paw prints and the U.K. symbol. Pictured is Blake Salisbury and Whitney Ousley.



Five new members were inducted into the National Beta Club at the Piarist School because of their outstanding academic achievements and personal integrity. They were (left to right) sophomores Katie Karn of Whitehouse, Chastity Ison of East Point, Tai England of Hi Hat, and Katie Vogelsang of Wittensville, as well as senior Jennifer Adkins of Dwale.

PCC students attend leadership conference

Eight members of the Phi Beta Lambda Chapter of Prestonsburg Community College attended the Kentucky Phi Beta Lambda Spring Leadership Conference in Louisville, on March 26-28, 1998. The students competed with others from public and private institutions including four-year universities, community colleges, business and vocational schools.

Six of the members placed in individual and team events. Winning in the individual events category were Deborah Alsip, fourth place in Accounting I; Lora Boyd, fifth place in Human Resources Management; John T. Clark, fifth place in Business Principles; Angela Freeman, second place in Information Management;

and Patricia Goodman, third place in Management.

Team events winners were third place in Business Decision Making. The team was comprised of Deborah Alsip, Patricia Goodman and Gary Thomas Underwood.

Also participating were Stella Preece and Virginia Williamson. The advisors for the chapter are Jackie Cecil and Mazola Salmons. The students were accompanied to the event by Jackie Cecil.

As part of the three-day conference, participants were encouraged to attend such workshops as The Causes and Cures of Burnout, Operation Revitalize: Planning an Officer Orientation Retreat; and Communication—The Professional Edge.



Attends conference

Angela Freeman, Stella Preece, John Clark, Deborah Alsip, Lora Boyd, Patricia Goodman, Gary Thomas Underwood, Virginia Williamson and Jackie Cecil, Co-advisor.

Summer meal program

Christian Appalachian Project's Camp Shawnee will participate in the federally funded Summer Food Service Program for children below the age of 19. The program operates under guidelines similar to those of public school food service programs. Participants in the program enables sponsors to provide lower program costs.

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

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

Gibson to graduate with nursing degree

Traci Gibson, daughter of Jerry and Joan Gibson of Hippo, will graduate May 9 from Eastern Kentucky University with a degree in nursing.

Traci is the granddaughter of Mildred and Ernest Gibson of Wayland, and Arnold and Geneva Bailey of Hippo.

JAMES D. ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL ELECTION OF PARENT MEMBERS TO THE SBDM COUNCIL

will be held on Monday, May 18, 1998,
at 6:00 p.m., in the school library

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the principal by 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 14, 1998. Parents may nominate themselves or another parent.

*A parent council member shall be a parent, stepparent, or legal guardian of a student to be enrolled in the school for the 1998-1999 school year. A parent council member shall not be a District employee, the relative of a District employee, a local Board member or spouse of a local Board member. Relative shall mean father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, son, daughter, aunt, uncle, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, niece, nephew, father-in-law, or mother-in-law.

*Any parent of a child enrolled at Adams Middle School or a parent of an incoming student may vote to elect the parent council members.

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PCC students artwork now on display

PCC student artwork will continue to be displayed on the Prestonsburg Campus in the Magoffin Learning Resource Center Art Gallery from April 27 through May 13.

The community is encouraged to see the art exhibit that includes works created by the following students from Floyd County: John Wesley Haywood, Ashley Lynn Derosssett, Kelli Brooke Hansel, Jack K. Sagarsee, Rebecca L. Slone, Crystal E. Gearheart and Matt Lafferty.

The displays may be viewed between the hours of 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday through Thursday; 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Friday; 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Saturday; and 2 p.m.-6 p.m. on Sunday.



Pictured from left are PCC students from Floyd County: John Wesley Haywood, Ashley Lynn Derosssett, Kelli Brooke Hansel, and Jack K. Sagarsee.

Correction:

A forthcoming wedding announcement for Valerie LaTisha Kidd and David Steven Rodriguez incorrectly listed the prospective bridegroom's last name as Rodriguez. The announcement also stated that Ms. Kidd is the granddaughter of Mathew Kidd of West Liberty. Mr. Kidd lives at Harold.

Ms. Kidd and Mr. Rodriguez will be wed Saturday, May 9, at 1 p.m. at the Betsy Layne Freewill Baptist Church.

Pre-med grads

The 1997 graduating class of Morehead State University's students majoring in pre-medicine had a 93 percent success of acceptance into medical schools. Fifteen of the 16 applicants were accepted in the three medical school programs in the state.

The students accepted into the University of Louisville included Briana Boyd of Betsy Layne, Adam Conn of Salt Lick, and Kevin Pugh of Pikeville.

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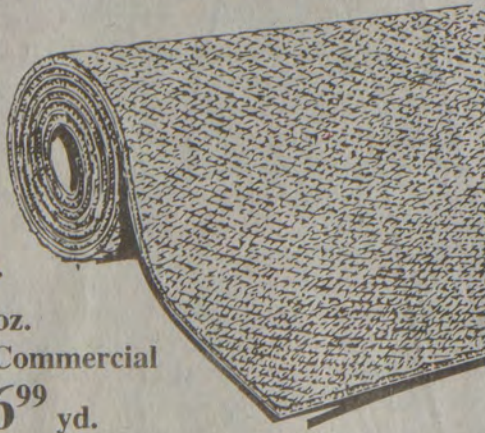
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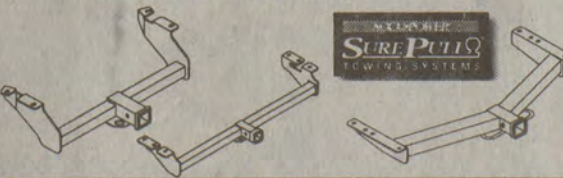
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PART 2

There are probably more restaurants in San Francisco than any other city in the United States; and Anna and I might have eaten in every one of them. If we did miss one, it was only because we were sleeping. Otherwise, we ate often. And some of the things we ate were really strange.

The afternoon we had off from the conference, we decided to take a ferry to Sausalito. Of course, before we could take the 30 minute ride across the bay we had to have nourishment.

"Let's eat at this Chinese place on the wharf," I said to Anna. "Anyway, it's close."

"We can get Chinese food at home," she replied, "but we'll do it. We can get a little something here and eat on the island."

Since this type of food doesn't stick to your ribs very long, I knew I'd be hungry by the time we docked.

"That was really good," I commented to Anna as I opened my fortune cookie. "Now for my fortune. Well, well, well. As usual it says the same thing, You are a kind, beautiful and intelligent person."

"Is that really what your fortune says?" Anna asked.

"You don't question that, do you?" I laughed.

"Certainly not," Anna laughed.

"What does yours say?" I asked since Anna had already eaten most of her cookie.

Anna looked at the remainder of her cookie and said, "I didn't get a fortune."

"Sure you did. All the cookies have fortunes in them."

"Oh, I see," Anna said in a stunned tone. "I ate mine. Here's the end of it."

"What does it say?"

"Something about good," she laughed.

By the time we got to the island and went sightseeing, we were ready to travel back across the bay past Alcatraz and the Golden Gate Bridge.

"It's so beautiful," Anna said. "When you look in that direction you see the mountains, and you look in another direction and you see the ocean. And then the skyline. It's breathtaking."

"Oh, Anna, look!" I exclaimed. "There's that restaurant we've been looking for. Keep it in your sights."

"Sara, we can eat anytime. Let's enjoy the scenery. After all, you can't be hungry. You just ate on the island."

"The sea air always makes me hungry."

"From what I've gathered, inhaling and exhaling causes your gastric juices to flow."

"Don't you appreciate good food?" I asked.

"When I'm hungry," Anna replied.

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The Dancing Outlaw



Jesco White, "The Dancing Outlaw," performed Friday night to a sold-out audience at Paintsville's Sipp Theatre. Since the production of two documentaries about Jesco's life were released by West Virginia Public Television in the '80s, the Dancing Outlaw has been portrayed as a cult hero by many of his fans. Fans apparently enjoy Jesco's story telling about his days of youth when his favorite pastime was sniffing glue and huffing gasoline. Jesco's unique blend of music, dancing and comedy has also captured the attention of viewers across the United States. In the above photo, Jesco temporarily lost the key to the City of Paintsville after kissing the hand of a woman in the audience who presented him with an Elvis compact disc. In the right photo, Jesco joined his wife, Norma Jean, on the stage before she demonstrated her singing talent. (photos by Chris McDavid)

Jesco White, the Dancing Outlaw, performed Friday night before a sold-out audience.



by Chuck Shepherd

News of the Weird

— Former Maryland accountant Scott Lewis Rendelman, 42, who was convicted of embezzling clients' money in 1986 and sentenced to four months in prison, has managed to parlay that sentence into 11 years and counting, because he will not stop sending threatening and sexually offensive letters to U.S. presidents, judges, prosecutors and prison officials. In April, he was convicted in Sacramento, Calif., where he is currently housed, of sending death threats to Gov. Pete Wilson and his wife. A long-time friend says Rendelman's big mistake is he always acts as his own attorney at his trials.

— The New York Times reported in March on the Environmental Protection Agency's proposal to set pollution discharge limits on livestock farms within seven years. U.S. farm animals produce 130 times the manure that U.S. humans do, and one farm now under construction in Utah will produce more than all of Los Angeles. Also, unlike cities, farms do not have treatment plants. "Sometimes in the night, in the summer, when they start pumping effluent, it wakes you up," said one Missouri farm neighbor. "You are gagging."

— In March, the Oregon Lottery Commission awarded a \$124,000 contract to a company to advise it on how best to restore its gambling games to operating status in case of a catastrophic earthquake or asteroid collision, with a goal of having video poker back up within two hours of a disaster. Several critics suggested there might be more pressing problems after an earthquake, but the commission pointed out that gambling generates \$1 million a day for the state.

Jail Is a High-Crime Area

According to authorities at the Hampton, Va., jail in March, a civilian attendant from the jail's canteen was pushing a cart full of snacks past the locked cell of Anthony Tyrone Darden, 21, when Darden reached through the bars, hit the man on the head with a broom handle, and took two packs of peanut butter crackers. Darden was apprehended pretty quickly, and the Nabs were confiscated.

Organ of the Week: The Ear

In February, according to Kenya's largest newspaper, The Nation, a Nairobi physician who had just removed a bean from a young girl's ear jammed it back in when her parents came up short on cash for the \$6 procedure. And in March, researchers at the University of Texas at Austin announced they had found physical differences in the inner ears of lesbians and straight women (perhaps the first evidence of a pre-birth determination of female homosexuality). And in February, burglar Calvin Sewell became the first person in Britain to be convicted with the help of his earprint. He had claimed an extraordinary ability to detect whether a house was empty just by pressing his ear to a door for a few minutes.

Further Evidence Why Women Are Better Nurturers

In March, near Canyon, Texas, Justice of the Peace E. Jay Hall said he found what "did appear to be a (human) fetus," five to six months post-conception, with a severed umbilical cord, floating in a pool of standing water. He ordered it put into a plastic bag, placed in a Styrofoam container, and taken to Lubbock for an autopsy. Lubbock pathologists called Hall about an hour later and reported it was a doll.

March Cultmania

— At the Exploratorium in San Francisco, mathematicians assembled as usual on March 14 to celebrate pi (3.14159 etc.), one of probably dozens or

maybe hundreds of such assemblies worldwide at which people sing songs and recite poetry about pi, have pi trivia quizzes, and eat pie. (Pi, the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, is a mathematically irrational number, and is thus considered to be a symbol for the mystery of the universe.)

— According to a March report in The New Republic, some Wall Street investment houses celebrate the incredible bull market by engaging in ritual worship of Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan. One firm holds a cake party and songfest on Greenspan's March 6 birthday, and another has outfitted a special office with Greenspan memorabilia and a red leather chair in which bond traders can sit and meditate on the great man.

Performance-Enhancing Substances

In March in Chicago, Bears' 290-pound defensive lineman Alonzo Spellman barricaded himself in the home of his publicist for eight hours until he told police he would agree to hospitalization. Police said Spellman was distraught at having to take an NFL-mandated steroid test. And in October, an Indonesian runner named Ruwiyati won the women's marathon in the Southeast Asia Games and promptly told reporters in Jakarta that the secret to her success is that she drinks blood from her coach's finger before each race. Said coach Alwi Mugiyanto, "I don't know why, but she just insists on doing it."

Another Recurring Theme

In 1993, News of the Weird reported that the Pasadena, Calif., Humane Society had built a \$4.3 million dog- and-cat shelter, with towel-lined cages, skylights, an aviary, sculptured shrubbery, "adoption counseling pavilions" for pet-client meetings, and, according to the architect, "a very subdued classical painting scheme" (all this amid criticism that it was better to be a homeless pet in Pasadena than a homeless person). In March 1998, a similar, \$7 million SPCA shelter opened in San Francisco but

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SOAP UPDATES

by
Seli
Groves

ALL MY CHILDREN: Brooke was arrested for murdering Jim. Dimitri was arrested for slugging Keith. Liza ignored Adam's attempt to thank her for keeping Stuart and Marian apart. Pinkerton, the immigration official, allowed Ryan and Gillian's marriage a year's probation. Mike told Jack he helped give Jim the isotopes so that Dimitri could track him. Camille demanded Adam be arrested for murdering her mother. Allie risked her life to try to save Adam and Liza in the stranded elevator car. **Wait to See:** Adam and Liza suspect Camille caused the elevator crash.

ANOTHER WORLD: Jake resisted Vicky's seduction attempts. Cameron and Amanda shared a passionate kiss. Amanda later accused Carl of killing his neurologist. Cindy was jealous of Grant and Lila. Later, aboard Shane's boat, Lila tried to burn the forged journal. A furious Josie confronted Cameron about the doctor's death. **Wait to See:** Carl faces more problems.

AS THE WORLD TURNS: David rescued Emily. Tom arrived and assumed he was attacking her. Carly went to Chicago to be with the gravely ill Jack, who later had no memory of what he told her. Lucinda told James she'll destroy David. Later, after David told her their relationship was strictly sexual, Molly stormed out and told Lucinda she's finished with their plan. Jack wondered why Julia seemed to be hiding from someone in his hospital room. John found Hal looking for Carly's medical records. **Wait to See:** Margo makes a startling decision.

THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL: Stephanie was delighted when Brooke told her Ridge decided to be with Taylor

and their son, Thomas. But later, Brooke rejected Ridge's request to sign the annulment papers, saying it would mean their marriage never existed. Macy was unsettled by Darla's flirtation with Thorne. Later, Thorne told Macy he won't bother her and Grant anymore, but added that he still loves her. **Wait to See:** C.J. fears for Rick's reaction to Ridge's decision to leave Brooke.

DAYS OF OUR LIVES: Craig asked Mike why he spent so much time with Carrie, a married woman. When Bo saw Billie with a drink, she played on his guilt by saying she feels frightened and alone. Roman told John he wants Marlena to be happy, and he'll let her go. Hope continued to look for information about her life as Gina. After Kate warned Franco about his "screw-up" on the "New Faces" campaign, he chided Sami for her manipulations and said they were through. Nicole refused to let Eric take her home from their date. Later, Eric found something mysterious in Madison's backpack. Franco learned he could be deported. **Wait to See:** Someone is following Hope.

GENERAL HOSPITAL: Helena slapped Lucky after catching him with Luke's listening devices. Before Luke could rescue Lucky, Helena showed him doctored photos of Laura after the rape, causing Lucky to reject his father again. Jax rejected Brenda's suspicions about Jerry. Luke learned of Stefan's secret visit to Laura. Later, Stefan proposed to Katherine and gave her Laura's engagement ring. Carly credited Bobbie for keeping her from being charged with murder by saving Tony's life. **Wait to See:** Alan's addiction becomes more serious.

GUIDING LIGHT: At Cross

Creek, Josh became caught up in the fantasy that the clone is really Reva and they made love. Meanwhile, with Sean's help, Reva got home, but to her dismay, was unable to find anyone there. Michelle learned Carlos is really Jesse. Buzz decided to find out if the clone story is true. Beth was charged with Carl's murder. **Wait to See:** Dinah learns more than she expected about Cassie and Josh.

ONE LIFE TO LIVE: A drunk Nora kissed Sam, thinking he's Bo. Clint told Viki to burn the incriminating photo she got from Georgie. Later, Georgie's body was found. In Hell's waiting room, Dorian was able to forgive herself and her mother, Sonya, and regained consciousness. Mel had a request for

Dorian that could change their lives. Georgie's blood was found on Bo's clothes. **Wait to See:** Drew returns with a surprise revelation.

PORT CHARLES: Scott found Eve's bracelet near Bennett's body. After a confrontation with Julie, Lark gave the police an anonymous tip that Julie is the killer. Later, Julie recognized the fountain pen (the murder weapon) as one Bennett gave her. After learning that Chris' mysterious \$20,000 came from Bennett, Matt vowed to prove Chris is the murderer. **Wait to See:** Julie makes an important discovery.

SUNSET BEACH: Annie went to do damage control with Gregory because she thought Caitlin told

him that she (Annie) provided her (Caitlin) with Trey. Ricardo asked Gabi for a date. On a tip from Sean, Cole went to find a special box in Gregory's office that holds most of his secrets. Derek forced Ben to watch him through a two-way mirror as he prepared to make love to Meg. **Wait to See:** Michael plans to propose to Vanessa, but will Vanessa be there?

YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS: Nick kept his and Sharon's marital problems from Victor. Alice, meanwhile, continued to try to get information on the couple who took Cassie with them. Both Nikki and Diane were surprised when Victor announced he wouldn't divorce Nikki to remarry Diane. Danny and Paul told Chris she had

one week to decide which of them she wants. Malcolm and Olivia were surprised when Neil turned up for dinner with Victoria. **Wait to See:** Veronica begins her new plan.



NATASHA'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're serious-minded and can cut through red tape this week. In some way or another, though, things could get out of hand. Take heart; your judgment in money matters is shrewd.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You'll have a better time by staying in one place. Perceptions are keen, but don't be careless. Partners remain your best sounding board for new ideas.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Some entertain colleagues early in the week. A responsibility in connection with a partnership could arise. However, try not to spread yourself too thin socially over the weekend.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Although there could be a disappointment in your career, there will also be beneficial developments. Your charm and good will wins folks over this weekend.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Put shopping off this week. Are you simply testing others to find out where they stand, or are you sincere in trying to reach an accord? Watch power-play tactics.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Budgets should prevail over everything. Neither you nor a partner seem to want to give up your position on a monetary question. Watch escapism over the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to

October 22) You're generous with family and you bring out the best in those you care for. Upcoming plans have you excited. It's a good weekend for romance and visits with children.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some signals could be crossed with higher-ups, but you'll be proud of your achievements in the actual carrying out of tasks. Guard against errors in weekend bookkeeping.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Some unexpected expenses could arise. Get a second opinion regarding appraisals. Don't let someone who asks for a favor this weekend try to make you feel guilty.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) An interesting friend doesn't seem to know when to call it quits. Either income increases or you're the happy recipient of a gift. Shopping is favored during the weekend.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Big talk makes the rounds concerning your career, but don't expect too much. Taking risks is not favored. It's also not a good week to lend or borrow money.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Although you're tempted to be in a festive and partying mood, you'd be wiser to take advantage of your improved powers of concentration for mental achievement.

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Weird

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deflected criticism by almost immediately proposing to allow some sleepovers by homeless people as companions for dogs.

Oops!

— In March, Don Graham asked a technician-friend to have a look at the stereo cassette recorder he said he paid \$60 for at a Bountiful, Utah, store but whose buttons wouldn't stay down when Graham pressed them. Problem: Four pounds of cocaine (value \$200,000) had been wrapped in a 2-year-old Miami area newspaper and duct-taped to the inside, jamming the buttons. Police are investigating.

— Lucy Ricardo Lives: In November, it took rescuers an hour to cut through the fangs in the statue of the Jaguar at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville, Fla., to free Andy Wilkinson, 9, who had stuck his head in the statue's mouth and couldn't get it out.

— Latest Wrong Addresses With Severe Consequences: Drug-raiding police used a battering ram on the wrong Bronx, N.Y., apartment in March, horribly frightening a grandmother and grandchild. The real target was the "furthest (apartment) on the left," not the "first on the left." And a March roof replacement job scheduled for 948 Pons Court, Newbury Park, Calif., was commenced on 949 Pons Court. The drug-raid error will probably result in a \$30 million lawsuit, and

the family at 949 Pons Court is still mulling its options.

— When Virginia Broache got home from the Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond, Va., in January, just after having had her cancerous bladder removed, her nurse was unpacking for her and discovered that among the "personal effects" the hospital had sent home with her was the actual bag-encased, just-removed bladder. Said a hospital staffer, "We apologize."

No Consensus on the Key Ingredient

Among the variety of substances used in recent spousal poisonings (all successful): cyanamide (an alcoholism-treatment drug), Madrid, Spain, February; antifreeze, Perry, Okla., October; thallium (heart-test chemical), Wilkes-Barre, Pa., July; liquid flea killer, Bangkok, Thailand, July; and pond water in the wife's IV tube, Darlington, Wis., September.

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Smile

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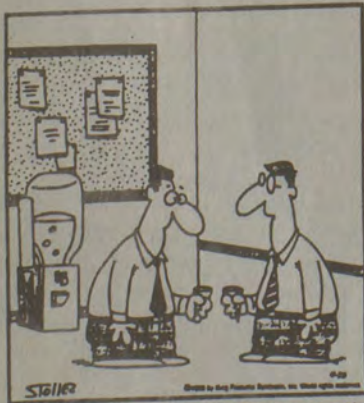
By the time the ferry docked, I'd worked up a keen appetite. That's when we were asked to produce our tickets.

"Ferry tickets, please," the woman asked. "If you don't have them you have to buy another one."

"I can't find mine," Anna replied. "What did it look like?" I asked.

"It was brown and had the texture of a potato chip." I didn't say a word as I purchased another ticket for Anna and burped.

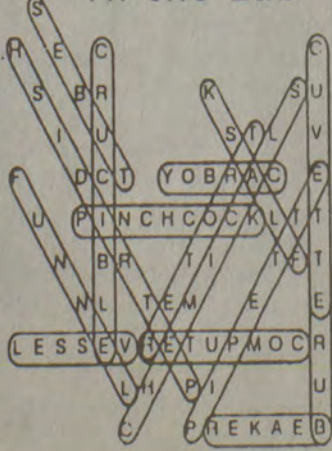
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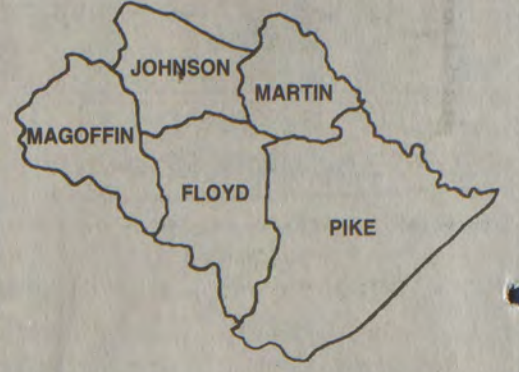
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THURSDAY, MAY 7

- Nurses' Pinning Ceremony, Booth Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

There will be a reception following the ceremony.

FRIDAY, MAY 8

- Alumni/Senior Banquet, Mark III of Landmark Inn, 6:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased by calling (606) 432-9326. Please reserve tickets by May 1.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

- Brunch, Allara Library Courtyard, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Commencement, College Gymnasium, 2:00 p.m.

Commencement address to be given by Congressman Hal Rogers. There will be a reception following the ceremony.

Louisa FD to hold training school

The Louisa Fire Department will host the Kentucky Tech Spring Fire and Rescue School this weekend at the Louisa Middle School.

Firefighters from all across the region will be in town on Saturday and Sunday to take part in the courses offered.

Courses include structural fire-fighting operation, accident victim extrication, EMS continuing education, introduction to firefighting, confined space rescue and educational methodology. Also the fire department will be burning an old home on Berry Street Saturday and one on Eloise on Sunday, so both of those streets will be closed the day of the burn.

Knott resident to appear on Sally Jesse Raphael

Kim Jacobs of Knott County was invited to appear with a panel of guests on a recent installment of Sally Jesse Raphael TV talk show. The program is scheduled to air on Tuesday, May 5, at 10 a.m.

The topic will be men who undergo tests to prove or disprove paternity of a child.

Ruling to protect fetus draws surprise

A ruling in Johnson Circuit Court April 21 which ordered the welfare of a four-month-old fetus to be monitored by the state has raised eyebrows across the state.

In a closed hearing, Circuit Judge Stephen Frazier ruled that the unborn child of a Paintsville woman, who according to the Lexington Herald-Leader, "has a history of substance abuse problems that caused most of her [four other] children...to be born with disabilities or a drug addiction," is to be monitored by the state Cabinet for Families and Children.

According to a report of the ruling in the Herald-Leader, the woman had indicated that she has no plans for an abortion and that her abortion rights are not in question. Instead, what does appear to be at the root of the ruling is the safety of the fetus. The woman had reportedly continued to use drugs even after being told she was pregnant.

It is not clear at this point whether Frazier's ruling will stand an appeal.

—The Paintsville Herald

Audit finds discrepancies

by Lilly Adkins
Martin County Sun

An audit for the period of January 1995 through September 1997 was conducted by the division of charitable gaming.

Discrepancies were noted in several areas, including charitable gaming gross receipts, payouts, expenses, and record keeping. According to the audit, the AmVets have exceeded their \$5,000 payout limit 129 times since January 1995. Information regarding all of the violations has been sent to the Division Counsel for appropriate administrative action in accordance with KRS 238.560.

"We try to work with them, and they are given the opportunity to make corrections," said Terry Sebastian, a representative of the Justice Cabinet in Frankfort. "If steps are not taken to correct the problem, they could lose their license, or could be shut down."

The audited gross receipts differed from what was submitted to the charitable gaming division. From January 1995 through September 1997, the AmVets reported \$3,414,810.05, but the audit revealed a difference of \$2,957.98, which was under reported. The AmVets have been advised that an additional fee of \$14.79 was to be remitted to the Kentucky State Treasurer on or before March 23, 1998.

The audited payouts differed from the reported payouts by \$9,515.00, which was under reported. The quarterly reports did not include birthday packs and door prizes when reporting the gaming prize payouts as required by 500 KAR 11:040, section seven.

The group exceeded the \$5,000 payout limit on bingo prizes on 119 occasions in violation of KRS 238.545 (1). The organization has already addressed this problem by decreasing the prize payout and including packs and door prizes in its calculation of the bingo prizes awarded.

Charitable gaming expenses also varied, the audited expenses differed from the

reported amounts by an over reported \$12,756.74. It was also noted that Larry J. Adams, vice commander, is allowing other people to sign his name to charitable gaming checks. The organization has been directed to take immediate steps to ensure that the referenced discrepancies and apparent violations do not occur in future.

The group stopped recording the shortages in pulltab sales in the middle of 1996. Since the shortages were substantial in prior periods, the group has been informed that they should reinstate the procedure for internal control over the pulltab sales.

All of the discrepancies found in the audit, as well as the violations have been referred to the Division Counsel for appropriate administrative action in accordance with KRS 238.500 (3).

On April 1, 1998 a new law took effect which prevents family members from simultaneously holding a license to conduct bingo activities in Kentucky.

It is not clear how the law will affect local bingo operations, many of which have family members such as husband and wife participating in the various functions of the multi-million dollar games.

Sebastian did not provide information concerning specific questions about local bingo games in time for publication; however, the questions should be answered by next week, a spokesperson said.

Martin County has five bingo operations and a sixth game may be started by another civic organization if unsubstantiated reports are accurate.



The Duff Twirlers won their first contest, which was held at the Mullins High School in March. They won first place in dance/twirl and first place in twirl. They are coached by Kelly Deboarde and Margie Chaffins. Duff Twirlers are, in back row, Kacie Horn, Cindy Samons, and Chelsie Cordial; front, Hannah Howard, Tara Huff and, in center, Michaela Tussey.

Students singing at Disney

by Alicia Carmichael
Appalachian News-Express

Nearly 130 Pike Countians board(ed) buses bound for Walt Disney World (Wednesday) thanks to the talents of 44 singing and dancing students from ten area schools.

The Pike County Performing Arts Show Choir, which is composed of students from Pike County and Pikeville City school districts, as well as the newly-formed Christ Central Training School and Academy, will perform at the famous home of Mickey Mouse in Florida on Friday — with only seven other groups from across the nation.

"They are so excited," said Pike County Performing Arts Director Heather Linton, who heads the group. "When they found out they were going, April seemed so far away, especially for the ones who have never been to Disney World."

Linton said the group won the right to be one of the eight performers in the Starlite Showcase at Disney's Epcot Center, after they were asked to send an audition tape to the park last November.

Shortly after the group was notified that it had been chosen just before Christmas, intense three-day-a-week and occasional weekend practices became second nature.

In a matter of weeks a Kentucky-themed program was perfected — opening with rock 'n' roll-style bluegrass music and including the songs "Coal Miner's Daughter," "Kentucky Woman" and "Blue Moon of Kentucky" — and students got their first non-homemade costumes, in bright Kentucky blue.

"This is the first time they've had really fancy costumes," Linton said. "They'll be wearing them for a long time to come, but this is something special."

While earning a spot in the showcase may be an honor, most of the students are no strangers to performing at big-time places such as Walt Disney World, the Kentucky State Fair, Opryland and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York.

[P]ike County's Performing Arts was formed five years ago with Title VI state government funds. That means any child in grades 5-12 in Pike County is eligible to take part in the program.

Local schools being represented in the showcase in Walt Disney World include: Feds Creek High School, Belfry High School, Jackson Rowe Elementary, Mullins Elementary, Pike County High School, Johns Creek Elementary, Kimper Elementary, Pikeville Elementary, Pikeville High School, Christ Central Training School and Academy and Elkhorn City High School.

Telemarketing operation could be 'done' deal within the month

by David Gross
Appalachian News-Express

Pikeville City Commission learned Monday that it will need not apply for as much grant money as originally anticipated in an effort to attract a large telemarketing firm that at least one city official says is on the verge of locating in Pike County.

The commission voted earlier this week to apply for a \$45,000 Community Development Block grant that will be included in a lucrative incentive package designed to attract Interactive Telemarketing Services to the city.

Last month, the commission voted to apply for a \$600,000 grant to be included in the incentive package. Officials have since learned that the company, headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska, will be required to pay a higher percentage of the project.

Mayor Steven Combs said last month that the telemarketing firm had narrowed its choices for a proposed call center to Pikeville and Ashland. Yesterday, he said a final decision could come within a month, and indications suggest the company will announce Pikeville as its site.

"I think it's done. I think we'll have the firm," Combs said. "Whether it's a raving success is yet to be seen ... (but) it all looks

good."

It has been projected the telemarketing firm would create 250 more jobs in the county, with at least half of those being full-time jobs and all or most at higher than minimum-wage salaries.

Other projections indicate the business would generate more than \$3 million annually — in salaries alone — for the local economy.

Pike County Judge-Executive Donna Damron previously said the company has numerous locations throughout the United States, including several in the South.

Combs said Interactive Telemarketing could be operating in downtown Pikeville within 90 to 120 days. In previous visits, representatives from the firm have expressed interest in a privately-owned Main Street building that recently became vacant, he said.

The reduction of the city's grant amount is the result of a bank requiring the firm to pay a larger portion of the costs for a Lucent Technology switch, which would be used to control up to 100 or more telephone lines, Combs said.

Telemarketers contract with other businesses to make sales calls via the telephone.

City and county officials have been

Estep given life in death of ex-wife

by David Gross
Appalachian News-Express

Convicted murder Steven Estep told multiple psychiatrists in recent months that he had a "death wish" and "wanted the death penalty" as punishment for fatally shooting his ex-wife last year.

Last Thursday, a Pike Circuit Court jury denied his wish.

Jurors opted not to recommend the death penalty for the Phelps man, instead sentencing him to life in prison without the possibility of probation or parole for 25 years.

"They did what they thought was right,"

Estep's mother, Louise, said shortly after the sentencing. "I wasn't worried. I believe in God's power."

The jury took more than four hours to reach its decision. Family members on both sides wept after the sentence was announced, but Estep, 32, displayed no emotion.

[E]step was convicted last Tuesday of killing his ex-wife, Kathy Bowling, 23, while she worked at the Citizens Valu-Rite Drug Store at Phelps last January 24. Witnesses had testified she was shot eight times and was held in a bathroom at the rear of the store while Estep engaged in a four-and-a-half stand-off with police.

negotiating with the firm for nearly a year.

The grant proceeds could be awarded by mid-summer, and would be transferred to the Pikeville-Pike County Industrial Development and Economic Authority, Damron said. IDEA's board of directors would then loan the money to the telemarketing firm, which would pay the money back to the board on a revolving loan fund.

A public hearing to discuss the city's grant application is scheduled for May 8.

Fiscal court finds another \$128,000

The Martin County Fiscal Court approved a budget at its Monday night meeting that added a total of \$127,959.80 to the general fund.

That amount included \$66,870.96 from unmined mineral taxes collected by the Martin County Sheriff's Office; \$32,388.00 from excess fees from the sheriff; and \$28,700 from payroll advancements from the sheriff's office.

The court also added 18 new easements to the county road plan ... Two easements were taken out of the plan: Lyons Cemetery Road, which could not be found in the easement book at the county clerk's office, and Donnie Preece Lane, which had been adopted into the road plan in the middle of November 1997.

Of the 18 new easements, only one appeared on a new form entitled "Acknowledgment and Petition to adopt public road into the county road system"; all other easement forms were entitled "Acknowledgment and petition to maintain public road."

These additions and deletions of easements bring the grand total to 400 accepted since September of last year.

(Portions of this article are reprinted from the Martin County Sun.)

Big Sandy Briefs

The Numbers Game

Wednesday's Results

April 29, 1998

LOTTO KENTUCKY
15-17-22-24-31-36
Next Estimated Jackpot
\$1.5 million

POWERBALL
08-25-30-46-47 ³¹
Next Estimated Jackpot
\$50 million

Jim Jackson voices concern over recent BOE decisions

Representatives of the Kentucky State Department of Education continue to caution the Magoffin County Board of Education that the decisions they persist in making could damage the district's schools.

Jim Jackson, director of the Division of Management Assistance with the state, addressed the board last Thursday, voicing concern on three topics that currently face the board.

Leaders credit cut-thru with preventing flooding

The Salyersville Cut-Thru Project passed its stiffest test to date with flying colors.

A steady downpour of rain, on two separate occasions, last week and over the weekend caused moderate to serious flooding in many Southeastern Kentucky and Eastern Kentucky counties and towns, Salyersville

avoided flooding because of a newly completed cut-thru, which diverted the Licking River from its former basin, which wraps around the downtown section of Salyersville.

Many are calling it a historical happening. It's possibly the first time in history that Salyersville has received such a substantial amount of rain over a short period of time without experiencing flooding in the areas of town that are normally prone to high water.—*The Salyersville Independent*

Pair charged with robbing courthouse vending machines

Two Magoffin County residents were arrested recently and charged with robbing vending machines in the hallway of the Magoffin County Courthouse.

Jay Todd Gibson and Serena Minix were arrested and charged by Salyersville Police Commissioner Greg Patrick and Detective Creed Patrick.

The theft occurred shortly after the majority of offices in the building had been closed at the end of the business day.

Several employees were still on the premises working after hours when they reportedly witnessed the two as they performed the theft.—*The Salyersville Independent*



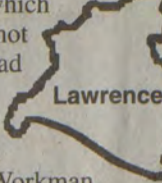
Sheriff, deputy argue wage dispute case

Officials with the state labor cabinet heard arguments Thursday on a four-year-old case in which a Lawrence County deputy claims he was not paid for hundreds of hours of overtime he had worked.

Deputy Rodney Williamson, 28, was one of seven people who made such a claim against Lawrence County Sheriff Bobby Jo Workman, but five of the other cases were settled and one was dropped.

Williamson said that during his employment, which lasted from May 28, 1994 to June 26, 1995, he amassed 896 hours of overtime, for which he was never paid.

After the case was filed, the Kentucky Labor Cabinet released a tentative findings of fact on October 25, 1996, which said Williamson was due \$2,542 in unpaid wages. Both Williamson and Workman originally contested the findings. Before Thursday's hearing Workman and his attorney, William R. Palmer of Greenup, said they agreed to the findings—which admitted that the employees were due some back wages.—*The Big Sandy News*



Development at Yatesville Lake beginning to take shape

A few short years ago, Yatesville Lake was little more than a large pool of water that Lawrence Countians had pinned their hopes on for future tourism.

Today those hopes are turning into a reality as a whole list of projects are being worked on to develop the area and encourage people to come into the county.

Besides construction projects such as the recently-completed marina and the campground which is underway, Yatesville has found itself another attraction—bass fishing.

In fact, the May 1998 edition of Kentucky Fish and Game Magazine published an article arguing that Yatesville may be Kentucky's top bass fishing lake this year.

Also, on Friday, recreation board member Bob Kise presented the Lawrence County Fiscal Court with plans for ten miles of trails to be completed this year in the Yatesville Lake area, with an additional ten miles to be done by the end of the year.—*The Big Sandy News*

Burglars take TV from Inez school

Inez Middle School cook Betty Moore found the gates that guard the school standing open when she arrived for work at 5:30 a.m. last Wednesday.

A check of the school property by county and state police revealed that a Zenith big-screen television and VCR, valued at \$2,500, had been stolen.

The thieves apparently used a two-wheel dolly that had been used by the school and stored in the lunchroom to move the large TV from the library back to the opposite end of the school building where the burglars exited through the gym doors they had broken when they gained entry.

A riding lawn mower was found behind the school, in the middle of the road. Police think the burglars moved the mower to that location in an attempt to

steal it, too.—*The Martin County Sun*

Eighteen-month-old dies after swallowing ball

Eighteen-month-old Justin Jenkins died Tuesday afternoon after apparently choking on a small rubber ball at his home.

Martin County paramedics Terry Fraley and Dallas Sweeney rushed to the scene after the local 911 office received a call from the baby's frantic mother, Jennifer Jenkins, 25, Tuesday.

A spokesperson at the 911 office said the baby had stopped breathing by the time paramedics arrived. The boy had apparently choked on a small rubber ball which was dislodged by the paramedics after they arrived.—*The Martin County Sun*



Planning for growth, county schools could see improvements

With work underway and groundbreaking ceremonies complete at the new Oil Springs Elementary School, plans of the county school system's next project were introduced during a school board meeting Monday night.

In the works are plans to replace and upgrade out-of-date functional equipment in the high school and in one of the elementary schools.

If the plans actually meet a drawing board, then Flat Gap Elementary will receive new heating units while air conditioners and windows will be installed at the 30-year-old high school.—*The Paintsville Herald*

is the best possibility of a cure. Reliable lab tests results often warn of a problem before symptoms become apparent," said Ms. Barrows.—*The Paintsville Herald*

Water company takes hard line on late payments

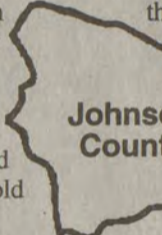
Some members came home last week only to find that they were short one of life's necessities—water.

According to Brenda McFaddin, Paintsville Utilities clerk, approximately 375 delinquent notices for the month of March were sent out to customers, 95 of which were disconnected by the 20th of the following month, nearly 150 percent more than surrounding counties.

"If doesn't matter if you're at home, if you are not at home, or if you are standing out in your yard with the money in your hand, they will cut you off," said Jerry Meade, Thealka resident.

Meade, who has been disabled for the past year, was visiting the doctor when he came home last Tuesday to find that his water and gas had been disconnected. Meade said he hadn't even received a late notice.

"I'm disabled and have to arrange to pay my bills and go to the doctor in advance because I don't have transportation. I have a snake bite that I have been seeing a doctor over and when my water was cut off, I had not water to clean it, nothing," Meade said.—*The Paintsville Herald*



Closed grade school will become medical complex

The South Williamson Grade School closed at the end of the 1996-97 school year. This year, it will be given new life as a medical complex.

Shibby Karnes of Swope Construction and his wife, Betty, bought the old school last month at a public auction for \$160,000. The building is currently undergoing a major renovation process, which is expected to take a couple of months to finish.

Upon completion, the medical complex is to consist of approximately 14 office spaces and is expected to be occupied by doctors who specialize in various fields of medicine.

Although the interior of the building will be greatly altered, the Karnes plan to make few changes to the exterior because Shibby Karnes said he is convinced the South Williamson residents wouldn't want it any other way.

Work is expected to be completed and the building functional by July.—*Appalachian News-Express*

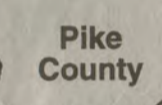
Murder suspect did not have license

A Church Hill man, 29-year-old Marshall Averel Swartz, was charged with the murders of three individuals in Pikeville.

Swartz has a history of drunken driving — he had his license suspended recently — and is now being charged in the fatalities, which were alcohol-related.

On April 10, Swartz reportedly went through a red light and hit a stationwagon carrying three persons. Killed in the accident were 47-year-old Linda Meyer, her 20-year-old son, Adam, and his 20-year-old fiancée Kristy Skipper.

Swartz was treated for minor injuries, and then held on a \$1 million bond.

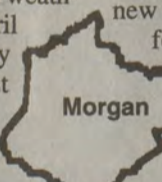


One school day added

One school day has been added to the 1997-98 Morgan County school calendar because of bad weather earlier in the year. The school board, at its April 13 meeting, set Friday, May 22, as the final day for students, and Saturday, May 23, as the last day for teachers.—*The Licking Valley Courier, West Liberty*

to increase customer rates to create sufficient cash flow to guarantee the loan.

Earlier this year city council said it would forego the new plant if it could not be built without raising rates for West Liberty residents.—*The Licking Valley Courier, West Liberty*



Five expelled at MCHS for smoking pot

Five Morgan County High School students were expelled from school last week for the remainder of the year for smoking or dispensing marijuana on school property. The action was taken by the board of education at a disciplinary hearing April 20.

One of the students, who allegedly dispensed the marijuana, also faces a misdemeanor charge of possession, according to West Liberty Police Chief Kenny Dulin.

The sophomores, four boys and one girl, were caught after some of them were seen smoking marijuana behind the school greenhouse on March 27, said Joe Dan Gold, superintendent of Morgan County schools.—*The Licking Valley Courier, West Liberty*

Council declines to respond to state ultimatum

The West Liberty City Council Monday evening declined to act on what appeared to be an ultimatum from the state Department of Local Government to commit itself to borrow \$1.7 million and raise customer rates or lose a \$930,000 grant approved earlier to help build a proposed new two million gallon per day water treatment plant at Cave Run Lake.

According to Bryan Kirby, the city's grant administrator, USDA Rural Development (formerly FmHA) can provide \$2.6 million for the project in the form of a \$1.7 million loan and a \$900,000 grant. But the funding would be contingent on a commitment by the city

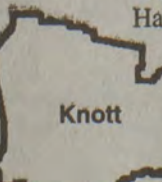
Knott County buys voting machines

The Knott County Fiscal Court held the first reading of the budget for fiscal year 1998-99, purchased new voting machines, and voted to raise the salaries of the county's top four officials as mandated by the state in a meeting last Friday.

Court members voted to increase salaries from the current rate of \$47,899 annually to the state mandated maximum of \$48,726.05 for the county judge-executive, sheriff, clerk and jailer. They also voted to leave salaries of the coroner at \$13,400, magistrates at \$18,600, and constables at \$4,800.

The court voted to purchase 30 computer voting machines at a cost of \$126,000.

The purchase included 20 new machines and ten reconditioned machines. Delivery of the machines should be May 18.—*Troublesome Creek Times*



Governor recommends water line, college building

Gov. Paul Patton recommend the City of Hindman and the Knott County Fiscal Court received ARC fund-

ing under the 1998 ARC Investment Strategy.

The city would receive \$293,436 for the Knott County Rural Waterline Extension project, if federal approval is given, and the fiscal court would received \$730,000 for the Knott County Community Opportunity Center, if approved.—*Troublesome Creek Times*

Hindman man convicted of rape

A Knott Circuit Court jury found Laymon Goble Hall, 57, of Hindman, guilty of third degree rape in a four-day trial last week.

Hall was accused of having sexual intercourse with a person less than 16 years old. The jury fixed Hall's punishment at five years in the penitentiary. Formal sentencing is May 14.—*Troublesome Creek Times*

Higher salaries for mayor, council

The Hindman City Council had the first reading of an ordinance Monday night to raise the salary of the mayor from \$300 annually to \$19,500 and increase city council's pay from \$25 per meeting to \$100 per meeting, not to exceed \$200 monthly.

Council members approved the motion unanimously and without debate.—*Troublesome Creek Times*

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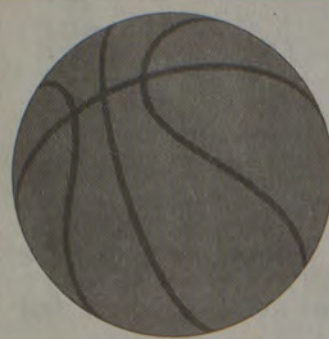
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Samons signs with Centre College (See story page seven)

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Three appointed to oversee athletics

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

The Floyd County Board of Education has eliminated the county athletic director's position, and will replace the job with three instructional supervisors: Jody Sword, Susan Compton and Phil Paige, will oversee academics as well as athletics in the county.

"I have pledged my full support," said Grigsby of the move. "I will act as an advisor to the three new supervisors until July 1. I will try to help them all I can. I have a different assignment in which I am happy about."



Pete Grigsby

Betsy Layne, Stumbo, Prater Creek and Harold elementaries. Compton will be instructional supervisor over Allen Central High School, South Floyd High School, Melvin, McDowell, Osborne, May Valley and Duff elementaries. Paige will be in charge of Prestonsburg High School, Adams Middle School, Auxier, Clark, Allen and Prestonsburg elementaries.

Kids' Day In The Park

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

Tomorrow, (Saturday), will be a big day at Prestonsburg's Archer Park when the gates open for the fifth annual WMDJ/Food City Kids' Day In The Park.



Over the bar

A Betsy Layne High School jumper just missed clearing the bar in field events at Allen Central Tuesday evening. All four county schools took part in the events with South Floyd capturing the women's events and Betsy Layne winning the men's. (photo by Ed Taylor)

While kids will be competing in their age groups, there will plenty of other activities as well. Race fans will be able to get an up-close look at Dale Earnhardt's number 3 car while at the show.

The Prestonsburg Fire Department will bring along their popular "Little Pumper" fire truck that will take old and young alike around the park for a look.

The Explorer's Station is sure to be an interest to all at the park for the full day of fun. The Explorer's Station will include a hands-on look at one of the fire department's trucks. The Floyd County Emergency & Rescue Squad will display their Rescue Suburban Truck with boat and four-wheelers.

Also present will be the Shriner's Medical Transport Van filled with clowns to make the kids laugh. A fun time will be to browse through the Kentucky State Police Mobile Museum and to compare a '49 Ford cruiser with a modern day '98 Ford cruiser.

The Health-Net Medical Transport helicopter will be on display with a hands-on demonstration to everyone.

Ready for some more good news? It is all free! But there is much more. Kids will take part in seven sporting events with trophies awarded for every event. Kids competing will be led by the Allen Central Junior ROTC from one event to the next. Some will start with the popular Big Wheels race. A sure delight for any kid. Others may start at the Kickball arena while others will be trying their hand at the football toss.

Kids may want to get in shape for the 50-yard dash as well as the Sack Race. Yard darts may be the desire of those more tamed ones. But whatever the taste, there will be plenty to do at Archer Park.

The Mayfield Cow will be on hand with free ice cream for the kids. Also, kids will be furnished free snacks and drinks, as well as free treat bags.

Barney will be on hand to shake hands and have his picture taken with the kids, so mom - bring the camera. A concession stand will be maintained by the Allen Central ROTC.

All the fun gets underway at 11 a.m. Be sure and get there early and enjoy the day's events.

South Floyd and Betsy Layne capture track and field events

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

The South Floyd Lady Raiders and Betsy Layne Bobcats took control and left the Allen Central track and field facility with first place finishes last Tuesday.

South Floyd scored 174 points in winning the women's class, while the Betsy Layne men had 133 points for first place.

All four county schools and the Piarist School took part in the day's events.

Jesse Robertson represented the Piarist School, placing second in two events and winning the 3200-meter race.

Beth Combs, an eighth grader, captured the women's 300-meter hurdles with a time of 1:01.59 for eight points in running for Allen Central. Sara Johnson, also an eighth-grader at McDowell, finished second at 1:03.59 in the hurdles run. South Floyd's Marla Endicott finished third overall. Brandy Scott, Shea Mullins rounded out the top five.

In the men's 300-meter hurdles, Betsy Layne's Matt Rose took first place, running ahead of South Floyd's Ryan Shannon. Rose had a time of 45.49 for the top spot. Shannon finished at 49.67. Barritt Blankenship, Kyle Tackett, Nathan Goble and Josh Allen finished out the top six.

Ryan Hardee of Prestonsburg captured the men's 800-meter dash finishing ahead of Robertson. No time was given for Hardee, but Robertson had a time of 2:19 for second place. John Meade finished third.

In the boys' long jump, Allen Central's John Goble was measured at 17' 11" for first place over teammate David Poff. Poff was measured at 16' 5". Jason Salisbury, Betsy Layne, Jeremy Caudill, Prestonsburg, Kyle Tackett, South Floyd, and Buck Combs, Prestonsburg rounded out the top six.

Crystal Martin of Allen Central won the girls' long jump with a distance of 14 feet. Angie Tackett, Betsy Layne, placed second with South Floyd's Margaret Dorton taking third.

In the women's high jump, South Floyd's Olivia (See Track, page seven)



Matt Rose

Local foursome takes top cash in golf outing

by Ed Taylor Sports Editor

Sixteen four-men teams took part in last Saturday's Allen Astros Golf Scramble, held at the Allen Park, with the first place team taking home \$1,000.

The foursome of Johnny Ray Turner, Wes Halbert, Steve Halbert and Kevin Auton shot a 18-under-par for first place. Second place went to the team of Darren Conn, Ryan Martin, Tony Branham and Todd Lucas, who went home with \$500 in prize money. Bryan Allen, Ephriam O'Quinn, Steven Conley and Shad Walters finished third, and split the \$300 prize money.

"It was a very successful tournament," said Tommie Layne, spokeswoman for the Allen little league team. "We are already planning one for next year."

The Saturday tournament was a make up from the original date of April 18 when high waters caused the postponement of the event.

"We want to thank all those who took part and helped with the tournament," said Layne. The tournament was held as a fundraiser for the Allen Astro Little League team.

The winning foursome shot a 25 on each of the front nine and back nine. The third place team was only a stroke off after the first nine holes. Second and third place finished with a minus-13, but a playoff hole determined the second place prize money.

Different prizes were awarded throughout the day. Wes Halbert won a set of ping irons for the closest-to-the-hole on number three.



Winning foursome

A large number of golfers hit the links at the Beaver Valley Golf Course this past Saturday in the Allen Astros Scramble. The winning foursome included Johnny Ray Turner, Wes Halbert, Steve Halbert and Kevin Auton.

A Look At Sports

Chuck remembers Jim; district tournament set

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BELATED

A very belated happy birthday to Jessica Martin of the Allen Central Lady Rebels. Jessica turned 16 last Saturday, April 25. She also has been invited to the Junior National's tryouts. Happy birthday, Jessica.

The community and county is still lamenting over the loss of Jim Ed Allen, who passed away last Thursday while doing a remote for the WQHY radio station. I understand that Jim Ed has worked at the station for the past 27 years.



Ed Taylor Sports Editor

I received a letter, as well as number of calls, over the loss of a good friend. One letter came from Chuck Scoville, who had worked broadcast games over the airwaves.

Chuck related the example that Jim Ed and others set, what they were to him, and his trying to follow in their steps.

"When I first moved here from Florida in early 1988, I heard Jim Ed on the morning drive time," said Chuck. "While I wasn't wild about the music, I realized in listening to Jim Ed that here was a man with a radio voice good enough to work anywhere in the country."

Jim had that kind of voice. He was clear and easily understood.

"When I decided to do radio sports in the fall of 1988, I listened to Jim Ed, Keith Casebolt and Dale McKinney to try and pick up the finer points of their broadcasts. I know Jim Ed loved sports, and got into the games with his heart."

Jim Ed was an avid Cleveland Browns fan. I think he and I were the only two around the county that rooted for the Browns (I'm sure there were many others) and in conversations, Jim was hurt when the Browns left Cleveland.

He loved the Kentucky Wildcats, and was one of the very few who had early faith in Tubby Smith coming to Kentucky. He followed the Prestonsburg Blackcats football team, and was ecstatic when coach Bill Letton took his team to the '93 state championship game. He hated to see Letton leave Prestonsburg.

Jim Ed and Chuck shared quarters for 18 months following Chuck's divorce.

"Jim was the kind who worried about other people," said Chuck. "His ex-wife, his sons - he spent all his extra time and resources trying to make sure they were happy and taken care of."

I am sure there will be others who will share their thoughts on Jim Ed. Coaches, players and fans around the area. What a large crowd that turned out to say good-bye to Jim this past Sunday. A lot of people take sportscasters for granted, but when they are no longer with us, there is that loss they feel.

On my end here at the paper, the switchboard lit up with calls inquiring about my "passing away." I'm sure that with the news of Jim's leaving us that some related that to me.

I appreciate all those who had to shed some tears over nothing, but it was touching that so many were concerned. It gives you a funny feeling.

The passing of Jim Ed makes me appreciate all the players and fans around me. I enjoy the kids, being around and just writing about them. I wish I could write about every one of them.

The sportscasters and those who cover sports for their respective papers do not have an easy job. Some think it is a simple task, but they do not know or see the stress behind the scenes. It is a thankless job. It is filled with pressure. You just don't know unless you have been here.

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NASCAR

This Week
On TV

All Times Eastern

- Winston Cup Qualifying
5:30 p.m. • Friday • ESPN2
- NASCAR 50th Anniversary Gala
7 p.m. • Saturday • TNN
- Winston Cup, California 500
3:30 p.m. • Sunday • ESPN



THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

THE WINSTON CUP SERIES COMING UP: CALIFORNIA 500

WHERE: California Speedway, Fontana
WHEN: Sunday, May 3
DEFENDING CHAMPION: Jeff Gordon
EVENT QUALIFYING RECORD: Greg Sacks, Chevy, 183.753 mph, June 21, 1997.
RACE RECORD: Jeff Gordon, Chevy, 155.012 mph, June 22, 1997.
OTHER FORMER WINNERS: The 1997 California 500 was the first NASCAR event at the two-mile, D-shaped track.
NOTABLE: Last year's inaugural race saw Chevrolet Monte Carlos finish first

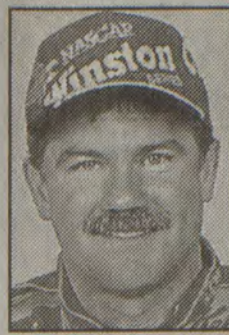


Gordon

ALMOST HOME COOKING

Where is the average pizza topped with ham, chicken and bleu-cheese dressing? Why in southern California, of course, where mellow is a way of life. L.A. cuisine is innovative and appalling to traditionalists. A hint: This is not the place to order chicken fried steak.

and second with Gordon and Terry Labonte, while Ford drivers Ricky Rudd, Ted Musgrave and Jimmy Spencer completed the rest of the top five. ... The track qualifying record was set by Sacks in the second round. Joe Nemechek started the race on the pole.



T. Labonte



Rudd

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL DIVISION
After taking a week off, action resumes with the New Hampshire 200 at Loudon on May 9.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES
After a week off, the next race is the NAPA Card 200 at Evergreen Speedway in Monroe, Wash., on May 9.

POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Rusty Wallace, 1,318.	1. Matt Kenseth, 1,249.	1. Jack Sprague, 660.
2. Jeremy Mayfield, 1,282.	2. M. McLaughlin, 1,223.	2. Ron Hornaday, 652.
3. Terry Labonte, 1,256.	3. D. Earnhardt Jr., 1,205.	3. Jay Sauter, 603.
4. Dale Jarrett, 1,255.	4. Elliott Sadler, 1,132.	4. Stacy Compton, 568.
5. Jeff Gordon, 1,245.	5. Buckshot Jones, 1,130.	5. Joe Ruttman, 551.
6. Mark Martin, 1,149.	6. Hermie Sadler, 1,094.	5. Rick Catelli, 551.
7. Bobby Labonte, 1,120.	7. Randy LaJoie, 1,090.	7. Tony Ralnes, 496.
8. Bill Elliott, 1,105.	8. Dick Trickle, 1,071.	8. Rick Crawford, 493.
9. Dale Earnhardt, 1,085.	9. Jason Keller, 1,041.	9. Bryan Reffner, 482.
10. Jimmy Spencer, 1,079.	10. Mike Dillon, 1,039.	10. Bob Keselowski, 479.

FROM LAST WEEK

WINSTON CUP SERIES

Bobby Labonte used drafting help from Jimmy Spencer to pass brother Terry with two laps to go in the DieHard 500 at Talladega Superspeedway. Labonte has already exceeded his victory total of each of the past two years, having won earlier this season at Atlanta.

BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Joe Nemechek steered clear

of several multi-car crashes to take the Touchstone Energy 300, Talladega's annual BGN event.

Like Labonte, Nemechek started on the pole.

CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Stacy Compton, an unheralded young driver from Virginia, pulled off an astonishing upset in the truck stop at Portland (Ore.) Speedway.

TOP TEN

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

1. Jeff Gordon (1)	No friends in the draft	6. Terry Labonte (5)	Beaten by baby bro
2. Bobby Labonte (9)	Won from the pole	7. Jeremy Mayfield (7)	Still second in points
3. Mark Martin (2)	Third two-win man	8. Dale Earnhardt (10)	Taken out at Talladega
4. Rusty Wallace (3)	His day will come	9. Jimmy Spencer (NR)	Fine performance
5. Dale Jarrett (4)	Third in last two	10. Jeff Burton (6)	Engine went sour

ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
May 3	California 500, Fontana, Calif.	J. Gordon	Nemechek
May 16	The Winston, Concord, N.C.*	J. Gordon	Elliott
May 24	Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.	J. Gordon	J. Gordon
May 31	Miller 500, Dover, Del.	Rudd	B. Labonte
June 6	Pontiac 400, Richmond, Va.	R. Wallace	T. Labonte
June 14	Miller 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Irvan	Hamilton
June 21	Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.	J. Gordon	Martin
June 28	Save Mart 300, Sonoma, Calif.	Martin	Martin
July 4	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Andretti	Skinner
July 12	Jiffy Lube 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Burton	Schrader
July 26	Pennsylvania 500, Long Pond, Pa.	Jarrett	Nemechek
Aug. 1	Brickyard 400, Speedway, Ind.	Rudd	Irvan
Aug. 9	Bud at the Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.	J. Gordon	T. Bodine
Aug. 16	DeVilbiss 400, Brooklyn, Mich.	Martin	Benson
Aug. 22	Goody's 500, Bristol, Tenn.	Jarrett	K. Wallace
Aug. 30	CMT 300, Loudon, N.H.	J. Gordon	Schrader
Sept. 6	Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.	J. Gordon	B. Labonte
Sept. 12	Exide 400, Richmond, Va.	Jarrett	Elliott
Sept. 20	MBNA 400, Dover, Del.	Martin	Martin
Sept. 27	Hanes 500, Martinsville, Va.	J. Burton	W. Burton
Oct. 4	UAW-GM 500, Concord, N.C.	Jarrett	G. Bodine
Oct. 11	Winston 500, Talladega, Ala.	T. Labonte	Irvan
Oct. 25	Dura-Lube 500, Avondale, Ariz.	Jarrett	Hamilton
Nov. 1	AC-Delco 400, Rockingham, N.C.	Hamilton	B. Labonte
Nov. 8	NAPA 500, Concord, N.C.	B. Labonte	G. Bodine

*All-star event

FEUD OF THE WEEK

Dale Earnhardt vs. Talladega Superspeedway

It was a mistake by Ward Burton that touched off a 20-car catastrophe in the DieHard 500, but Dale Earnhardt passed up a chance to lambast Burton. The real culprit, Earnhardt said, was restrictor-plate racing on the world's fastest closed circuit. "We can't keep racing like this,

running over each other like this," said Earnhardt.

NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion: "Earnhardt is absolutely right, and it's not like he lacks standing. He has won eight restrictor-plate races, more than any other driver."

FROM THE ARCHIVES:

The rich history of NASCAR
Ontario Motor Speedway and Riverside International Raceway are only memories, but the sites of both tracks are only a few miles from California Speedway, Roger Penske's lovely new track. Ontario, a virtual carbon copy of Indianapolis Motor Speedway, last hosted a race, won by Benny Parsons, in 1980, and Riverside, a 2.62-mile road course, ended its historic run with a Rusty Wallace victory in 1988.

Joe Gibbs makes adjustment from head coach to owner

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week
TALLADEGA, Ala. — Joe Gibbs said it was difficult for him to adjust to being an owner and not a coach. The man who once led the Washington Redskins to four Super Bowls, three of which they won, is now building a virtual motorsports empire. Bobby Labonte won his second race of the season in the No. 18 Pontiac Grand Prix owned by Gibbs. Gibbs-owned dragsters driven by Cruz Pedregon and Cory McClenathan are currently at the top of National Hot Rod Association standings in their

respective categories. At the Joe Gibbs Racing Winston Cup shop, the crew chief, Jimmy Makar, is really the coach, Gibbs said. "They tell me to shut up and don't touch that headset," he added. "I used to wonder how Jack Kent-Cook could derive so much pleasure out of owning the Redskins. You've got to hire people who are winners and who can work with each other, and you've got to let them do their jobs."

Another difficulty was adjusting from a sport where success is measured in wins and losses to one in which one team wins

every week and 42 others go home with losses. "Oh, that's definitely one of the toughest things" said Gibbs. "The top 10 is hard to get to, and the top five is even harder, but, at the same time, you can't let yourself be satisfied with anything shy of a victory. It's definitely a tough deal."

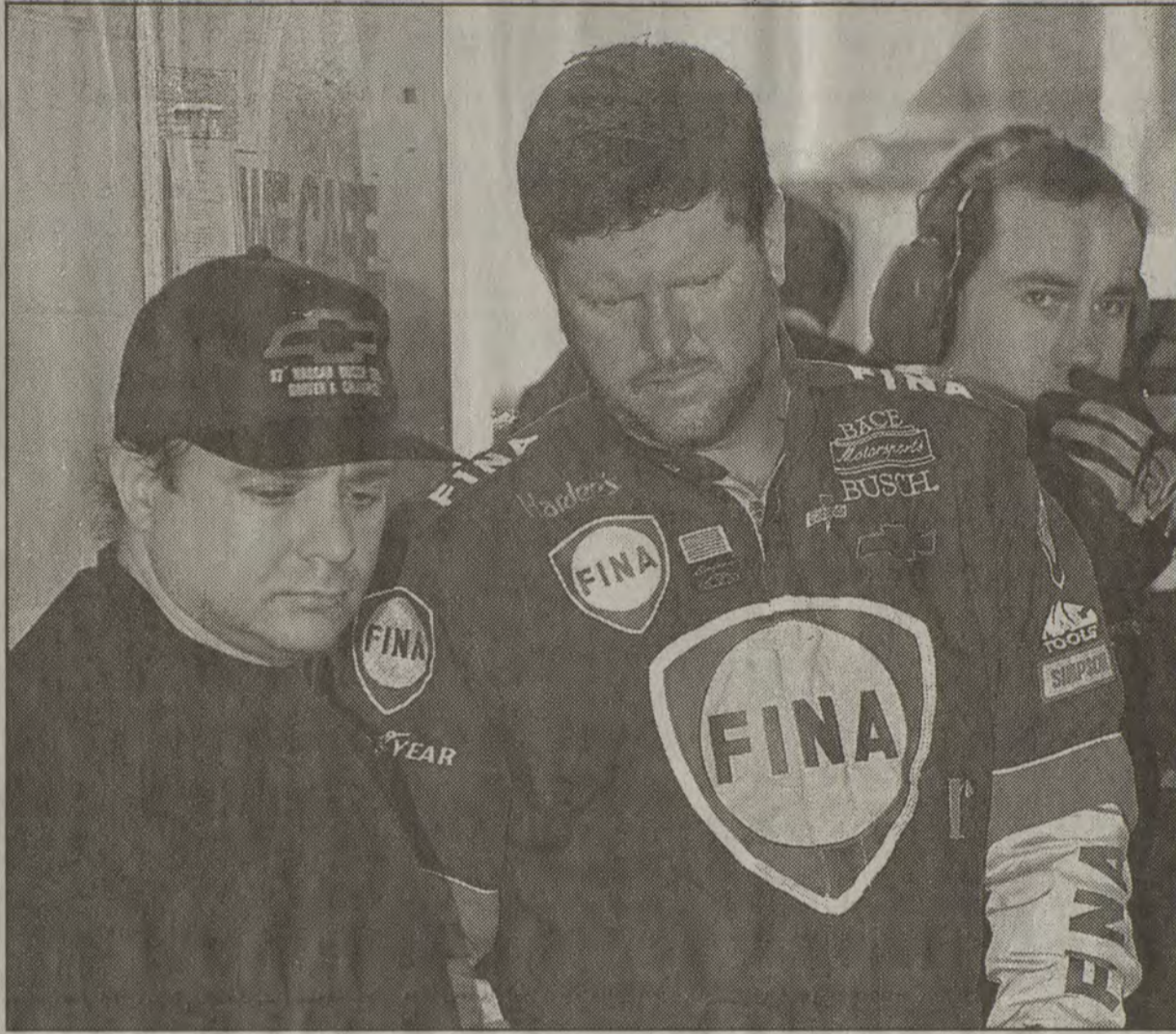
GONE FISHING: Geoff Bodine, winner of 18 Winston Cup races, failed to make the starting field for the DieHard 500. Bodine had started every Talladega race since 1982. Dennis Setzer, making his Winston Cup debut in a Ford

entered by Bill Elliott, was the fastest Saturday qualifier, earning the 26th starting position with a lap at 192.332 mph. Three Roush Racing drivers had to take provisionals, and a fourth, Matt Kenseth, failed to make the field. Jeff Burton qualified 18th in the fastest car. Chad Little qualified on Saturday to lock down 34th position. One of the provisional starters, Roush's Mark Martin, was the race's defending champ.

WHAT'S NEXT? TOILET PAPER?: Moore's is the official marinade of Talladega Superspeedway. This is not a joke.

PROFILE

Randy LaJoie



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Randy LaJoie, center, is filling in for Ricky Craven on the Winston Cup Series.

By Monte Dutton
NASCAR This Week

It has become a rather strange year for two-time Busch Grand National champion Randy LaJoie.

On the one hand, LaJoie has slumped so far in his bid to win the BGN title for the third year in a row. On the other, he has been filling in quite creditably for injured Ricky Craven in the Winston Cup Series.

LaJoie finished fifth at Martinsville, then followed that up with a 10th Sunday at Talladega.

AGE: 36
WIFE: Lisa
CHILDREN: Cory (6), Casey (3).

CAR: Busch Grand National No. 74 Fina

Chevrolet, owned by Bill Baumgardner; Winston Cup No. 50 Budweiser Chevrolet, owned by "Papa Joe" Hendrick.

CAREER RECORD: Winston Cup — 32 starts, 0 wins, 0 poles, 1 top-five finish, 3 top 10s, career earnings of more than \$500,000.

FIRSTS (WINSTON CUP): Start (March 17, 1985, at Atlanta), pole (none), win (none).

WHAT DOES YOUR PERFORMANCE AS RICKY CRAVEN'S SUBSTITUTE DO FOR YOUR CAREER?

"That's hard to say, and I don't really think about it a lot. The last two weeks the Budweiser team has done a wonderful job. I'm just filling in."

ARE YOU SURPRISED AT HOW WELL YOU ARE DOING?

"If you're filling in, you're supposed to do a good job. This is Ricky Craven's car. His name is still on it. I'm over 50 percent for top 10s in my Busch career. There's no good reason why you can't do that in Winston Cup, too, if you've got a good race team. Hendrick Motorsports obviously has a good race team. This whole team is great. I can't say enough for these guys. What they have available to them is just awesome. I'm honored to be driving this thing for them. It won't hurt my feelings if I win a race for them along the way. It ain't like we're not trying."

Who's not who's hot?

WHO'S HOT?
Dale Jarrett has only one victory, but he has finished third two races in a row and has seven finishes of 11th or better in nine races.

WHO'S NOT? Jarrett's teammate, rookie Kenny Irwin, has gone five straight races without finishing better than 19th.

TRIVIA

1. What was Frank Mundy's nickname?
2. What three-time winner of the Indianapolis 500 won a 100-mile qualifying race at Daytona in 1963?

2. Johnny Rutherford
1. "Rebel"

AROUND THE GARAGE

YOUR TURN

Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week, I have been following NASCAR for 30 years. I have never seen so many rule changes in all my life since Gary Nelson has taken over as technical director.

Let's face it. The Chevy teams have had their heyday for the past 20 years, including 18 Winston Cup championships and 17 manufacturer's championships.

Now the table has turned, and there are more good Ford teams than there are Chevys and Pontiacs. The only good Chevy teams are Gordon, Terry Labonte and Earnhardt, but he's getting old, and Schrader.

Then why don't they let the Fords alone?

Or won't NASCAR be happy till guys like Dave Marcis or Darrell Waltrip run up front?

The Chevys are like the Dallas Cowboys. Their dominance is over.

Let them rebuild their teams like everybody else's, without NASCAR's help.

Kurt Peacher
Hagerstown, Md.

Dear Kurt,
Let me guess — you're a Ford fan, right?

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

CREW OF THE WEEK

■ Newt Moore and his Square D pit crew overcame a costly mistake on pit road — a tire came off when Kenny Wallace pulled off — to get Wallace back into contention in the DieHard 500. Wallace's seventh-place finish was his third top 10 of the year, one more than all of last season.

ON THE MARKET

Get ready for the latest Jeff Gordon entry in the die-cast collectibles market. In the Winston at Charlotte Motor Speedway on the night of May 16, Gordon will defend his title in a DuPont-sponsored Monte Carlo that changes colors (deep red to metallic gold) based on the angle at which it is viewed. What'll they think of next?

RACING ON THE WEB

Official Pontiac Home Page
www.pontiac.com

Strong points: Everything you always wanted to know about the General Motors division but did not have the time to ask. In addition to a review of Pontiac's racing activities, visitors can choose models, review colors and options, practically do anything but drive one off.

Weak points: This page is still, after all, about selling cars, which means the hype is a bit overwhelming.

Open Heart Surgery Program
coming to
Pikeville Methodist Hospital



Keeping your Heart in the Mountains

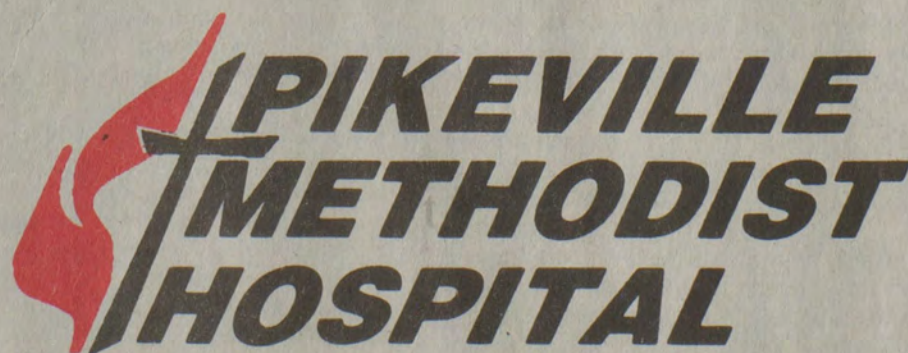
Pikeville Methodist Hospital is proud to announce that the state approved our application for an Open Heart Surgery Program on April 15, 1998.

This program will enable the people of Eastern Kentucky to receive more timely treatment of heart problems without traveling hours for medical care. Instead, you can remain in this region with all the comforts of home and among your family and friends.

The Open Heart Surgery program will be incorporated into the new hospital building currently under construction. Surgical suites will be built along with the purchase of additional equipment and additional medical support staff.

Once the program is underway, Pikeville Methodist Hospital will be the only open heart surgery program south of I-64 and east of I-75. The Board of Directors, Medical Staff, Administrative Staff, and employees are so very honored to be bringing this type of service to our community in the near future.

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