













Fall semester begins at MSU

Morehead State University will hold registration for its 1998 fall semester on August 12-14, with the first day designated as a business day. Classes at all locations, including on and off campus, begin on Monday, August 17. The University offers 74 undergraduate degree programs, including 14 associate level degree and 11 pre-professional programs in four colleges. Some courses are classroom oriented while others offer hands-on experience. At the university farm, Todd Jeremy Dials, left, assisted by Dr. Scott Rundell, coordinator of the Veterinary Technology Program, experienced drawing blood from a patient. Dials, the son of Thomas Dials of Warfield, is a senior biology major. (MSU photo by Tim Holbrook)

## Optometrists to help children see

Kimberly W. Nordin, O.D., and Mark E. Nordin, O.D., of Nordin Eye Center, have joined the Eye Care Council to participate in its award-winning SEE TO LEARN® Program.

SEE TO LEARN® is a three-step preventive health program designed by the Kansas Optometric Association, the Eye Care Council and participating optometrists to ensure that children entering school can see to learn.

Nearly 5,000 three-year-old children have received vision assessments since the program's inception, and nearly 350 optometrists from Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Wisconsin and Wyoming have joined the program to alert educators and parents about the signs of a vision problem. Members of the Kentucky Optometric Association are working with the Eye Care Council to focus on the early detection and treatment of vision problems in children.

Through the SEE TO LEARN® Program, Drs. Kimberly and Mark Nordin will offer free in-office visual health assessments for three-year-old children and will educate parents, grandparents and educators about the importance of early preventive eye care and warning signs of vision problems. Their offices will also provide materials to encourage parents to invest in their children's visual health with a complete eye examination before or during their first year of school to detect any vision problems. The educational materials alert and educate parents about the warning signs of a vision problem that may require care as children grow. These services will be available in Nordin Eye Center's Paintsville, Prestonsburg and Salyersville offices.

Dr. Mark Nordin said they joined the SEE TO LEARN® Program because of the opportunity they saw to help children reach their academic potential.

"One of the biggest difficulties we run into is that children with vision problems are often unaware that they have vision problems,

because they assume everyone else sees the same way they do," he said. "By providing free vision assessments to three-year-olds, we can detect problems which might affect the children's ability to do well in school and later in life."

The Eye Care Council is a special vision health information resource created to better educate the public about their vision and

appropriate eye care. Participating optometrists contribute time, money and professional advice to help people see more clearly longer.

For more information, contact the Nordin Eye Center in Paintsville at (606) 788-0433; in Prestonsburg at (606) 886-6774; in Salyersville at (606) 349-2909; or call the Eye Care Council at 1-800-960-EYES.

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### Big Sandy CAP has relocated

Big Sandy Area Community Action Program Inc. has moved its offices from Allen to the first floor of the Courthouse Annex in Prestonsburg. The phone number is 606-886-2929.

### School year to begin with in-service day

The 1998-99 school year for the Pike County School System will begin with a countywide in-service day for both certified and classified employees on Monday, August 10, at the Pike County Central High School Gymnasium.

The event will begin at 8 a.m. Entertainment will be provided by the Pike County Performing Arts Group under the leadership of Heather Linton. Featured speaker for this year's event will be Dale Niswonger.

Countywide activities should be completed by 1:15 p.m. Employees will then meet with their principals or department heads for the remainder of the afternoon.

The first day of the school for students will be Thursday, August 13.

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MORGAN COUNTY AT 7 P.M.**



**Proposed  
Football  
Alignment**  
inside

## A Look At Sports

### Bobcats getting new training facility; thanks to boosters

Perhaps the lost influence behind the sports scene in Floyd County are the booster's clubs. Without them it would be hard for any sporting event to survive. The club is manned by dedicated parents and coaches who see the need of providing the best athletic equipment and facility they possibly can.

Betsy Layne's football boosters are trying to live up to expectations and construction has begun on a 40'x60' training facility that will house a weight room, dressing room, showers and foyer.

"It is going to be a great place," said football coach Ted George. "We will have a little foyer there where we will hang pictures and plaques."

Construction is currently going on, and the facility should be completed before football season ends.

"Our booster club has really worked hard in getting it started," said Coach George. "They have went out and sold, held fund raisers, and gotten donations in order to pay for it. They have done it all, the school board hasn't helped with it, as they can not help.



Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

"We have people like David Hayes and Keith Williams up here running the end loaders and other equipment and they don't have any children here. They are just doing it for the kids," said George.

The cost of the new facility, under roof, is \$20,000. But, Coach George does not take the credit for the building of the facility.

"John Derossett is the one who deserves credit for it being done," said the Betsy Layne coach. "He got it started when he coached up here and before he left to go to Prestonsburg. It was his brain child. I just got here and they took it from there."

George contends that all county teams need such a facility.

"Allen Central definitely needs one," he said. "They have to dress at the school and walk down to the field. South Floyd needs one, although they have a locker area."

The Betsy Layne coach said the new facility will definitely help the school's football program.

"It takes a lot of hard work," he said. "You don't know until you get going with it, the hard work it does take."

#### COUNTY AD

Again, I say, we desperately need a county athletic director in Floyd County. If we don't get one, who will take control, then our programs are going to be in shambles. Let's bring Pete Grigsby, Jr. back and restore some kind of order to the system.

#### VOLLEYBALL...

• Will it happen this year? Hard to say simply because you can't get anyone else to say.

#### BASKETBALL...

• All county high schools will be playing boys'/girls' doubleheaders this basketball season.

#### FOOTBALL

• The Betsy Layne Gridorama kicks off tonight instead of Saturday night. The date had to be changed to accommodate Fleming-Neon, who could not play on Saturday night. First game is at 6 p.m., while game two kicks off at 7 p.m.

• Saturday night the South Floyd Raiders will host Shelby Valley in grid play at Brackett Field.

• The Floyd County Gridorama takes place Saturday, August 15 at Prestonsburg. The following weekend they play for real.

Until Wednesday, good sports everyone and be good sports! Take the kids to church and Sunday School Sunday!

## Patton hired as coach of South Floyd Lady Raiders

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

In a coaching career that had its humble beginnings at Prestonsburg Elementary, coach Ronnie Patton becomes the fifth head girls' basketball coach at South Floyd High School, something that seems to have become an annual event. However, Patton is hoping he is the stabilizer of the program.

"I hope that I am the one to bring stability to the program," he said from his office at Duff Elementary, where he will continue to teach. "In the interview for the job when I applied, that was one of the questions I was asked, was I using it for a stepping stone to other jobs?"

The girls' program has never known a coach for two full seasons. Coach Henry Webb had the team for almost two seasons before taking the boys' varsity team. John Martin finished the season last year after Webb moved up.

Coach Patton, who directed the Duff Lady Bulldogs to two county championships, was the choice of the site-based council over other applicants. Patton, after one year at Prestonsburg, moved on to Maytown Elementary, where he

spent several successful seasons, and then to Wayland where he stayed until consolidation closed the school.

Patton has been one of the most successful coaches in Floyd County, handling both the girls' and boys' programs at Duff.

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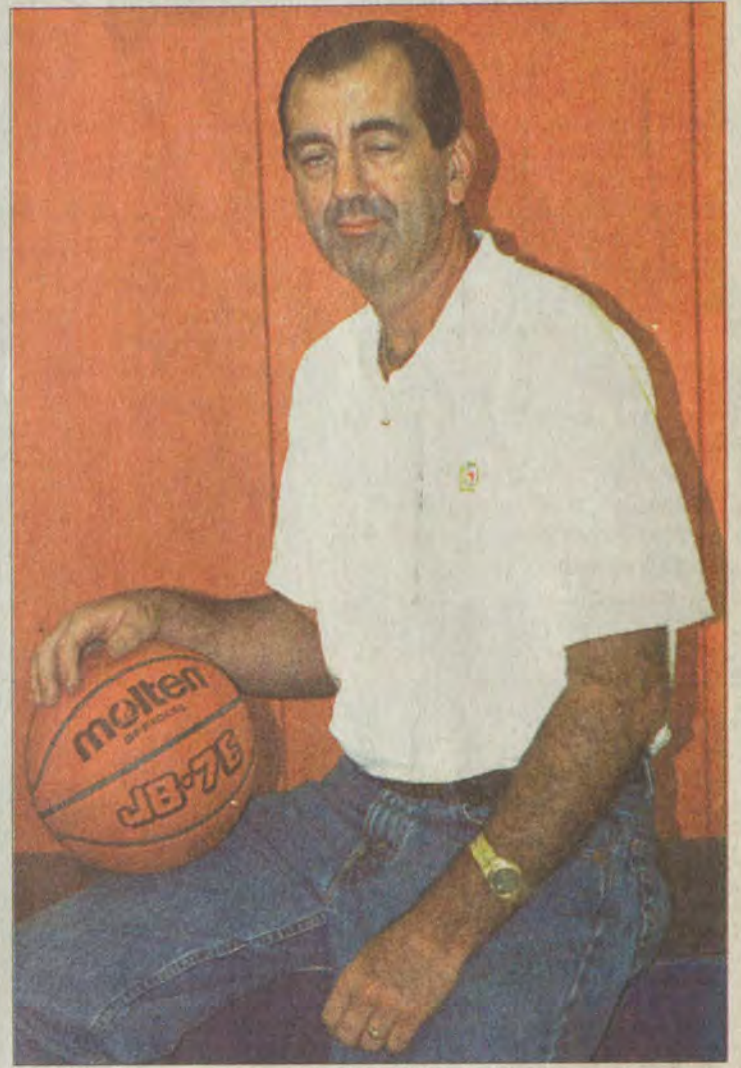
—Ronnie Patton

Patton conducted a five-day camp after being named the new head coach, and like what he saw. "We had about 24 kids come out. In the camp I just threw some offensive and defensive drills at them. Things I want to do up there. The girls are hungry to play. They worked real hard in the camp, and it was so quiet you could hear a pin drop when I was explaining things to them. They are a good group of kids."

After serving in the grade school ranks for several years, Patton said it was a dream come true for him.

"I have been waiting for this for a long time," he said. "The one thing I want to do when I get to

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Ronnie Patton

## Look for Betsy Layne Bobcats to take to the air

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Betsy Layne head football coach Ted George will enter his second season at the helm of the Bobcat football program, and his team could come up with a whole different look this season.

Betsy Layne is going to be a different-looking team for two reasons this season: The Bobcats are planning on throwing the ball more, and the balanced backfield will pose some problems for the opposition.

"It will depend on who we are playing as to how much we pass

the ball this year," said senior signal caller Tyler Puckett. "We will look at how they play the corners and defensive backs. If they play us up with an eight-man front, we'll just throw the football. If they play us loose, then we run the middle."

Puckett attend the UK camp this year and, according to teammates, has improve vastly over last year. And like any quarterback, would like to throw the football 30 times a game.

"But if you don't have the people to catch it, you can't throw it," he said. "This year we do have people who can catch it."

"Tyler has a cannon of an arm,"

said senior Anthony Tackett. "He's a good quarterback. He just hasn't had the right line to give him the opportunity to get the ball up. This year will be different."

Targets for Puckett will include several players. Tackett, along with Brad Brooks, will be at the end positions. Brent Akers and sophomore Aaron Swiggart will find time catching the football as well.

"All have good hands," said Kenneth Webb, who will be at a linebacker on defense and guard on offense. "Tyler has impressed me. He went to the UK camp and he

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**New attitude  
in camp  
Nine Betsy Layne  
seniors (top) are  
hopeful this could  
be the year of a  
Bobcat playoff berth.  
The Bobcats are  
looking to gear their  
offense to more of a  
passing game this  
season. Tim Koger  
(left) will do the  
kick-off for the  
Bobcats. Betsy  
Layne opens the  
season on the road  
against Cawood,  
August 22.  
(photos by Ed Taylor)**

## Ross captures Briggs feature at Riverside

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

Friday night racing at Riverside Kart Raceway continues to grow in popularity, as a good turnout was on hand this past weekend at the Dwale track.

Eight classes ran in the third of six points races of the season, with several fans on hand to cheer on their favorite drivers.

Jacob Ross rolled his No. 3 kart to the winner's circle in winning the Briggs, Jr. feature. Ross crossed the finish line in front of second place finisher, Daniel Jarrell and Matt Setser, who took third place.

It was Benji Huff taking the checkered flag in winning the road hogs class. Gary Adkins, in kart No. 18, placed second, while Todd Bentley finished a strong third.

In the open class, Lester Newsome raced to victory lane by taking first place. In a close race, Mike Stephens placed second and Bobby Wireman placed third. Stephens won the feature two weeks ago.

Stephens, who also won the stock appearing two weeks ago, had to settle for third place as Scott Smith's No. 55 kart took the checker flag in front of Martin Conley in winning the feature. Stephens placed third.

Tim Carr roared around the oval track and placed first in the 250s class. Carr drove his No. 5 kart ahead of Shawn Davis, who finished second and third place finisher Mickey Setser.

In one of the closer races of the evening, Steve Bryant, in kart No. 86, was flagged as the winner as he cross the finish line ahead of John Boggs in winning the stock medium. Brandon Montgomery placed third.

In kart No. 33D, it was a familiar sight as Dustin Holbrook broke free and took the checker flag in the rookies class. Justin Adkins placed second, and Patrick Setser finished third.

Damon Runyon won the stock heavy over James Sturgill and Donald Runyon.

Racing continues tonight at the local track, with gates opening at 5 p.m. and hot laps scheduled for 7 p.m. Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers in each class. Pit passes are only \$8, while grandstand seats are \$5, and children under 12 get in for \$3.

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## 15th Region is taking registration for new officials

by Ed Taylor  
Sports Editor

The 15th Region high school basketball officials' association is taking registration for those who have aspirations to become a high school basketball official.

Anyone interested in registering should contact Assigning Secretary Anacle Casey, or the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

Currently, 70 officials are registered with the local association. Casey may be reached at (606)456-3495.

# KHSAA draft of football teams and classes

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association's proposal for football in 1999 will have a definite different look. Some 3A teams will compete in the 2A division, while 1A and teams will stay in the 2A classes. Enrollment for member schools will be based on 1997-98 school enrollment, and are for grades 9-12.

**SEMI-STATE 2**  
**Region 3**  
District 5 - Beechwood, Bellevue, Dayton, Holy Cross (Covington), Ludlow, Newport Central Catholic.  
District 6 - Bath County, Berea, Fairview, Nicholas County, Paris, Raceland.

**Region 2**  
District 3 - Bullitt East, Elizabethtown, Fort Knox, Hart County, Henry County, LaRue County, Taylor County, Washington County.  
District 4 - Bourbon County, Boyle County, Danville, East Jessamine, Garrard County, Lexington Catholic, Mercer County, West Jessamine, Western Hills.

**SEMI-STATE 2**  
**Region 3**  
District 5 - Conner, Covington Catholic, Dixie Heights, Highlands, Holmes, Ryle, Scott.  
District 6 - Franklin County, Grant County, Harrison County, Lincoln County, Montgomery County, Woodford County.

District 6 - Boone County, Bryan Station, Campbell County, Henry Clay, Scott County, Simon Kenton.  
**Region 4**  
District 7 - George Rogers Clark, Lafayette, Madison Central, Paul Dunbar, Tates Creek.  
District 8 - Boyd County, Clay County, North Laurel, Perry County Central, South Laurel.

Allowances will be made for the following teams who have played up in the past, to continue to play into a higher class should they desire to do so, and request prior to the deadline.  
• Restricted to Central, Danville, DeSales, Fairdale, Fern Creek, Hancock County, Highlands, Moore, Shawnee, Somerset, Western Math-Science.

**CLASS A (52 SCHOOLS) (575 AND BELOW)**  
**SEMI-STATE 1**  
**Region 1**  
District 1 - Ballard Memorial, Fulton City, Fulton County, Mayfield, Murray.  
District 2 - Crittenden County, Hancock County, McLean County, Russellville, Todd County Central, Trigg County.

**Region 4**  
District 7 - Cumberland, Everts, Harlan, Lynn Camp, Middlesboro, Pineville, Somerset, Williamsburg.  
District 8 - Elkhorn City, Fleming-Neon, Hazard, Jenkins, Paintsville, Phelps, Pikeville, South Floyd.

**SEMI-STATE 2**  
**Region 3**  
District 5 - Casey County, Corbin, Estill County, Madison Southern, Rockcastle County, Russell County, Wayne County.  
District 6 - East Carter, Fleming County, Lewis County, Lloyd Memorial, Mason County, Newport, Russell, West Carter.

**Region 4**  
District 7 - Bell County, Knox Central, McCreary Central, Pulaski County, Pulaski Southwestern, Whitley County.  
District 8 - Greenup County, Johnson Central, Paul Blazer, Rowan County, Sheldon Clark.

**CLASS 4A**  
**SEMI-STATE 1**  
**Region 1**  
District 1 - Apollo, Christian County, Daviess County, Graves County, Henderson County, Marshall County.  
District 2 - Barren County, Grayson County, Greenwood, Meade County, Ohio County.

**Region 2**  
District 3 - Bullitt Central, Central Hardin, Nelson County, North Hardin, Oldham County, Shelby County, South Oldham.  
District 4 - Butler, Central, Doss, DuPont Manual, Iroquois, Pleasure Ridge.

**Region 2**  
District 3 - Bardstown, Bethlehem, Campbellsville, Caverna, Green County, Metcalfe County.  
District 4 - Carroll County, Christian Academy, Frankfort, Harrodsburg, Holy Cross, Owen County, Trimble County.

**CLASS 2A (60 SCHOOLS, 576-875)**  
**Region 1**  
District 1 - Caldwell County, Fort Campbell, Heath, Muhlenberg North, Muhlenberg South, Reidland, Webster County.  
District 2 - Adair County, Butler County, Edmonson County, Franklin-Simpson, Glasgow, Monroe County, Owensboro Catholic.

**Region 4**  
District 7 - Breathitt County, Cawood, Leslie County, Magoffin County, Morgan County, Powell County, Whitesburg.  
District 8 - Belfry, Betsy Layne, Knott County Central, Lawrence County, Pike County Central, Prestonsburg, Shelby Valley.

**CLASS 4A**  
**SEMI-STATE 1**  
**Region 1**  
District 3 - Bullitt Central, Central Hardin, Nelson County, North Hardin, Oldham County, Shelby County, South Oldham.  
District 4 - Butler, Central, Doss, DuPont Manual, Iroquois, Pleasure Ridge.

**SEMI-STATE 2**  
**Region 3**  
District 5 - Ballard, Eastern, Fern Creek, Jeffersonton, Male Seneca, Trinity (Louisville).

**Region 2**  
District 3 - Desales, Fairdale, North Bullitt, Shawnee, Valley, Western Math-Science.  
District 4 - Anderson County, Atherton, Marion County, Moore, Waggener.



**Drill time**

The Betsy Layne Bobcats will hold their first gridirona tonight at Bobcats' Stadium. Game time is set for 6 p.m. versus Fleming-Neon. Allen Central will face Morgan County in the first game at 6 p.m. (photo by Ed Taylor)

**CLASS 3A**  
**SEMI-STATE 1**  
**Region 1**  
District 1 - Calloway County, Hopkins County Central, Hopkinsville, Lone Oak, Madisonville North Hopkins, Owensboro, Paducah Tilghman, Union County.  
District 2 - Allen County-Scottsville, Bowling Green, Breckinridge County, Logan County, Warren County, Warren East.

**Region 2**  
District 3 - Bullitt Central, Central Hardin, Nelson County, North Hardin, Oldham County, Shelby County, South Oldham.  
District 4 - Butler, Central, Doss, DuPont Manual, Iroquois, Pleasure Ridge.



**This is the way**

Betsy Layne coach Ted George gave some instructions to players during practice Wednesday morning. George will begin his second season as head coach of the Betsy Layne program. (photo by Ed Taylor)

## BOWLING NEWS

**SHADY LADIES OF THE SUMMER LEAGUE**

Janet Tackett, President  
Mary Adkins, Secretary  
Week Eight

Team	Won	Lost
Zone Girls	21	11
Hee Haw	19	13
Prowned Homes	16	16
Haircutters	14	18
Hylton Homes	13	19
JFV	13	19

**HIGH INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP SERIES**

Marcia Hylton	593
Freda Spurlock	588
Peggy Stephens	580

**HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME**

Peggy Stephens	211
Janet Tackett	189
Peggy Stephens	178

**HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES**

Peggy Stephens	523
Pat Stapleton	472
Rudell Preston	460

**HIGH HANDICAP GAME, TEAM**

JFV	588
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Hylton Homes	580
Hylton Homes	568

**HIGH HANDICAP SERIES, TEAM**

Hylton Homes	1695
JFV	1635
Zone Girls	1548

**HIGH GAME, TEAM**

Zone Girls	488
JFV	479
Zone Girl	462

**HIGH SERIES, TEAM**

Zone Girls	1377
JFV	1308
Haircutters	1275

## BOBCATS

has gotten better." The main target for Puckett will be senior tight end Michael Gross. "We need to get our confidence up before we start playing," said Gross. "We are working hard this year, and by the time the season gets started, this team will be ready." Gross said this was going to be a balanced football team, and everyone is positive as the season comes up. "We are going to pass the ball more," he said. "We are going to be strong in the backfield and a balance like that makes you a better team." Gross said he would like to make the playoffs this season, his final one. Betsy Layne depended on the services of running back Billy Mitchell last season as the main source of offense. But this year the Bobcats will put a trio of runners back behind Puckett, who can move the football. On of those will be senior Chad Bryant. "It's a whole new attitude this year," he said. "We are all out here working hard. We have numbers and a lot of new people. We also have a lot of good talent, but some of them still need some practice because they have not played that much in the past. They will get better as the year progresses." The old saying, "your backfield is only as good as your line" could prove true with this year's team, but Mike Boyd feels this year's line will be up to the challenge. "We have a good line this year," he said. "We have more players out

this year. Josh Meade is going to be there. He is a big boy. Justin Akers, Kenneth Webb and myself will be there." Boyd said the line is working hard in stepping their blocking and giving Puckett more time to throw or opening holes for the backfield. "We're going have to keep our heads in it," Boyd said. "I think we will have a better passing team this year. Tyler can throw the football." Speed and size as well as depth will be a big plus for this year's Bobcat team. The trio will consist mostly of Nick West at fullback, Bryant, and Tackett. "Nick is a just a big back, that if we need a yard or two, he is going to get it," said Betsy Layne coach Ted George. "He will take the football and get that yardage." Bryant is the speedster behind Puckett. His ability to get outside will give the backfield a threat to go outside or run-off tackle. Bryant has set some lofty goals for his final season. "I wouldn't mind if I could get plenty of yards," he said. "I would like to go over 1,000 this year. I have always wanted to be a running back. I just enjoy carrying the football." James Akers, who will be at

defensive end as well as tight end, said team work will make it a good season for the Bobcats. "We are going have to work as a team," he said. "Everyone is going have to stick together and do their job. It has been a long time since Betsy Layne went to a playoff. This team has a lot of young players but if we all work hard, we will be all right." Akers said he wanted to maintain a starting position this year on defense. He feels the ability to generate yardage by the passing game will make Betsy Layne stronger. He has an unselfish motive as well. "We have a lot of good receivers," he said. "While I am a tight end, I would rather they played before me. My goal is to have a winning season and make the playoffs." Justin Akers, in comparing last year's team with this one, says the difference will be the line. "We have the numbers out this year," he said. "There is no doubt that we are going to be a better team. Our line is going to be part of the difference." "Last year we were flat as a team," said second year player Stacy Burton, who will be at cornerback and safety. "We need to pick up the pace this year. If we work hard, we can make the playoffs." Betsy Layne will hold their gridirona tonight as they face Fleming-Neon at 6 p.m. Allen Central will meet Morgan County at 7 p.m.

South Floyd is to prove I can coach. Hopefully, I will be able to prove that." Patton said he hopes to use all the things he has learned over the years in passing them on to the players. "I've got a lot of things in my head. I've had a lot of experience in the grade school system over the years, especially over the last eight or nine years, and I just want to put it to use at the high school level." The new South Floyd coach said he will be part of the middle school program that came about with consolidation. "Feeder schools are a big part of the high schools," he said. "That is something I want to do. I want to make myself known to the middle schools. I want them to know that I am concerned, and that I do care about what is going on."

"Hopefully, we can organize a program up there we can relate to the high school. By the time they get to high school, they will know a whole lot of what is going on," he said. Returning to the South Floyd program will be All-District and All-Conference performer Olivia Stewart, who led the team in scoring last year and came on strong in the last four weeks of the regular season. "Olivia was one girl that hit me at the start of the camp," said Patton. "She is a good ball player. She is weak in certain areas, but seems to have a good head on her shoulders. She knows basketball, and she knows what it is all about. There are certain fundamental things, if we can develop them, she is going to be tough."

The Lady Raiders will also return Misty Berger, Shawna Hall, Margret Morgan and Martha Crawford. One player Patton is hoping will return is Jo Jo Pack. Pack was injured toward the end of last season, and missed the final six weeks of the season. "I talked with her father and he is wanting her to come back out," said Patton. "I want her to come back. She is one of the quickest players we have, and we need her to defend the quicker players on the opposing team." Patton cited the work of Dan Collins, the school's athletic director and school principal, Debbie Daniels, in helping to make the transition easy. "They are both super people," he said. "Both are wanting a program for the kids, and are willing to help in any way they can. They both have been super nice to me. I hope Mrs. Daniels will let me stay long enough to prove myself. Dan has helped. I am going to work hard to prove myself. But, you can't walk into a situation and change things in one year. I just ask for the chance to prove myself."

The new Lady Raider mentor said that open gym will be part of the training program until conditioning officially begins September 15. "I gave them the choice of tak-

ing part in cross-country or volleyball, a new sport," said Patton. "There are things they can be doing to get in shape before we start conditioning." Patton feels the players returning are anxious to get started, and looks for good work ethic from all of them. "This team is willing to work hard," he said. "They really want to be a winner this year. But I can't guarantee a winner the first year, but fans will, like I said, see a different kind of basketball." Patton has been known for his team's defensive ability, and he said that will not change in high school. "I felt I was pretty successful

with in grade school and it will work in high school," he said. "I have always been a defensive coach. We will use the full-court, half-court or quarter-court pressure defense. You win game with your defense." Coach Patton related how the team seems to be having problems dribbling the basketball, and promised they would do better. "That is one area they will have to catch up on. I look forward to going up there and having a good time. I want to teach the girls the fundamentals of the game and hopefully, what I have learned over the years, I can put to use up there."

## PATTON

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# NASCAR

## This Week

### On TV

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- Craftsman Trucks, Stevens Beil/Genuine Car Parts 200 4 p.m. • Saturday • TNN
- Winston Cup, Bud at the Glen 12:30 p.m. • Sunday • ABC
- CART, Miller 200 4:00 p.m. • Sunday • ABC



### POINTS STANDINGS

WINSTON CUP	BUSCH	TRUCK
1. Jeff Gordon, 2,897	1. D. Earnhardt Jr., 2,991	1. Jack Sprague, 2,341
2. Mark Martin, 2,825	2. Matt Kenseth, 2,943	2. Ron Hornaday, 2,301
3. Dale Jarrett, 2,704	3. M. McLaughlin, 2,864	3. Joe Ruttman, 2,284
4. Rusty Wallace, 2,604	4. Randy LaJoie, 2,654	4. Tony Raines, 2,103
5. Jeremy Mayfield, 2,536	5. Buckshot Jones, 2,495	5. Stacy Compton, 1,994
6. Bobby Labonte, 2,530	6. Elton Sawyer, 2,472	6. Jay Sauter, 1,983
7. Terry Labonte, 2,379	7. Elliot Sadler, 2,467	7. Randy Tolson, 1,879
8. Jeff Burton, 2,359	8. Tim Fedewa, 2,454	8. Rick Carelli, 1,832
9. Dale Earnhardt, 2,272	9. Phil Parsons, 2,398	9. Ron Barfield, 1,781
10. Jimmy Spencer, 2,200	10. Mike Dillon, 2,372	9. Andy Houston, 1,781

### FROM LAST WEEK

#### WINSTON CUP SERIES

Jeff Gordon, in his fifth try, became the first driver to win four Brickyard 400s, holding off Mark Martin down the stretch. In just 1994, Gordon started third. His victory also ended a two-race Ford winning streak in the annual NASCAR visit to Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

A crucial mistake by Dale Jarrett, who ran out of gas just past the midway point, probably cost the Ford driver the race. He lost four laps and made them all up, but wound up 16th anyway.

#### BUSCH GRAND NATIONAL

Dale Earnhardt Jr. did not run afoul of series officials this time and managed to continue his domination of the series with a

victory at Indianapolis Raceway Park in the Kroger 200. Earnhardt had been penalized for rough driving at South Boston, Va., costing him an almost sure victory the week before.

#### CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES

Jack Sprague came out on top in another of his bruising battles with Ron Hornaday at Indianapolis Raceway Park. A tap from Sprague's Chevy sent Hornaday's into the wall, eliminating Hornaday from contention.

The race at Loudon, N.H., came down to a battle between rookie drivers, as Andy Houston, in a Chevy, passed Greg Biffle's Ford on the final lap. Houston, 27, became the second youngest victor in SuperTruck history.

### TOP TEN

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

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|--|---|
| 1. Jeff Gordon (1)<br>Two in a row           | 6. Dale Earnhardt (8)<br>Getting better           |
| 2. Mark Martin (2)<br>Second both times      | 7. Jeremy Mayfield (5)<br>Too fast too soon       |
| 3. Dale Jarrett (3)<br>Traumatic loss        | 8. Jeff Burton (6)<br>Bad luck at Indy            |
| 4. Bobby Labonte (4)<br>Waiting in the wings | 9. Terry Labonte (9)<br>Ninth at Indy             |
| 5. Rusty Wallace (7)<br>Still no wins        | 10. Mike Skinner (NR)<br>Thriving with McReynolds |

### ON THE SCHEDULE

Date	Race	1997 Winner	Pole
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. 17	Pepsi 400, Daytona Beach, Fla.	Andretti	Skinner
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

### FEUD OF THE WEEK

#### Dale Jarrett vs. NASCAR

Sure, Jarrett ran out of gas, but NASCAR failed to throw a caution flag until Jarrett was four laps behind, even though Ward Burton's car had been stopped on the back stretch, and even before Jarrett ran out of gas. One could argue, and Jarrett's fans will, that NASCAR has now cost Jarrett two victories this season, the first one occurring at Richmond with the unprece-

dent red flag at the end.

**NASCAR This Week writer Monte Dutton gives his opinion:** "Stretching the gas mileage was a mistake, but the reason Todd Parrott and crew probably did so was that they were expecting a caution flag. It was almost as if the tower decided, 'Wait until Jarrett's toast, then throw the yellow.'"

### FROM THE ARCHIVES:

#### The rich history of NASCAR

Ancient Watkins Glen International has a history that rivals even Daytona, Darlington and Indianapolis, but not with stock cars. For more than two decades, the Glen hosted the Grand Prix of the United States, bringing an international flavor to the quaint road course in the Finger Lakes region of New York.

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## THE WINSTON CUP CIRCUIT

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**COMING UP:** Bud at the Glen  
**WHERE:** Watkins Glen (N.Y.) International  
**WHEN:** Sunday, Aug. 9



Gordon

one more than Rusty Wallace and Ricky Rudd. Tim Richmond, Buck Baker, Billy Wade, Marvin Panch, Ernie Irvan, Kyle Petty, Geoff Bodine and Gordon have

### ALMOST HOME COOKING

Corning, only 20 miles south of the track, is a charming, historic city, and each year the town closes off the downtown streets for a fan festival. Sample the local cuisine at the street-side restaurants and food booths, then pick up some autographs and racing souvenirs.

one win apiece.

**NOTABLE:** This is the second and final road race of the season. ... Gordon became the first driver to win consecutive races with his Indy victory.

**CRAFTSMAN TRUCK SERIES COMING UP:** Stevens Beil/Genuine Car

### Parts 200

**WHERE:** Flemington (N.J.) Speedway  
**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 8  
**DEFENDING CHAMPION:** Ron Hornaday  
**TRACK QUALIFYING RECORD:** Terry Cook, Chevrolet, 98.232 mph, Aug. 9, 1997.

**RACE RECORD:** Ron Hornaday, Chevrolet, 98.232 mph, Aug. 9, 1997.

**OTHER FORMER WINNERS:** Hornaday is a two-time winner, and Mike Skinner won the other Flemington race.

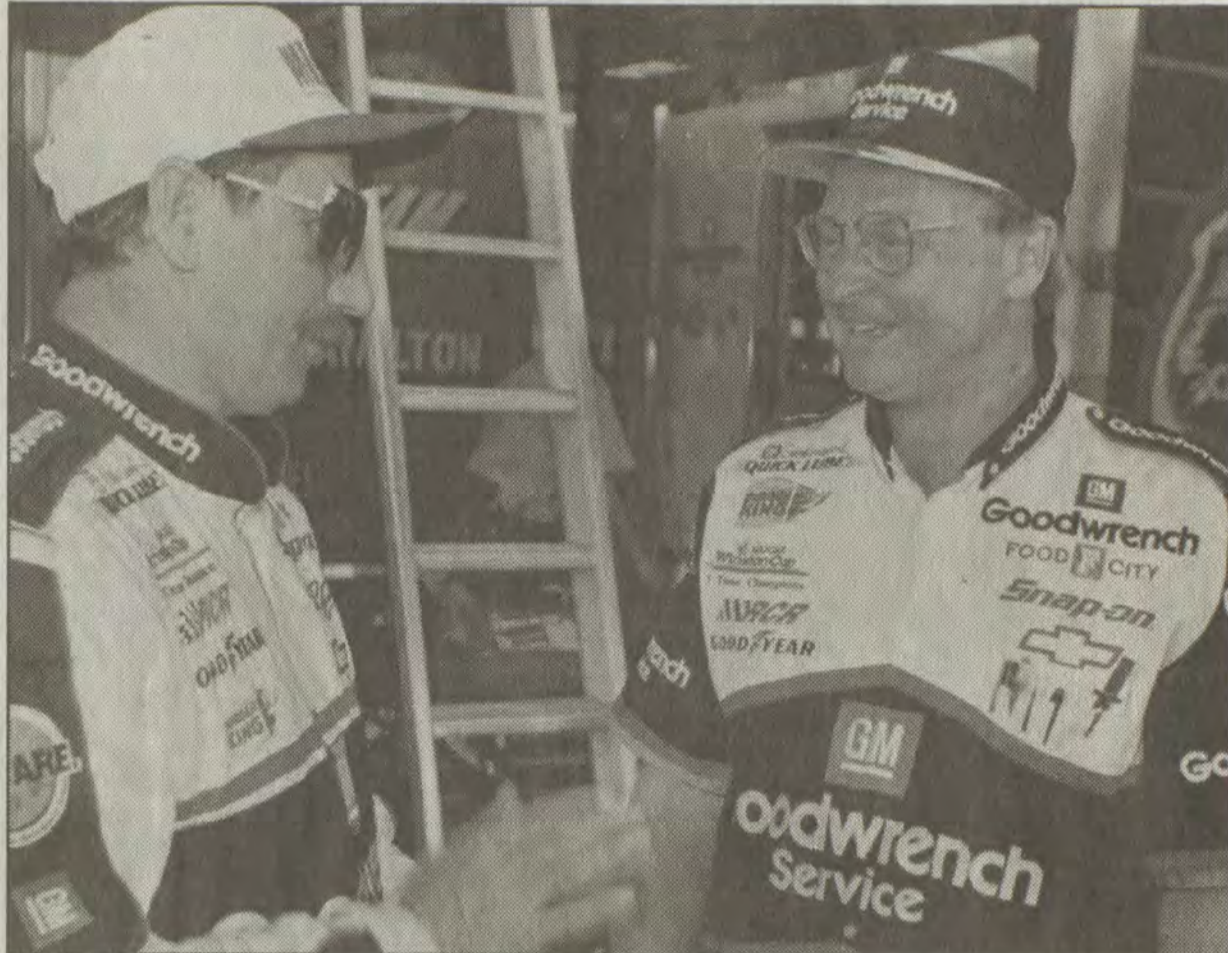
**NOTABLE:** The racing groove at this track is almost a perfect circle. ... Bryan Reffner and Joe Ruttman have won poles here, in addition to Cook.



Martin

### PROFILE

## Larry McReynolds



John Clark/NASCAR This Week

Larry McReynolds, right, will always remember Dale Earnhardt's, left, Daytona 500 win.

#### By Monte Dutton

**NASCAR This Week**

When Larry McReynolds joined Richard Childress Racing to become crew chief for seven-time Winston Cup champion Dale Earnhardt, it seemed like a match made in heaven.

After a season and a half, McReynolds switched from Earnhardt's team to Mike Skinner's, the 1997 rookie of the year. He and Earnhardt never jelled, though Earnhardt did win the Daytona 500 in his 20th try.

**HOMETOWN(S):** Born in Birmingham, Ala., lives in Mooresville, N.C.

**AGE:** 39

**SPOUSE:** Linda

**CHILDREN:** Brooke (9),

Brandon (7), Kendall (will

be 1 on Sept. 6).

**RECORD AS CREW**

**CHIEF:** 373 starts, 18 poles, 23 wins, 114 top 5s, 180

top 10s, nearly \$15 million in winnings.

**WHAT DID IT MEAN TO YOU WHEN MIKE SKINNER GOT HIS FIRST TOP-FIVE FINISH AT NEW HAMPSHIRE?** "I think back to some races in my career that I've been a part of that were really special races to me that weren't wins. Being a part and helping Kenny Wallace in 1994 get his first top-five finish at Martinsville. I think we finished fourth there. That's when he was substituting for Ernie (Irvan) when he was hurt. That was a pretty special race, just seeing the look on his face. It meant a lot to me being a part of that. Being a part of Brett Bodine's first win. That was a win, but being a part of that back in 1990 will be awfully special. Now, being a part of Mike Skinner's first top-five finish and this team's

first top-five finish, laying Suzuka aside since it was a non-points event, that holds a special place, too. Nobody can ever take that away from Larry McReynolds, being the first crew chief that was part of Mike Skinner's first top-five finish."

**WHAT WILL YOU REMEMBER ABOUT THE TIME WITH DALE EARNHARDT?** "Everybody talked about Dale's first year without a win in 14 or 15 years. That was Larry's first year without a win in 11 years, so it was kind of a little earth-shattering for me, too. The biggest fulfillment I got at Daytona in winning that 500 was watching that look of enjoyment Dale and Teresa Earnhardt were having and Richard and Judy Childress were having. It was their first 500 win and that was special to me."

## YOUR TURN

### Letters From Our Readers

Dear NASCAR This Week, I watched the Richmond race and couldn't believe that Rusty Wallace didn't get penalized for pushing Jeff Gordon into the wall.

Everybody knows if the tables were turned, Jeff Gordon would've been penalized.

Rusty Wallace seems to get away with everything on the track, like jumping starts and causing wrecks, yet the NASCAR officials never do anything to him.

LuAnn Fisher  
Hazleton, Pa.

Dear NASCAR This Week, [My wife and I] attend a race when we can, but most of the time we watch from the comfort of our home.

We each have our own favorite drivers, and Dale Earnhardt is not one of them! We sat watching the Pocono 500 in shock when Earnhardt (the scum) added yet another car to his long list of drivers he's helped into the wall!

Ken Schrader was the poor recipient of the latest "if Earnhardt can't pass ya, he'll crash ya" award.

The day Earnhardt retires will be the day everybody can breathe a little easier and maybe have a safer sport.

Benny Hefley  
Sedalia, Mo.

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

■ Who else but the Rainbow Warriors? Every Brickyard 400 pit stop was perfect, Jeff Gordon led the majority of the laps and Ray Evernham's crew excelled where others failed.

### ON THE MARKET

Would you believe it? Come September, fans will be able to purchase a NASCAR Barbie. The new product was unveiled at the Brickyard over the weekend. NASCAR's marketing and licensing department never misses a trick.

## TRIVIA

1. Who was the youngest NASCAR Grand National (now Winston Cup) champion?
2. What speedway president played running back at the University of South Carolina?

ANSWERS  
1. Bill Rexford  
2. Jim Hunter of Darlington Raceway

### AROUND THE GARAGE

## Jeff Gordon not about to leave Winston Cup anytime soon

#### By Monte Dutton

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going to say I'm not going to return their call. I'm going to call them back and talk to them. If they call me, I say thank you. I'd love to get in [an Indy car] and drive one one time, but I'm right where I want to be and plan on being here a long time."

#### HISTORIC ANNIVERSARY:

A year ago, one of stock car racing's more momentous changes was announced, not at Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but rather at a downtown hotel. Ford unveiled the racing Taurus.

The Taurus changed stock car racing because it signaled a major manufacturer's decision to

market a four-door sedan with its racing program. According to Ford's motorsport marketing manager, Torrey Galida, "The Taurus has really exceeded our expectations."

"First of all, Taurus, because it's our flagship car, it's the car we sell the most of and we put the most emphasis on, it really makes a lot of sense to showcase it in this kind of environment, where so many people get exposed to the car."

Ford sold about 360,000 Tauruses last year, or about five times the Thunderbird sales figures. What has the NASCAR involvement done to this year's

Taurus sales? According to Galida, it has increased them by about 10 percent.

#### CHIP OFF THE OLD

**BLOCK:** The new commissioner of NASCAR, replacing the late Semon E. "Bunky" Knudsen, is Charles D. Strang, and expect the new commish to be just about as visible as the mysterious Knudsen.

Strang is no brash, young upstart. According to the release heralding his appointment, Strang was once chief engineer of Carl Kiekhaefer's Mercury outboards. Kiekhaefer dominated NASCAR with his Chrysler teams of the mid-1950s.

# The Weekend EXTRA



**Smile  
Awhile**

Sara Hopson

## Gone but not forgotten

When my son left for college this time, he took his clothes, television, playstation, VCR, bookcase, magazines, pictures, clothes racks, all of his worldly possessions, and a gigantic piece of my heart.

Since this is his fourth year of college, you would think I would have gotten used to his comings and goings. But, this time, he didn't take up residence in a dorm, he moved into an apartment. Thus, making him permanently independent.

Becoming independent was a big hurdle to jump—for me; it was a snap for J.R. because he believes he has been independent ever since he received a license to drive a lethal weapon. This occurred at approximately the same age when he began "telling" instead of "asking" what he could or couldn't do.

"Mom, are my clothes washed?" J.R. asked as he was gathering his things together.

"Yes."

"Did you pick up my dry cleaning?"

"Check."

"Did you get my inhaler?"

"Roger."

"Did you take my movie back?"

"Yep."

"Did you fill my car with gas?"

"Uh-huh," I sighed

"Did you make my deposit?"

"Sure did," I replied wearily.

"Well, it looks like I've got everything done, so I'm ready to leave. Would you help me carry these clothes to the car?"

"Natch. No problem."

"Just one other thing. Can you fix me something to eat?"

"What do you want?"

"A pizza. And while you're at it, would you go by the grocery and get me some soft drinks?"

"Anything else?" I exclaimed.

"Yeah. Is it all right if I go by the mall and pick up some pants? Mine have ink spots and everything else on them."

"Sure. You've got legs don't you?"

"Yes, but I just want to know if you'll pay for them."

"What happened to the money you earned this summer?"

"But that's my money!" he cried.

"What about the money I spent on your apartment?"

"I didn't tell you to go buy trees and stuff. Although I love that bathroom rug."

"You are an ingrate!" I screamed. "An ungrateful child."

As usual, he disregarded my remark and finished loading the car. When he came back into the house, he rubbed the dog and looked around before sauntering out. Just as he was about to get into the car, he turned around to hug and kiss me. I lost it and couldn't quit crying. I walked slowly back into the house and called my boss. "He's gone," I cried.

"Dry up, Sara. He'll be back when he needs money."

"Do you swear it?" I asked.

"Oh, I'm positive, Sara," she laughed.

"I'm positive."



## Blue Highway at the MAC

"Blue Highway" will headline the second Bluegrass at the MAC on Saturday, August 15.

In the past three years, Blue Highway's debut spent five months at the top of the "Bluegrass Unlimited" albums chart and won International Bluegrass Music Association's album of the year award.

The band has also won the IMBA's emerging artist of the year award, and Rob Ickes won the dobro player of the year award twice.

Since then, the band has recorded three critically acclaimed albums, along with their recent release, titled, "Midnight Storm."

Billboard magazine praised the group's skills, saying: "This is as close to a Bluegrass Supergroup as there is on the road today..."

After hearing their music, country music superstar Vince Gill said "it's...powerful stuff!"

Bluegrass Now magazine also gave Blue Highway a good review: "Blue Highway combines a smooth vocal approach, instrumental proficiency, and excellent song selection to produce a sound that takes Bluegrass to the next level."

Bluegrass at the MAC II also features Knott County's fan-favorite "Allen Amburgey and the Kentucky Mountain Grass" along with country/bluegrass sounds of Morehead's "A Touch of Grass."

For more information, call the Mountain Arts Center at 1-888-622-2787 or, for tickets, call 886-2623. Showtime is at 8 p.m.

## Annie Potts: A special friendship

by Sally Stone

Annie Potts, who stars in LIFETIME's, "Any Day Now," which premieres August 18, says, "I've done some very good things in my career, and I feel this series certainly is one of them. I'm really very proud to be in it."

Potts, who starred in both "Designing Women" and "Dangerous Minds," says, "I was so sure after 'Dangerous Minds' was canceled, there wouldn't be anything else of that same quality coming my way for a long time. But this show proved me wrong. It's a wonderful story about two women who, as young girls in the South during the 1960s became friends despite the social pressures that made such friendships rare, and often impossible. The series is not only their story, it's also our story because," Potts says, "we now live in an America that was changed, forever, by the civil rights movement."

"Any Day Now," is one of three new original series premiering on LIFETIME on August 18. The other two are "Maggie" and "Oh Baby." "Any Day Now" stars Annie Potts and Lorraine Toussaint as two women from Birmingham, Alabama — one white (Potts) and one black (Toussaint), who grew up as close friends against the backdrop of the civil rights movement. At one point, Potts' character, Mary Elizabeth, becomes pregnant and feels Toussaint's character, Rene, is not as supportive as she hoped she would be. They have a big fight and don't speak to

each other for 24 years. Mary Elizabeth marries and stays on in Birmingham with her husband and three children. Rene has become an important Washington attorney who returns to Birmingham for the funeral of her father, a well-known civil rights lawyer. The two women meet again and their early love for each other re-emerges as they try to heal past wounds and face the future as reunited friends. (Note: Each episode features flashbacks to the 1960s showing how the girls were affected by events such as the Cuban Missile Crisis, the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bobby Kennedy, and the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church.)

Asked how she reacted when she read the first script for "Any Day Now," Potts says, "It was so beautifully written, I felt it should have been honored. I found my character to be an Everywoman: someone with all women could identify in some way. The same is true for Rene, Lorraine's character. Every woman will recognize something of herself — of her ambitions, her doubts, her regrets, her strengths — in Rene."

Would Potts agree that the show is driven basically by race?

"No, I wouldn't agree. Race, certainly, is a very large part of the story. It shaped these women's lives and the lives of those around them. But it's much more than that. It's a very human story about hope, about falling down and getting up, about looking at the past, but also looking ahead to the future. It's also

a story of women who are approaching middle age and who are looking over their lives and wondering if they made the right choices, or if not, is there time to change things. For example, my character is at a point in her life where she wonders if she missed out by starting a family when she was only 19 and didn't really have a chance to make any other choices. Rene, meanwhile, wonders if she was right to put off marriage and motherhood while she pursued a career in the law.

"This is a difficult time for them, as it is with many women approaching middle age who look back and wonder what would have happened if I had taken this turn instead of the other?"

Asked what she does when she has some free time, the Franklin, Kentucky born Potts says, "As the mother of three kids, I rarely have any free time. Two of my kids are quite little: One is 6 years old and the other is just 2 1/2. My 17-year-old son is spending the summer in Tanzania, in Africa. I'm sure it will be a real life-changer for him."

Finally, as a Southerner, what comes to mind when she sees part of the history of the civil rights movement played out on her new series?

Annie Potts says, "I remember being told years ago that any change in racial attitudes in the country would have to start in the South, and it did."

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by Chuck Shepherd

## News of the Weird

(Note: Two weeks ago, "News of the Weird" reported on 13 art students at Leeds (England) University deciding to spend about \$2,000 in grant money to take a beach vacation and call that an "art" project. After the Daily Telegraph and other British newspapers reported the story, the students revealed they had not gone to the beach but had staged beach snapshots and artificially tanned themselves and that their "art" project was actually to demonstrate how easy it is to fool the press. Good job.)

— According to Pat Rusin and her team of researchers at the University of Arizona, the toilet seat is actually one of the least bacteria-laden surfaces in the home. In results published in a June issue of New Scientist magazine, three times as many bacteria were found on chopping boards and a million times more on dishcloths, and Rusin surmised that the toilet seat's non-porous surface keeps it so dry that bacteria have difficulty surviving.

— A May San Jose Mercury News story reported on the new fascination among Japanese youth with rap and hip-hop music and with a black American lifestyle that includes curling their hair into Afro-style hairdos, darkening their skin, and drinking new Dunk brand beer, which consumers believe is popular because it is dark and associated with basketball. And in June, members of a New York City workshop of Japanese students studying in the U.S. performed gospel music at Harlem's Memorial Baptist Church, to enthusiastic applause. Said the former Tokyo jazz club owner who started the workshops with the church's cooperation, "The black culture is very important in Japan."

— The eternal flame under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, a sacred

memorial to the nation's war dead, was briefly extinguished on June 30 when two inebriated tourists from Mexico urinated on it. French officials and Mexico's ambassador to France lit it again the next day in a joint ceremony. The perpetrators were detained briefly and then released.

### Their Names Fit Their Games

A Hollister, Calif., inventor named Wilson Q. Invencon (whose automatic bingo machine received a U.S. patent in May). And the alleged robber of eight New York City Dunkin' Donuts shops named Douglas Duncan (who was apprehended in June, along with his alleged partner, Howard Johnson, who had not attempted a HoJo robbery). And the guy who pleaded guilty to assault named Ned Basher (against singer Bob Seger, in Shreiber, Ontario, in May).

### Rumbles in the Reading Room

A 34-year-old woman was hospitalized in Nashville, Tenn., in May; a toilet at Nashville Arena had caught on fire after she flushed it, possibly due to fireworks in the building being used by the World Wrestling Federation. And a 29-year-old man was hospitalized in St. Paul, Minn., in June when his bathroom exploded, probably because his burning incense ignited the gasoline he was using to clean his hands. And a 32-year-old camper was killed when a campsite toilet exploded near Montabaur, Germany, in April, probably caused by leaking gas from a septic tank.

### Government Food Policies

In May, the British government's Broadcasting Standards Committee criticized the evening program "TV Dinners" over a February episode that featured a woman preparing a dish based on her own just-born daughter's placenta. (Recipe: Fry the placenta with shallots and garlic, flambee, puree and serve on focaccia bread. The mother, father and 20 guests sampled the dish on camera.) And in June, the U.S. Department of Agriculture ruled that salsa can count as a required vegetable in government-reimbursed school meals.

### Least Competent Pyros

In separate incidents in a three-week period in April and May, three people attempted to set fire to their spouses yet botched the jobs and actually lit themselves up: Ms. Solonia Gene, 25, Des Moines, Iowa (intended to punish husband for staying out all night); a Durham, N.C., man (just planned to scare his wife after a fight); and Tarance Love, 37, St. Louis (ordinary domestic fight).

### Police Blotter

— Life Imitates a Bad Sitcom Premise: In June, three retired police chiefs from the Syracuse, N.Y., area started a business to supplement their pensions: a doughnut shop, in Lakeland, N.Y. Said one, "We took our ... police experience and put it toward what we know best."

— From the Police Beat column of the North County Journal in suburban St. Louis, May 24: Police in the town of Bellfontaine Neighbors arrested a man on May 15 driving a stolen automobile. He was released pending a court hearing. Three days later, the alleged thief reported being robbed, himself, of a gold necklace. Policework turned up what the cops believe are both perpetrators. The car thief was the robbery victim, and the robber was the man whose car had been stolen.

— In March, the Oakland (Calif.) Police Review Board ruled that Officer Anthony Toribio had done nothing improper despite an arrestee's complaint that he had been subjected to "the most degrading and humiliating experience" of his life. The officer admitted the gist of the complaint, that upon learning that the arrestee was a singer, named Julian Aldarondo, Toribio began singing (apparently, very badly) the 1970s song "Escape, The Pina Colada Song," but said he was only trying to defuse the tension of the arrest and to ask Aldarondo if he knew where he could find sheet music to the song.

— In May, police in Toronto, Ontario, arrested a man they had sought since November for a series of bank robberies. According to Detective

(See Weird, page five)

# SOAP UPDATES

by  
Seli  
Groves

**ALL MY CHILDREN:** Liza interrupted just as Tad and Dixie were about to kiss in the darkened room. Later, as Adam assured Dixie Liza's future is not with Tad, Tad told Liza there's no future for him and Dixie. To keep Lee from returning to kill Stuart, Marian wrote a "Dear Stuart" letter to him. Adrian showed Mike Palmer's war record, and both men realized Palmer could be the man the agency has been looking for for years. Lee once again hallucinated about Marian being Joy. Palmer fired Adrian when he complained about Palmer's treatment of Opal. **Wait To See:** A surprise witness is called at Brooke's trial.

**ANOTHER WORLD:** Marley got out of the car after nearly hitting Vicky, leaving Vicky to capture

Cindy. Later, Donna defended Marley when Vicky accused her sister of trying to kill her. Gary warned Amanda not to get involved with his brother, Cameron. Remy made E-mail contact with someone. Lila told Cass she wants her baby to be a Cory. Later, Lila's wedding dream turned into a nightmare. Rachel and Cass realized Scott broke into the Cory files. **Wait To See:** Cass has another surprise for Lila.

**AS THE WORLD TURNS:** Jack begged Julia for forgiveness. Carly made a surprising confession to Hal. Lisa fired Emily and told her to stay away from Tom. Georgia overheard Sam and Kirk plan something illegal. Someone vandalized the church construction site. Molly planned her wedding, unaware David had plans of his own. **Wait**

**To See:** Camille and Brad grow closer.

**THE BOLD AND THE BEAUTIFUL:** C.J. suggested Amber let his sister, Macy, adopt her baby. Meanwhile, Macy was moved when Grant told her always to remember he loves her. Thorne suggested a surprise party to cheer Grant up. Mike came to see Sheila in the hospital and offered to help her escape. Later, James told Sheila he was pushing for sole custody of Mary. Grant told a devastated Macy he's dying of cancer. **Wait To See:** Pierce fantasizes about kissing Taylor.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES:** John found a key to his past when two Swiss nuns recognized him as Father John. Swamp Girl had flashbacks of Stefano. Later, as Swamp

Girl and Bo made their escape, the cave floor gave way under them. An assassin kept watch on Franco. Lucille looked for proof to show "Princess Gina" is a fraud. **Wait To See:** Hope begins to wonder who she really is.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Stefan realized Katherine's will was a forgery. Nikolas recalled seeing Katherine in the window leading to the parapet. Liz accused Mr. Murty of rape, but he insisted he was with his gay lover that night. A mysterious woman kissed Tony. Brenda learned she's not pregnant. Mac feared for Robin's safety now that she moved in with Jason. Someone sent Jax a torn photo of him and Brenda. Mac heard of a plan to blackmail the Quartermaines. **Wait To See:** Alexis confronts Laura. Nikolas takes the stand again.

**GUIDING LIGHT:** Reva comforted Dolly as Josh tried to find the antidote for the aging serum. Eleni met Frank's new partner, Teri Demarco. When Vivian learned Vicky is a Spaulding, she encouraged David to get to know her better. Ross overheard Ben discuss Blake's rape with the police.

Holly went on a bender after hearing from Fletcher. **Wait To See:** Josh and Reva realize the extent of Dolly's actions.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE:** Cassie left Kevin after he admitted to a tryst with Barbara. Viki was puzzled by Todd's behavior after she talked him down from the hospital roof, but kept her suspicions to herself. Dorian asked Andrew to help with Cassie. Tea refused to be drawn back into Todd's life. Nora told Bo she wants to have a baby. **Wait To See:** Viki learns the truth about Todd's strange actions. Mel chastises Dorian for her meddling.

**PORT CHARLES:** Victor told Kevin he had his own tracing device for the killer. A "lost" button of Kevin's was found in Matt's apartment. Ellen realized the electric shock Matt sustained was not an accident. When the killer called into the radio station, Garcia and Victor started their traces together. Garcia later arrested Victor after finding him near a phone booth close to the vicinity from which the killer called. Later, the killer left a message on Kevin's voice mail. **Wait To See:** Matt and Kevin rush to find

Ellen and Lucy.

**SUNSET BEACH:** The captain and first mate died when the tidal wave hit the cruise ship. Gabi and Ricardo narrowly escaped death. Casey and Sara came out of their drugged state to realize they were on a sinking upside-down ship. Michael told Vanessa he had injected himself with Martin's Syndrome to test his cure. Melinda swam to retrieve her incriminating film, and wound up feeding a shark instead. Gregory, Olivia, and A.J. learned of the tidal wave that hit the ship carrying their children. **Wait To See:** Leo hears Olivia tell the doctor she's Trey's mother.

**THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS:** Cole and Ashley were married. Their wedding night was interrupted by a phone call. Esther let a workman into the house unaware she was also letting trouble in. Silva told Jill the check she gave Beatrice could be construed as bribery. Sharon threatened to take Noah and Cassie and leave Nick. Veronica was upset at Miguel's suggestion that they live at Nikki's ranch. **Wait To See:** Victoria makes an important decision.

# NATASHA'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Business partners are amenable to discussions about financial ventures which could be quite profitable for both of you. However, on the personal side, it's best to keep your wallet and checkbook firmly closed this week.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) While you are usually quite scrupulous regarding research into any new ventures, you just might let something slip this week. Make sure you study all contracts carefully before signing.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) A visitor from far away could take advantage of you if you allow this person to overstay his welcome. Before accepting this person into your home, make sure there is a definite departure date as family life could become quite disrupted.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Your natural curiosity is not sitting well with a recent acquaintance who interprets your interest as an invasion of privacy. Be aware of this and use tact. Be careful about finances this week as the stars are not favorable regarding purchases

and investments.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Work pressures are getting to you, so you need to take some time off and recharge your batteries. See if you can take a weekend trip to "get away from it all." If possible, try to do this alone as you need time to reflect and get in touch with yourself.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) While you believed a certain situation needed understanding and patience, you've gone too far overboard and have compromised yourself. Put your foot down in no uncertain terms.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) Behind-the-scenes activity at work can pose a possible threat to you. Be sure to be on your toes and on your guard against jealous co-workers. You are justified in your suspicions.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) You are tempted to get involved in a friend's personal business, but avoid that trap. While you have that person's best interests at heart, meddling can backfire. Plan a surprise outing for the week-

end for a special loved one.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Avoid social get-togethers at this time with co-workers and bigwigs. This no time to mix business with pleasure. Financial entanglements are somewhat depressing, but relief is in sight soon.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Those of you who are single will find yourself making some long-delayed romantic decisions this week. Don't worry, though. That which you dread will turn out to be very pleasing.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Instead of being so keyed up about what's going on at work, you should spend more time taking care of yourself. Be sure to get plenty of much-needed rest this weekend.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A bigwig has a special project for you at work, but be careful. You will have to map out the details yourself, as these won't be made clear to you. It would be wise to seek out the advice of an expert regarding your finances.

# SOAP SCRAPS

by  
Sally  
Stone

As we went to press with this column, Aaron Spelling issued a statement regarding the extraordinary coincidence of his current "Sunset Beach" storylines and the real tragedy of the earthquake and tidal wave that devastated much of Papua, New Guinea. Spelling said, "We were appalled to read about the earthquake and tsunami that occurred in New Guinea. On 'Sunset Beach' we had also staged an earthquake and tidal wave. Our shooting of these episodes occurred weeks before the New Guinea catastrophe. We sincerely hope that our fans and the press realize that. Had we known beforehand of the impending disaster in New Guinea, we would never have created a similar storyline." \*\*\*

Vanessa Marcil will be leaving her role as Brenda Barrett on "General Hospital" as of this week. (Her last tape date is August 14.) What she has not yet confirmed is whether she's going to "Beverly Hills, 90210" this fall. She says there are discussions, but nothing definite. Meanwhile, the introduction of Brenda's mother, Veronica, played by Jennifer Hetrick, will fill in a lot of the blanks in Brenda's story.

Winsor Harmon (Thorne, "The Bold and the Beautiful") and his wife, Candice, have separated after almost two years of marriage. Neither has given any reason for the split except to say it's amicable.

**Great Expectations:** Walt Willey (Jackson, "All My Children") and his wife, Marie, will

be giving their 3-year-old son, Chance, a baby sister for Christmas ... **Shari Shattuck** (Ashley, "The Young and the Restless") and **Ronn Moss** (Ridge, "The Bold and the Beautiful") will have a very special Thanksgiving this year when the Moss family welcomes a new baby in November. So far, there's no word on whether Shari's pregnancy will be written into the script, especially now that Ashley will marry Cole Howard (J. Eddie Peck), who recently learned his former wife, Victoria, (**Heather Tom**) is pregnant with their child.

Finally, on "Sunset Beach," let's have a show of hands from anyone who hasn't suspected that the mysterious Dana is Ben's presumably dead wife, Maria.

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# Weird

Mike Earl, they had an idea who they were after because, according to witnesses, the fugitive looked, in face and body language, like the TV cartoon character Homer Simpson. Arrested was Gary Hammond, 28, of North York.

— Scott Eric Smith, 32, was arrested in Oakdale, Calif., in June on suspicion that he was the one who had stolen 800 copies of the local Oakdale Leader newspaper. The newspaper contained a report of Smith's recent arrest on drug charges and, according to police, Smith said he didn't want his family to know about it.

## Least Competent Criminals

Joseph L. Cantey, 22, was arrested in Lindenwold, N.J., in May on several charges. According to police, he had made a clean escape after burglarizing a home on May 5 and stealing a cell phone but had returned to the home on May 10 to confront the victim to get him to reactivate the cell phone service. The victim called his company but was unsuccessful, and Cantey fled, but now armed with a description, police spotted Cantey, and in the ensuing chase, Cantey dropped 15 bags of crack cocaine and eventually led police to his brother and two

others, who were charged with possession of even more drugs.

## Recurring Theme

Bobby Wayne Woods, 32, convicted of capital murder, Llano, Texas, May. Coy Wayne Westbrook, sentenced to death for murdering his ex-wife and four others, Houston, June. Dennis Wayne Eaton, executed for the murder of a Virginia state trooper and three other people, June. Michael Wayne Gestaltin, suspected through DNA tests of five rapes and a murder, Vancouver, Wash., May. John Wayne Stockdall, 34, allegedly confessed to police that he killed his girlfriend's ex-husband, Mexico, Mo., March. Jason Wayne McVean,

26, still on the lam after allegedly killing a police officer in the southwestern Colorado manhunt that began in May.

## Latest Wisdom

New York divorce and palimony lawyer Raoul Felder, praising the nation's economy to a Washington Post reporter in May: "I can tell you how the economy is doing by how many mistresses come into my office looking for justice. I don't need no Greenspan."

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

## COMMODITY FUTURES

## Answers to Super Crossword

ARUBA	IRAN	GAME	RACA
BORAS	MULE	ETON	ELENA
BUSSTOP	GAP	HOTDOG	TAGS
STAIRCASE	RIENO	PRESET	
COAL	TINNER	TORERO	
OTB	EASTON	REU	
THEWINDSOFWAR	ANDPEACE		
TOLEDO	TAGS	MAIS	WALL
ESTEEM	ERR	ADIES	SPIRAL
RIES	TER	ALIC	OPINED
LONESTAR	BILLING		
TRADER	OWE	AEC	KBS
SEABEE	BURN	ORC	URANIA
ELITE	DELT	ABTE	LINER
CALLALLIES	OF	THEFIELD	
GYM	CHEESE	SIS	
AGATES	ISLES	ALFA	
CANALS	SPIN	PARALLELS	
EGGHEADS	UP	REDSEALION	
DELLOS	OURS	ALDA	TORRE
SEES	TETE	STAY	SWEDE

# CRITIC'S CORNER

by Brad Elson

**THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT MARY:** There's something about Ted that reeks — LOSER! Ted is the type of guy whose family jewels get caught in his zipper the night of his senior prom. Oh!

This unfortunate everyman may not be lucky in life, but he was once lucky in love. At 17, he met the girl of his dreams, Mary Jensen, who asked him to their senior prom. She was a real babe, a gem of a girl, until his jewels short-circuited the romance. After school ended that year, she moved with her family to Florida, and Ted never saw her again.

But there's something about Mary that still bewitches Ted. Although this ordinary oaf hasn't seen her in a dozen years, since that shameful prom night, he's still crazy about her, and curious as to her whereabouts. At the insistence of his good friend, Dom, Ted hires a private eye, Pat Healy, to track her down in Miami.

There's something about Healy that spells, well — HEEL! Healy is the type of guy who, after finding Mary in Miami, lies to his client about her current situation.

Though a little older now, Mary is even more beautiful than Ted recalls. However, Healy informs Ted, in his efforts to keep Mary for himself, that she has become a "mail-order bride" — an overweight, wheelchair-bound mother of four kids out-of-wedlock. A competition for Mary's affections ensues when Ted finds out that

the detective lied to him. He drives down to Miami from his home in Rhode Island to hopefully rekindle a romance that held promise 12 years before.

There's something about Mary all right. Something that brings out the loser in every guy she meets!

The flick stars Ben Stiller as the lovable loser, Ted, Cameron Diaz as



"Lenhart, I did say to schedule a power lunch for today. However..."



"Over here is my first dollar, the first guy I fired, my first subpoena..."

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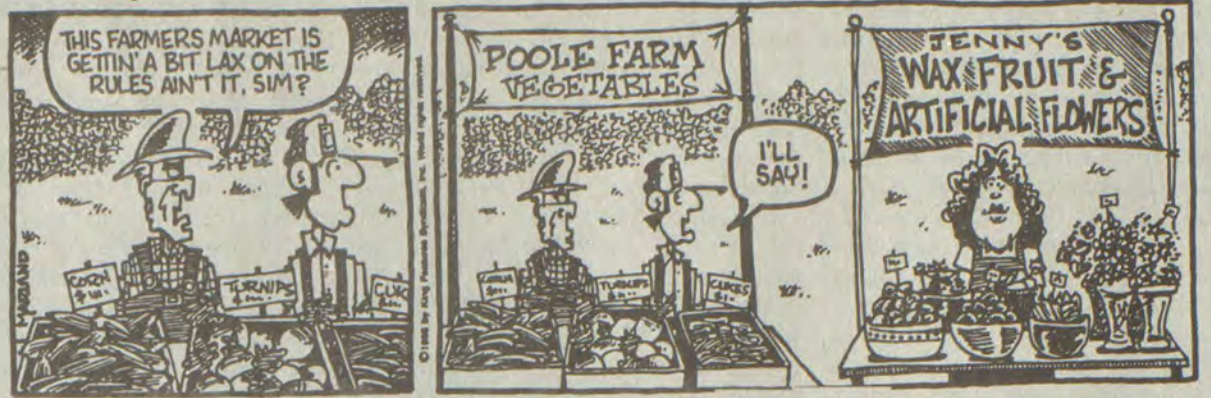
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# The Friday Comics

## GEORGE by MARK SZORADY



## R.F.D. by MIKE MARLAND



## THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING



## BUTCH AND DOUGIE by ALEX HOWELL



## OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS



## BRINGING UP FATHER



## MAMA'S BOYZ by JERRY CRAFT



## Super Crossword

<b>ACROSS</b>	1 Vacation island off Venezuela	6 Where to find Mashhad	10 It follows big or fair	14 Biblical word of reproach	18 Cold Adriatic winds	19 Lounging slipper	20 Town on the Thames	21 Verdugo of movies	23 Marilyn Monroe film/ temporary substitute?	25 Ballpark treat/IDs?	27 "Up the Down —" (Bel Kaufman book)	28 Lotto's cousin	29 Arrange beforehand	30 Word before gas, oil or tar	31 Circle or city descriptive	32 Matador	33 Boon to N.Y. bettors	36 City in Pennsylvania	39 Peleg's son	40 Wouki/ Tolstoy opus?	50 Home of fine Spanish	51 New Mexican resort town	52 Ninny	53 Flower or paper starter	54 Regard highly	55 Make a boo-boo	56 Summer refresher	57 Shaped like a coal	59 Legal matter	60 Noun-forming suffix	62 Actress MacGraw	63 Supposed	64 Texas symbol might rate this?	69 Wall St. operator	71 Be in debt	72 "Energy" is part of it	73 Brit. knights of the lowest rank	76 Naval construction engineer	77 Decorative vase	78 Grampus	80 The Muse of astronomy	83 Nobelist Wiesel	84 Agnus — Lamb of God	85 His Rose was Irish	86 Type of measure or equation	87 Hepburn/ Politer collaboration?	92 Phys. Ed. site	93 Photographer's	94 Roommate, often	95 Semiprecious stones	99 Man and others	101 North African grass	105 Venice landmarks	106 Whirl rapidly	107 Equals	112 Intellectual's warning?	114 Home for the eared seal?	115 Birthplace of Artemis and Apollo	116 Yours, mine and —	117 "Betsy's Wedding" star	118 NL batting champ (1971)	119 — man control the wind? (Arnold)	120 Head, in Paris	121 Command to Fido	122 Garbo or Bergman DOWN	1 Monastery	<b>heads: abbr.</b>	2 Noisy mob	3 Bear, in Latin	4 Essential	5 Houston player	6 Transfixed	7 Lap robes, in London	8 Wings	9 Tibet's neighbor: abbr.	10 Place of torment	11 Of the same opinion	12 Boat or bike starter	13 Ultimate goal	14 Reassemble after a battle	15 Do a tailoring job	16 Bring to an end	17 Osborne's "Look Back In —"	22 Regarding	24 Wood sorrel	26 Made a choice	28 Recognizes	31 "I Can Get — You Wholesale"	33 Amphibious mammal	34 The others	35 Safety and garter followers	37 Fall blooms	38 Emulate the eagle	39 TLC dispensers	41 Tiny	42 Freshwater fish	43 Candidate for election	44 Wheel spokes, i.e.	45 Peer Gynt's mother	46 "Dallas" surname	47 River to the Rhine	48 Dressed	49 Blueprint add-on	56 Ecclesiastical robe	57 Botanical spikelet	58 Hole or head starter	61 Always, to a poet	62 "Bells — Ringing" (movie)	63 Barcelona bravo	64 Identification tag	65 One of Pindar's works	66 Japanese gateway	67 Beard on barley	68 Fasteners for some boots	69 Web-like membrane	70 Marsh wader	73 Leg joints	74 Onion-topped flat roll	75 Pieces of chalcedony	76 Min. unit	77 Biblical name	78 Double-wood woodwinds	79 Widespread	81 Mountain range of Morocco	82 Cuckoo of puzzedom	84 Not clearly seen	85 Ghastly pale	88 Eternal	89 Rabies	90 Darken or obscure	91 Rumor	95 Made a hole in one	96 Securities	97 Point of view	98 California-Nevada border lake	99 Point to be disputed	100 Sudden brief burst of energy	102 New Guinea town	103 Comfortable shoes	104 Give the OK heavily	108 Egyptian skink	109 Emerald Isle	110 Manor bigwig	111 Small dagger	113 Short click in Morse code	114 Abyssinian prince
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## MAGIC MAZE

### COMMODITY FUTURES

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 LIGEDBCSYWTFRAP  
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 QOMKSLIYFAICFDB  
 ZXWUSULBXFOQEO  
 LSJHFEGEDCECNAY  
 WVGyelRABTDEASQ  
 PNCOTTONRKUNPLK  
 IHFEHTCSBZRROYW  
 VUSRTAEHWQCORPN  
 MLJIECIRHFECPCD

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

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|--------|-----------|--------------|----------|
| Barley | Cotton    | Oats         | Soybeans |
| Cattle | Crude oil | Pork bellies | Sugar    |
| Coffee | Flax      | Propane      | Wheat    |
| Corn   | Hogs      | Rice         |          |



## HOCUS-FOCUS



FIND AT LEAST 6 DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PANELS.  
 Differences: 1. Parts are different. 2. Curtain is different. 3. Ball is missing. 4. Bat is shorter. 5. Hair is different. 6. Shaker is different.

Answers to Crossword Puzzle and Magic Maze can be found on page B5.

# Big Sandy Briefs

## The Numbers Game

<b>Wednesday's Results</b>	<b>August 7, 1998</b>
<b>LOTTO KENTUCKY</b> 07-09-16-17-22-23 Next Estimated Jackpot \$3 million	<b>POWERBALL</b> 03-12-19-35-42 (21) Next Estimated Jackpot \$17 million

### School bells ring in Magoffin County

School bells rang in Magoffin County Thursday, signaling the end of summer vacation for students in the county. Teachers reported to their classrooms on Wednesday to prepare for the students to arrive on Thursday. — *The Salyersville Independent*

Either of three alternate designs proposed for the widening project essentially would by-pass the current business district developed on the existing stretch of Rt. 114 that extends from the end of the Mt. Parkway for about one-mile east toward Prestonsburg, the alternate preferred by the project development team makes existing business on KY 114 visible to motorists. — *The Salyersville Independent*



### Alternate designs for Rt. 114 examined

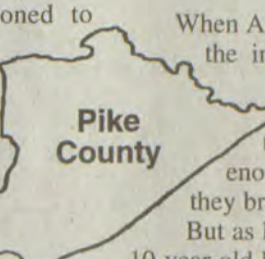
Representatives of the state Department of Highways recently met with Magoffin County residents, elected officials and business owners of the Mt. Parkway areas of Salyersville to present their alternate for the proposed four-laning of the Salyersville-Prestonsburg section of Route 114. The proposed road construction project is included in the state's six-year road plan, but no timetable has been officially established for the actual construction.

### Firefighters to get pagers

The District No. 3 Volunteer Fire Department has approved the purchase of pagers that will provide a communication system to alert volunteer firemen of any emergency situation. The acquisition of such a system is still another step toward readying the department to respond to fires in the district, which extends from the junction of Route 7 and the Mountain Parkway, to areas adjacent to Rt. 7 to the Magoffin-Floyd County line. — *The Salyersville Independent*

### Hospital workers vote for union representation

Pikeville Methodist Hospital employees traded hugs and high-fives Tuesday night, cheering in unison: "We are the union!" United Steelworkers of America petitioned to become the collective bargaining agency for registered nurses and technical/nonprofessional employees at Pikeville Methodist Hospital on June 19, renewing decades-long efforts to organize hospital employees. The unofficial final vote was 334 for the union and 196 against, non-professional/technical employees; and 83-56, RNs. RNs voted separately and will negotiate a separate contract. Although 58 ballots were challenged, Keith Hughes, union organizer, said the margin of victory was so great they are inconsequential. — *Appalachian News-Express*



### Up in the air

When Allison Stanley accompanied her parents to the inaugural Coal Miner's Reunion in May, probably the last thing she wanted to do was spend the final day of festivities listening to a host of politicians unleash enough hot air to fill every campaign balloon they brought to the rally. But as luck would have it, that's exactly what the 10-year-old Hardy resident ended up doing. Truth is scores of campaign balloons had already been inflated (with helium) and thereby ripe for the taking. And since it was highly probable those balloons would be given out to children at the end of the day, the young girl understood all too well she had to stick it out to the bitter end to receive her rightful share. Stanley scribbled messages on two of the balloons she received and sent them skyward. Both balloons traveled several hundred miles; the first of the two was found the next day by a family in North Carolina; the second was discovered two days later in Virginia. — *Appalachian News-Express*

### Candidate files despite nepotism prohibition

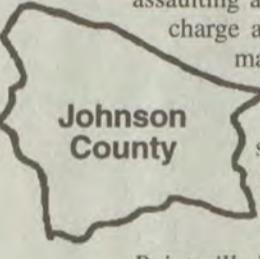
A candidate who filed this week for the Johnson County Board of Education could find himself in a no-win situation if he's elected in November. Kenny Pelphrey of Oil Springs filed Tuesday for board member in District Four. His brother, Bob Pelphrey, is a bus driver for the county school system.

He was dismissed from his coaching position because he testified against then-superintendent Frank Hamilton to a Johnson County grand jury. — *The Paintsville Herald*

### Preacher accused of assault...again

A Johnson County preacher who was charged with assaulting a deputy in June now faces another assault charge after he allegedly shot a Magoffin County man Sunday night.

But a nepotism law created by the Kentucky Education Reform Act prohibits relatives of school employees from becoming members of the local school board. — *The Paintsville Herald*



Gary Rice, 52, of Oil Springs, is charged with first-degree assault in the shooting of Bobby L. Minix, 45, of Salyersville, Minix was hit by fragments from bullets fired into a building at Mash Fork, according to state police. — *The Paintsville Herald*

### Offer of free clothes brings out a crowd

There may have been a tendency for most drivers to take a second look at the little signs posted near the entrance of Johnson Central High School on Wednesday morning.

After all, a placard reading "Free Clothing" is not something one sees every day. Eight family resource centers, along with representatives from LDS Charities from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, combined to sponsor the giveaway. — *The Paintsville Herald*

### Butcher gets nine grand

Former Johnson Central High School assistant football coach and guidance counselor Jerry Butcher, who sued the county school board and its two most recent superintendents for \$1.5 million in 1994, is settling out of court for \$9,000 instead. None of the defendants admit liability to his allega-

### Local state projects get early go-ahead

Two state-funded projects in Johnson County — including a campground development at Paintsville Lake — won't have to wait until next year to get their money.

State budget officials announced last Tuesday that the state would have a total budget surplus of \$366.4 million, which is far more than was estimated.

The higher surplus will mean that all 107 projects the General Assembly approved for funding with the surplus will receive money this year rather than during the next fiscal period.

Two of those projects are the Paintsville Lake campground, which was allocated \$2.85 million and renovation of the Johnson County Rescue Squad building, which will receive \$125,000. — *The Paintsville Herald*

### Schools chief field narrowed to three

The drive to permanently replace ex-Pike County Schools superintendent Reo Johns continues with the field of nine candidates apparently narrowed to five.

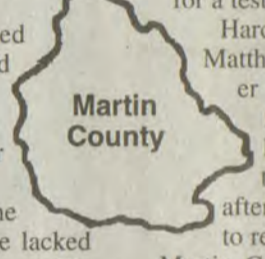
### Sheriff sues fiscal court

A lawsuit was filed last Friday by Prestonsburg attorney Ned Pillersdorf on behalf of Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young against County Judge/Executive Kelly Callahan and the local fiscal court.

The litigation asks for a determination as to who owes the federal government nearly \$76,000 that is needed to pay back a federal COPS grant. The grant was awarded to Martin County after applications had been filed showing the county's crime rate and population.

The U.S. Justice Department determined from those statistics that the county needed additional police officers and provided nearly one half million dollars in grant money to pay 75 percent of the salaries of nine officers over a three-year period.

The court, though, voted to send back the grant funds after state officials said the judge lacked the authority to sign the grant documents. — *The Martin County Sun*



### Two stabbed with screwdriver

Goldie Meeks, 44, and William Hinkle, 19, were stabbed with a screwdriver last Saturday evening at Groundhog Hollow. Minix reported to officials that she had also struck the apparent perpetrator, James Ricky Baisden, with a

bed rail during the struggle. Baisden reportedly fled the scene before sheriff's deputies Richard Sansom and Gary McCallister arrived. — *The Martin County Sun*

### Test drive results in arrest

A two-week long test drive resulted in a Martin County man being arrested after Doug Hardin, a Lawrence County used car dealer phoned Martin County Sheriff Darriel Young to advise him that he was missing a vehicle after an Inez man had asked to take it for a test drive.

Hardin apparently had recognized Brian K. Matthews after having sold him a vehicle earlier this year. Matthews, along with a girlfriend, had reportedly returned to the car lot a couple of weeks ago under the pretense of buying a 1995 Dodge Colt and, after having driven off with the vehicle, failed to return it as expected.

Martin County deputies found the vehicle, which had a fresh coat of spray paint. A false vehicle identification number had been glued over the factory serial number.

Matthews was arrested and taken to the Big Sandy Regional Detention Center where he managed to slide under the closing jail door after opening the side door of the jail van to escape. Less than two hours later he was apprehended. — *The Martin County Sun*

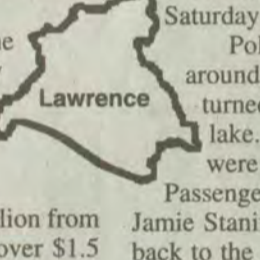
### County road fund has excess

Lawrence County closed out the fiscal year well into the black, financial statements approved by the fiscal court last month showed.

The biggest surplus in the budget was in the road department, but Lawrence County Treasurer Sue Maynard said most of those funds were from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) and were set aside for specific projects.

Overall, the road fund brought in \$1.97 million from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998. Of this, just over \$1.5 million was spent, leaving a cash balance of \$460,507.

However, Maynard said of the remaining money, \$383,000 was already appropriated by FEMA for projects. "It looks like we're rich at the end of the year," Maynard said. "But that money is already taken." — *The Big Sandy News*



### Boy Scouts assist in boat accident

A late night boating accident at Yatesville Lake Saturday resulted in a capsized boat, but no injuries. Police said they were contacted by Phil Steed around 2 a.m. Saturday who said a boat had overturned near the Boy Scout campgrounds at the lake. Steed said the two subjects in the boat were on the shore requesting assistance.

Passengers in the boat were James Staniford, 35, and Jamie Staniford, 13, both of Martha. They were taken back to the main boat ramp by Boy Scout Troop #134 members. — *The Big Sandy News*

### Relay raises over \$55,000

Hundreds of people attended, 28 teams participated and over \$55,000 was raised to fight cancer during Lawrence County's Relay for Life. — *The Big Sandy News*

### Enhanced 911 now online

Knott County residents can now access emergency services by dialing only three numbers on their telephones — 911.

The Enhanced 911 system in Knott County was activated last Thursday, July 30, according to Josia Cornett, the system coordinator.

The first emergency call to the new system came from the home of Sid Adams, who had fallen and broken his hip. As his son, Rudean Adams, made the call, Cornett was present to see the name, address, and telephone number flash onto the computer screen. This is part of what makes the enhanced system so valuable — should an emergency call come from a young child or a person too sick or injured to actually speak, emergency personnel can still go immediately to the site of the problem.

The new system is part of a regional network including Knott, Letcher, Breathitt and Leslie counties. Calls go to a 911 operator at State Police Post 13 in Hazard, who then dispatches the appropriate emergency services. — *The Troublesome Creek Times*



### Knott mishap claims three lives

Three men died in a traffic accident last Thursday, July 30.

John R. Sutton, age 69, of Vest, Goble Stamper, 46, of Soft Shell, and Mitchell Ritchie, 19, of Vest, died Thursday. According to state police, their pickup was pulling onto Ky. 80 from Stamper Branch Road about one mile west of Soft Shell when it was struck by an eastbound tractor-trailer carrying 60 tons of coal. The coal truck was driven by Randall McKinney, age 33, of West Liberty.

The impact of the crash sent both trucks across the westbound lanes of the highway. The pickup stopped on the shoulder of the road, but the semi hit an embankment and overturned. Goble Stamper and Mitchell Ritchie were ejected from their vehicle. Both Sutton and Stamper were pronounced dead at the scene. Mitchell Ritchie died at Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. All three died of head and chest injuries; none were wearing seat belts.

The driver of the semi was treated for injuries at Hazard Appalachian and released. — *The Troublesome Creek Times*

### \$93,828.08 and climbing

There now seems to be no doubt that Morgan County's Relay for Life, conducted for the first time last year, struck a chord with Morgan Countians that appears likely to resonate as long as there is a need to raise funds to continue the search for a cure for cancer.

Last year, the Morgan County Relay raised over \$57,000 for the American Cancer Society, setting a statewide record for per capita giving and earning national recognition as one of the best per capita efforts of any of the thousands of relays held throughout the nation last year.

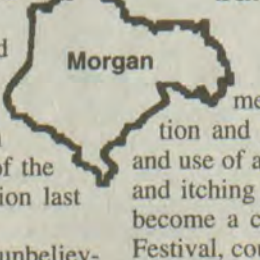
This year, in what relay planners term an "unbelievable" outpouring of generosity far exceeding last year's, Morgan Countians have contributed \$93,828.08 to help finance researchers seeking a cure for cancer. And there are more contributions yet to be counted,

according to relay treasurer, Leota Sherman. The relay's goal this year was \$30,000. — *The Licking Valley Courier*

### Council eyes curfew, measure to ban sale and use of nuisance items at Sorghum Festival

The West Liberty City Council at its July meeting last week made plans for the preparation and passage of an ordinance banning the sale and use of a substance called "Silly String," hair paint, and itching powder. Sale and use of these items have become a considerable nuisance during the Sorghum Festival, council members said.

Also discussed was the possibility of adopting a curfew to discourage the gathering of large groups of teenagers at various locations within the city. — *The Licking Valley Courier*



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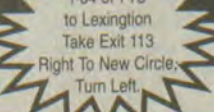


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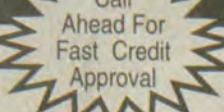
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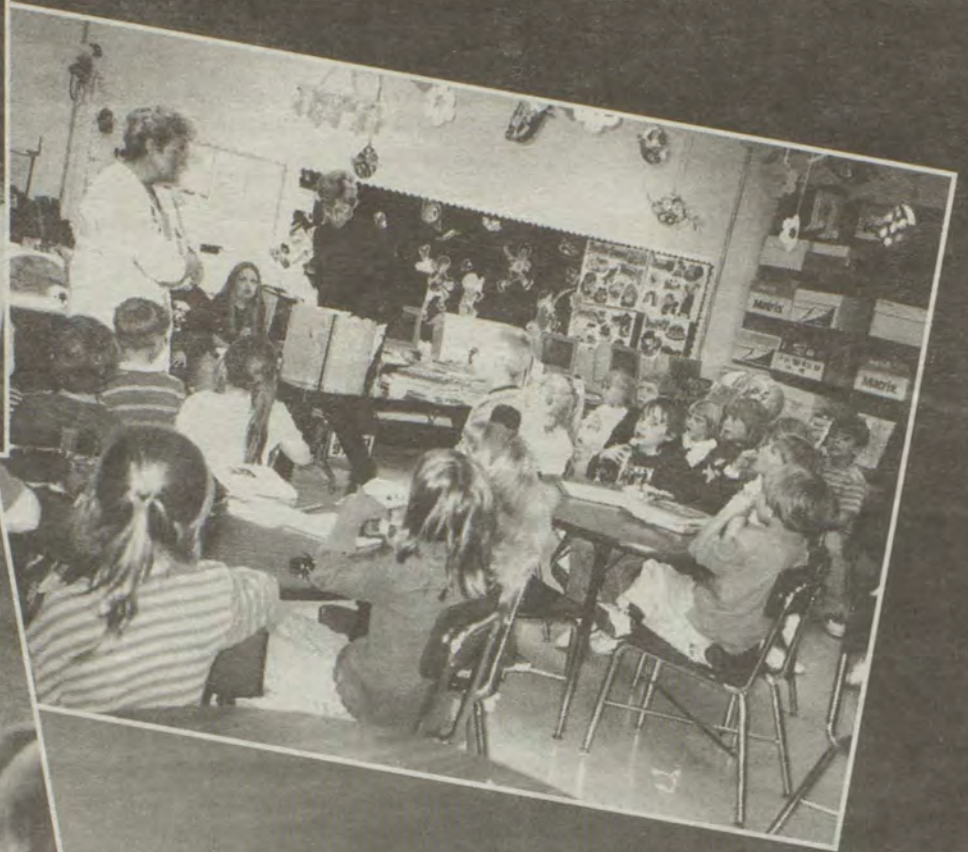
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# Students excited, anxious about first day

For families with school-age children, the first day of school is always one of those mark-your-calendar days. From families anticipating their child's very first day of kindergarten to those just getting back on schedule, it's a day everybody gears up for.

For some, that means a shopping frenzy. Moms, suddenly realizing how much their children have grown over the summer, hurry to replace shirts too snug and jeans too short. From haircuts to sneakers, there's a lot to see about.

## Will they have a hamster?

There's also a rush to complete medical requirements and a concentrated effort to make the most of those last vacation days.

At the center of this whirlwind of activity are the kids. The beginning of a new school year brings a mix of excitement and anxiety from children not knowing quite



Elaina Calhoun

what to expect.

"Will they have a hamster?" asked Elaina Calhoun who will be entering kindergarten at Prestonsburg Elementary. She loved preschool at the First Baptist Church's Learning Center, where they had a hamster named Cookie. Her questions keep coming. "Will they have monkey bars? Can I take a lunch box?"

Although she can't assure her daughter that her new school will have everything she expects, Judi Calhoun said that Elaina is still very excited about the Big Day. "Every morning Elaina asks, 'Is this a school day?'" Judi said. "I tell her, no, this is a day where you get to play outside and just have fun but it won't be long now till you'll get to go to school."

***We all just need to give it time, be patient with each other, and accentuate the positive.***

Amanda Hamilton, a sixth grader from Banner, is a little more philosophical about her first day of school at Betsy Layne Elementary. Amanda is one of the students who



Amanda Hamilton

had attended Prater Elementary which was closed due to consolidation.

"There will be good and bad," Amanda said. "On the bad side, I'll get separated from some of my friends. But on the good side, I'll make new friends and meet more people. We will also get to have music, art, and PE and more computers. We will also have a gym!"

Karen Hamilton, Amanda's mother, shares the concern of many parents about their children leaving a small, close-knit community school with an enrollment of about 200 students to attend a consolidated school with an expected enrollment of 950 students.

"Larger enrollment is often equated with increased exposure to a variety of social ills and unruly behavior," Hamilton said. "It's only natural for parents to be concerned. But we have heard many positive comments about (school principal) Karen Allen's ability to provide discipline and guidance for her students. And it is obvious from attending several meetings at the school that she is respected by students, faculty, and parents alike."

Hamilton said she is very pleased about the way the school and PTA have welcomed the new students and gone out of their way to help them feel like they are already a part of the school.

"They delayed tryouts for

the cheerleading squads and dance team until all the consolidation decisions had been made," Hamilton said. "Our kids (from Prater and Harold) were included in the competition."

Amanda, who had cheered at Prater, will now be cheering at Betsy Layne. Her cousin, Paige Duncan, also moving from Prater to Betsy Layne, will be a part of the dance team.

"Betsy Layne Elementary planned activities to help ease the transition for new students," Hamilton said. "A get-acquainted dance was held in July, and an ice cream social is planned for August 6 so students and their par-

ents can visit the school, learn the location of their classrooms, and meet their teachers."

Like her daughter, Hamilton sees the potential for both good and bad but seems determined to maintain a positive attitude. "I'm concerned about traffic congestion at the school entrance," she said. "A traffic light is much needed for obvious safety reasons. Also a lack of available parking."

"On the other hand," she continued, "we're looking forward to having a library, (something we have not had a Prater for the past two years), music and art programs, and a variety of extra-

curricular activities. In addition, the students from Harold and Prater will finally have a gymnasium to call their own.

"This school year will bring many changes throughout the county," Hamilton said. "The transition will be easy for some and more difficult for others. We all just need to give it time, be patient with each other, and accentuate the positive."

The mix of excitement and anxiety students are experiencing is not limited to

the younger students. Kelly Blackburn from Stanville is

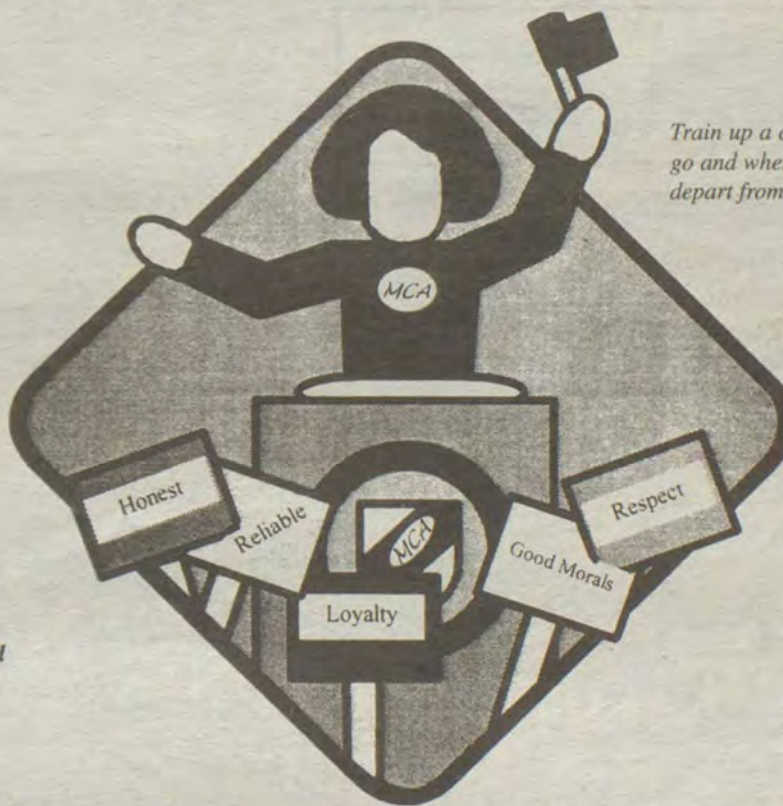
(See First day, page 20)



Friends Kelly Blackburn, Brittany Bartley, Matt Hamilton, Ashley Hall, Erin Rogers, Dustin Elkins and Brandt Brooks will be freshmen at Betsy Layne.

# CHARACTER

## IS IT IMPORTANT TO YOU?



Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6

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- Highly Qualified Teachers
- Excellent Curriculum
- Limited Class Size
- Emphasis on Christian Values
- Non-Denominational
- Established In 1983

• ISACS Accreditation

• Enrichment Programs Included: German, Spanish Japanese

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• Student Government Associates

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# Mountain Christian Academy

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(606) 285-5141

**PERMISSION FORM FOR PRESCRIBED MEDICATION**

Medication must be in its original container which must have the prescription label attached

Print student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date form received by the school: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_

**To be completed by the physician or authorized prescriber**

Reason for medication: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of medication: \_\_\_\_\_

**Form of medication/treatment:**

Tablet/capsule    Liquid    Inhaler    EpiPen    Nebulizer    Other \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions (Schedule and dose to be given at school): \_\_\_\_\_

Start:  date form received    Other date: \_\_\_\_\_

Stop:  end of school year    Other date/duration: \_\_\_\_\_

For episodic/emergency events only

Restrictions and/or important effects:  None anticipated

Yes. Please describe. \_\_\_\_\_

Special storage requirements:  None    Refrigerate

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

This student is both capable and responsible for self-administering this medication:

No    Yes-Supervised    Yes-Unsupervised

This student may carry this medication:  No    Yes

**Please indicate if you have provided additional information:**

On the back side of this form    As an attachment

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

To the school: Please report concerns about medications or disease to the above physician.

**To be completed by parent/guardian:**

I give permission for (name of child) \_\_\_\_\_ to receive the above medication at school according to standard school policy. \* Signing this form shall release staff members from any liability of any nature that might result from supervision of medication.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Rules on medicine at school

Stricter policies are being implemented by Floyd County's Schools in the dispensing of medication during the school day.

Parents must fill out a prescription medication log if their child is to be given any medication at the school.

"Parents need to deliver the medication to the school, personally," Floyd County Board nurse Jennifer Martin said.

This is the only kind of medication that will be kept at the schools. (Emergency antiseptics or other medications will be kept in first aid kits, however).

"A child could get hold of another's medicine and take the wrong dosage," Martin said of the policy.

Written documentation from the physician is required before the medicine may be given. Schools will accept only those medications that are to be administered for a two-week period.

Medicines are to be brought to the school in the original prescription bottle, which must have the child's name and prescribed dosage on it. Only minimum required amounts of the medicine may be brought, according to school board policy.

Medicines are to be left in

the principal's office, and kept under locked conditions.

Conditions such as asthma, which require that an older student have that medication on their person, require special permission between the doctor and principal.

Two designated school personnel must witness students taking the medication, according to the policy. A log will be kept of each dosage taken.

If a medication may be taken at home, such as a 12-hour antibiotic, than that medicine may not be taken to the school. Parents are encouraged to administer as many medicines at home as they can, rather than expect school personnel to do so.

The form on this page needs to be filled out on each child who requires medication be administered to them, and signed by parent or guardian.

*Floyd County Schools*



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**BACK-TO-SCHOOL BARGAINS**

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Fila T-Shirts \$35.99	Sale <b>\$32.99</b>
\$21.99 Sale	<b>\$17.89</b>
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Tammy Penix, Owner

# School chains of command

## ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Principal—Patricia Maynard  
 Assistant Principal—Pam Frasure  
 Guidance Counselor—Laura Kidd  
 School Address—P.O. Box 139, Eastern, Ky. 41622  
 Phone—358-9543  
 FAX—358-9247  
 SBDM members: Patricia Maynard, Chairperson  
 David Bolen, Teacher  
 King Fultz, Teacher  
 Robert Mayton, Teacher  
 Lynn Case, Parent  
 Francis Johnson, Parent

## BETSY LAYNE HIGH SCHOOL

Principal—Coy Samons  
 Assistant Principal—Margaret Vaughn  
 Guidance Counselor—Vicky Ratliff  
 School Address—P.O. Box 437, Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605  
 Phone—478-9138  
 FAX—478-3805  
 SBDM members: Coy Samons, Chairperson; Sean Ousley, Teacher; Cassandra Akers, Teacher; Vacant (To Be Announced), Teacher; Rebecca Kidd, Parent; Carol Coleman, Parent  
 PTO President—Linda Bartley

## BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal—Karen Allen  
 Assistant Principal—Ernie Tackett  
 Guidance counselor—Teresa Frazier  
 School Address—P.O. Box 128, Betsy Layne, Ky. 41605  
 Phone—478-9755  
 FAX—478-9787  
 SBDM members: Karen Mien, Chairperson; Sheila Calhoun, Teacher; Dwight Newsome, Teacher; Patricia Adkins, Teacher; Lance Blackburn, Parent; Roz Stanley, Parent  
 PTO President: Sherry Witt

## SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL

Principal—Debbie Daniels  
 Administrative Assistant—Dan Collins  
 Guidance Counselor—Janet Lawson  
 School address—P.O. Box 310, Hi Hat, Ky. 41636  
 Phone—452-9600  
 FAX—452-2155  
 SBDM members: Debbie Daniels, Chairperson; Janet

Lawson, Teacher; Bud Reynolds, Teacher; Donnie Daniels, Teacher; Don Sparkman, Parent; Joe Stewart, Parent

## CLARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal—Wayne Combs  
 School address—140 5. Clark Road, Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653  
 Phone—886-2487  
 FAX—886-2705  
 SBDM members: Wayne Combs, Chairperson; Michelle Bragg, Teacher; Tonya Little, Teacher; Debra Darby, Teacher; Danny Ousley, Parent; Vacant (To Be Announced), Parent  
 PTA president—Teresa Trout

## J.D. ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal—Janice Allen  
 Assistant Principal—vacant  
 Guidance Counselor—Charlene Nunn  
 School address—2520 5. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653  
 Phone—886-2671  
 FAX—886-7026  
 SBDM members—Janice Allen, Chairperson; Charles Collins, Teacher; Steve Romans, Teacher; Kimberly Reynolds, Teacher; Dr. Bill Loftus, Parent; Rick Hughes, Parent  
 PTA President—Lynn Neeley

## J.A. DUFF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal—Elizabeth Conley  
 Assistant Principal—Davida Bickford  
 School address—P.O. Box 129, Eastern, Ky. 41622  
 PHONE it - 358-9420  
 FAXit - 358-2414  
 SBDM members—Elizabeth Conley, Chairperson  
 PTO President—Election to be held

## J.M. STUMBO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal—Roy Johnson  
 Guidance Counselor—Mark Newsome  
 School address—6808 Ky. Rt. 979, Grethel, Ky. 41631  
 Phone—587-2210  
 FAX—587-2213  
 SBDM Members—Roy Johnson, Chairperson; Mark Newsome, Teacher; Rosella Newsome, Teacher; Michael Johnson, Teacher; Kathryn Tackett, Parent; Thersa

McKinney, Parent  
 PTA President—Debbie Hamilton

## MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal—vacant  
 School address—P.O. Box 282, McDowell, Ky. 41647  
 Phone—377-6640  
 FAX—377-2126  
 SBDM members—Vacant, Chairperson; Dale Hamilton, Teacher; Melissa Little, Teacher; Ruthie Hamilton, Teacher; Vacant, Parent; Bernardo Maldonado, Parent  
 PTA President—Election to be held

## PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal—Gwen Harmon  
 Assistant Principal—Sherrie Slone  
 School address—236 N. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653  
 Phone—886-3891  
 FAX—886-9081  
 SBDM members—Gwen Harmon, Chairperson; Rebecca Haywood, Teacher; Lisa Hunt, Teacher; Tern Hall, Teacher; Terry Sizemore, Parent; Gayle Cooley, Parent  
 PTO PRESIDENT—To be announced

## PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Principal—vacant  
 Assistant Principal—Ron Hampton  
 Guidance Counselor—Ron Robinson  
 School address—25 Blackcat Blvd., Prestonsburg, Ky. 41653  
 Phone—886-2252  
 FAX—886-1745  
 SBDM members—Vacant, Chairperson; Jerry Lafferty, Teacher; Russell Shepherd, Teacher; Roy Penix, Teacher; Rouquillia Spurlock, Parent; Tyrone Martin, Parent  
 PTO President—Patty Elliott

## W. D. OSBORNE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal—Paul David Tackett  
 Guidance Counselor—Linda Holbrook  
 School address—43 Osborne Branch, Bevinville, Ky. 41606  
 Phone—452-2131  
 FAX—452-9765  
 SBDM members—Paul David Tackett, Chairperson; Jeanice Hall, Teacher; Roger Johnson, Teacher; To Be

Elected, Teacher; Randall Johnson, Parent; Lanny Hall, Parent  
 PTO President—Debbie Engle

## ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal—Bonita Compton  
 Assistant Principal—Davida Bickford  
 School address—Box 193, Rt. 80 Eastern, Ky. 41622  
 SBDM members—Bonita Compton, Chairperson  
 PTO PRESIDENT—Election to be announced

## SOUTH FLOYD MIDDLE SCHOOL

Principal—Zenith Hall  
 School address—P.O. Box 339, Hi Hat, Ky. 41636  
 SBDM members—Zenith Hall, Chairperson  
 PTO PRESIDENT—Election To Be Announced

## ALLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal—Linda Gearheart  
 Assistant Principal—Tony Childers

School Address—480 Eagle Lane, Allen, Ky. 41601  
 Phone—874-2165  
 FAX—874-0603  
 SBDM members—Linda Gearheart, Chairperson; Jack Goodman, Teacher; Linda Bartrum, Teacher; Janice Hamilton, Teacher; Tammy Vance, Parent; Deedra Gearheart, Parent  
 PTO President—Tammy Vance

## MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Principal—Carole Combs

Assistant Principal—Tonya Home  
 School address—633 Stephens Branch Road Martin, Ky. 41649  
 Phone—285-0883  
 FAX—285-0884  
 SBDM members—Carole Combs, Chairperson; Greta Thornsberry, Teacher; Sheila Mayo, Teacher; Kathy Shepherd, Teacher; Santa Jacobs, Parent; Tern Webb, Parent  
 PTO President—Marilyn Bailey

## Open meetings

The Floyd County School Board has an open meeting policy, which allows anyone to come to the meetings and be heard.

Those who wish to address the board, or want to express their opinion on an issue, may come to the site of the meeting, sign in and wait their turn to speak as their name will be added on the agenda for the evening's meeting.

Anyone who has ques-

tions about speaking at the board meetings is urged to contact the Floyd County Board of Education. You may call them at 606-886-2354, or the public may also contact the board by using their "TWISI"; an on-line service, where e-mail is answered by the superintendent or the state manager personally each week.

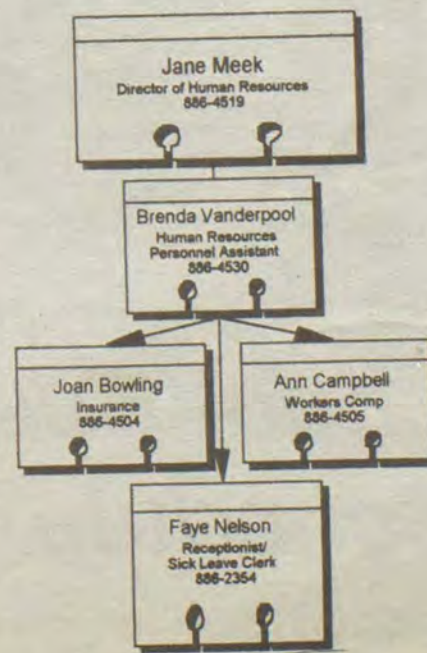
Their on-line access address is [www.floyd.k12.ky.us/feedback.htm](http://www.floyd.k12.ky.us/feedback.htm).

### The Floyd County School System has a brand new department

## "Department of Human Resources"

The department formerly known as "Personnel" has been broadened and modernized into a new "Department of Human Resources" and has undergone major changes. Categories under this department will be:

- Personnel - Legal Issues
- Negotiations - Compensation
- Reception - Insurance
- Awards and Recognitions







# Enrollment must for '98 school year

by Cindy Yates  
Special Sections  
Coordinator

When the school bell rings in August, make sure your child won't be turned away at the school after you get them out the door.

The following requirements are now mandatory before entering your child in the Floyd County School System as of this year:

- Children born October

1, 1992 or later are required to have three doses of the Hepatitis B vaccination at Kindergarten entry, or have begun the series of three doses which need to be completed within six months of entry into that level. The child will be sent home when the certificate expires if not completed.

- Head Start/Preschool qualifications: A second MMR is required before initial entry into school,

applicable to children four years and older. An official copy of the child's birth certificate is necessary, a bill-fold sized one is not acceptable, and it needs to have a certified seal on a full-sized copy. If the certificate is not available, contact your principal immediately.

- A TB skin test is NO longer required, effective starting the 1998-99 school year.

- A physical exam is

required at the beginning of your child's entry into the system initially; that is, a Heastart exam is necessary if your child will be attending the program; if not, then they will need an exam at least before entry in to kindergarten. If your child has had a physical exam for Head Start or Pre-school last year and it was dated within the past 12 months, another is not necessary for them to go onto kindergarten.

Another exam is not needed until entry into sixth grade. Also at this age, another MMR is necessary.

- Finally, before entering ninth grade, another tetanus/diphtheria booster will be needed.

The Floyd Schools need a complete documented listing of your child's immunization record. Individual slips of confirmation of boosters and vaccinations are not acceptable; therefore

it is recommended that parents keep an up-to-date complete record at their family physician's office or the county health department.

Make your child's transition back-to-school as easy on yourself as you can.

Remember, shots and physicals are the easy part. Getting them up, dressed and on the bus on time are your challenge.

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For further information,  
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# Dos and don'ts for school-based councils

by Susan Compton  
Administrative Director  
Floyd County Schools

was included with other school-reforms to give teachers and principals, who will face consequences or rewards based on the performance of students, the authority to determine how to help students meet the new performance standards. It also provides parents a more significant role in

school matters. School-based decision making is a shared decision making process in which the principal, teachers, and parents make most of the policy decisions. This process is also intended to change the culture within each school, because teachers and parents who create the programs should have far greater enthusiasm for making them work. Each school should become a community where people share and test ideas, steadily learning more about how to help students succeed. Kentucky's reform act does not offer a "one best way" to create a good school. Instead, it challenges and trusts the people at each school to find the best approaches for its own students and community.

- pal;
- 2. Consultation with principal on personnel selection;
- 3. Selecting textbooks and instructional materials;
- 4. Selecting student support services;
- 5. Developing annual school improvement plan;
- 6. Determine the number of positions in each job classification;
- 7. Professional Development;
- 8. Policy on Committees;
- 9. Adopt policy in KRS 160.345 (1-9).

### Hiring

- 1. Decide how many people to employ in each job classification; (how many teachers, educators, custodians, coaches, and so on)
- 2. Select new principal;
- 3. Consulted by the principal before other jobs are filled; (Principal selects persons to be hired by superintendent)

- 4. Curriculum; (that is, what to teach); Assigning staff time; Assigning students to classes and programs; School schedule; Use of school space; Instructional practices; (how to teach) Discipline and classroom management; Extracurricular programs;
- Processes for deciding (1) whether school is in line with state standards, (2) how the school will use technology, and (3) how the school will figure out whether its programs work.

### Committees

- (groups of teachers, parents, and others who advise the council on how to create a successful school.)
- 5. Pick textbooks;
- 6. Pick instructional materials;
- 7. Pick student support services;

- 8. Pick professional development.

### Ungraded Primary

9. Organize ungraded primary based on critical attributes and individual student needs.

### What Councils do not do

- Run school on a day to day basis;
- Break state or federal laws;
- Risk health and safety;
- Risk lawsuits;
- Break contracts;
- Spend money a school doesn't have;
- Make decisions outside their areas of responsibility (For example, evaluate or fire staff, set salaries, raise taxes, set bus routes, assign students to schools, decide when to build new buildings, pay utility bills, or decide anything other than what's listed above); and so not create a successful school without strong support from the whole school community.

**SBDM Must Do's:** State statutes in Kentucky require all school councils to perform nine functions:

- 1. Selecting a new princi-

## Web site offers info about county schools

by Cindy Yates  
Special Sections Coordinator

A web site has been created for Floyd County parents, staff, students and the community to directly link themselves to the main office. The site address is [www.floyd.k12.us](http://www.floyd.k12.us).

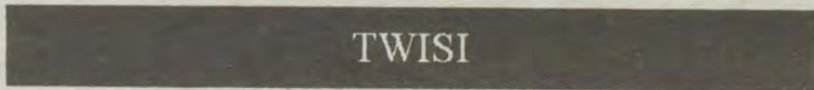
Spaces are provided on the TWISI page for certain information and a comment box is also available for more detailed messages.

Then, you need to only press the 'submit' key, and the message is sent for their eyes only.

Once each week, all messages will be read and answered.

Separate pages are available for children as well as adults.

The TWISI (The Way I See It) page allows individuals to directly ask the superintendent and state manager questions or voice concerns.



- Home
- TWISI
- K-5 TWISI
- Content
- Search

FCBOE Kids TWISI Form

<http://www.floyd.k12.ky.us/feedback1.htm>



Please share with us any questions or concerns you may have about our district. Each week our Superintendent, Michael King and our State Manager, Arnold W. Carter, will send out a response to your comments

Please fill in all areas of information and click "Submit Feedback"

### Comments

### Category

### Contact Information

Name

Title

Company

Address

Telephone

FAX

E-mail

Send mail to [ddixon@floyd.k12.ky.us](mailto:ddixon@floyd.k12.ky.us) with questions or comments about this web site.

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### Student Feedback Form

Students, please share any comments or questions you may have about our district.

Please fill in all areas of information and click "Submit Feedback"

### Comments

### Contact Information

Name

Grade

Age

School Attending

Home Room

Send mail to [ddixon@floyd.k12.ky.us](mailto:ddixon@floyd.k12.ky.us) with questions or comments about this web site.

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# FLOYD COUNTY SCHOOLS

## Scheduled Breaks

**Fall** • Fall Break—October 15-25  
 Fall Intercession—October 19-23

**WINTER** • Winter Break—December 23-January 10  
 Winter Intercession—January 4-8

**SPRING** • Spring Break—March 29-April 11  
 Spring Intercession—March 29-April 2

**SUMMER** • Summer Break—June 5  
 Summer Intercession—June 7-11

### OTHER SCHEDULED DAYS OF NO SCHOOL:

**Back To School** August 13—First Day of School

September 7—First holiday (Labor Day) **Labor**

October 2—E.K.E.A.

November 3—Election Day

November 26—Second holiday (Thanksgiving Day)

November 27—Thanksgiving break

December 25—Third holiday (Christmas Day)

January 18—Fourth holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

April 7—F.C.E.A.

April 8-9—K.E.A.

June 4—Closing Day

Note: There will be no early Wednesdays in the 1998-99 School Year.

# 1998-99 School Year CALENDAR

## THE DAVID SCHOOL

September 1-3—Teacher's In-Service     January 22—Mid-Year Graduation  
 September 8—Classes Begin             May 28—Spring Graduation

## WESLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

### OPENS AUGUST 24



# MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

August 11-12: Teachers In-Service  
 August 11: Ice Cream Social   
 August 13: First Day of School  
 August 14: Half-Day  
 September 7: Labor Day (no school) **Labor**

October 19-22: Parent/Teacher Conference Week  
 October 23: Professional Day (no school)

November 25-27: Thanksgiving Break (no school)   
 December 18: Christmas Holiday Break (1/2 day)  
 January 4: Classes Resume  
 March 15-19: Parent/Teacher Conference Week  
 April 5-9: Spring Break (no school)  
 April 8: Teacher In-Service (no school)

## Back To School THE PIARIST SCHOOL

August 17—Opening Day	November 22-24—KYA	March 23—Parent/Teacher Conference
September 7—Labor Day (no classes)	November 26-27—Thanksgiving Break	March 31—Easter Break begins
September 28-30—June Field Studies	December 8—Immaculate Conception (no classes)	April 12—Classes Resume
October 16—In-Service Day	December 18, 21, 22—Semester Exams (Christmas Holiday)	May 3-6—Freshman Field Studies
October 17-24—Senior Field Studies	January 4—Classes Resume	May 13—Ascension Thursday (no classes)
October 20—PSAT Test (Juniors)	January 12—Parent/Teacher Conference	May 13-17—Sophomore Field Studies
October 22—PLAN Test (Sophomores)	February 15—President's Day (no classes)	May 24-26—Senior Exams
October 22—Reports Cards Given Out	March 18-20—KUNA	May 26-28—Freshman, Sophomore, Junior Exams
October 27—Parent/Teacher Conference		May 29—Graduation
		June 3—Closing Day

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# Wesley school now open

by Cindy Yates  
Special Sections  
Coordinator

The Wesley Christian School has a curriculum that is Christian-based, with a small class size of 1-15 students. High academic standards are promoted and emphasized, and Christian ethics are stressed through

the structure and the role models of the faculty and staff.

Several educational field trips are scheduled throughout this, their first year, and the staff insists that good habits and Christian attitudes are their concerns for development, as well as academic standards.

The dress code is khaki

pants or skirts, with light blue shirts.

The school is located adjacent to the Christ United Methodist Church at Allen. It is Christ-centered, Bible-oriented, and dedicated to the proposition that each student is worthy of time, effort and prayer.



Shopping early for those back-to-school supplies was sixth grader Ashley Lowe of Allen Elementary. Her brother Steven is in kindergarten at Allen as well. Going along to help out was Leslie Hall, a Prestonsburg High School freshman and friend of Ashley. Ashley and Steven's parents are Steve and Garnet Lowe of Prestonsburg, and Leslie is the daughter of James and Lyda Hall of Prestonsburg. (photo by Rita Brock)

# Piarist School offers more

Following a one-hundred-year-old tradition of the Piarist Order, the mission of The Piarist School is to provide students of all backgrounds with an education that launches them on a life-long search for and love of truth, a search that will result in their participation in the building of a more humane world and in living a life consistent with the faith they profess and with the laws, traditions, and cultural heritage of our democratic society.

This mission involves the development of an educational community which includes parents, teachers, students and members of the local community as co-workers in promoting the physical, intellectual, and spiritual growth of the students.

The Piarist School is a

small, tuition-free, private, college-preparatory high school located in Martin. It is operated by the Piarist Fathers, has a 1:7 faculty-student ratio, and offers a full four-year academic program featuring college preparatory and advanced placement courses, as well as a variety of extracurricular activities. The school has six classrooms, a large gym, chapel, science lab and computer lab. The school is a member of the Kentucky High School Athletic Association.

The Piarist School admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic

origin in the administration of its educational policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered activities.

Transportation to the school from a five-county area is available.

As an important part of the moral and religious values taught at The Piarist School, all students are required to participate in a program of Christian Service. Also, each class participates in a one-week field studies program visiting important locations in several U.S. States and Canada.

The Piarist School charges no formal tuition but relies upon charitable donations.

An entrance exam is required of all incoming students.

# Technology in schools

by Debbie Dixon  
Technology Director

Floyd County Schools are really excited about all the new and wonderful advances that will be available this school year.

One very important aspect of moving forward is communication. We are working very hard to provide everyone with new and better ways of communication.

Let's begin with our new Web Site and TWISI (The Way I See It) page. TWISI, was developed to provide you, the public, with a direct voice to our Superintendent

and State Manager in expressing questions and concerns.

This is strictly confidential and for Their Eyes Only! Here's how it works: Just hop on our web site at [www.floyd.k12.ky.us](http://www.floyd.k12.ky.us) from any internet web browser. Locate the word TWISI and click.

Fill out the form completely and click send feedback. It's that simple!

Then, each week, Mr. King and Mr. Carter will read your comments and directly respond back to you by whatever means that you provide on your feedback form.

For those of you who do not already have internet access in your home, you can find access at the following locations:

- 1) Any and all Floyd County Schools.
- 2) Any Family Resource Youth Service Center.
- 3) The Floyd County Library.
- 4) Prestonsburg Community College.
- 5) Morehead State University Big Sandy Campus.

Remember, our web site is still under construction, and we look forward to any and all suggestions for improvement. We challenge you to visit our web site and hope that TWISI and your comments will help us to build a better and brighter future for Floyd County Schools!

Another feature of communication for Floyd County Schools is our new, and still under construction, Telephone Communications System.

This system will allow you to dial the person you are trying to reach directly.

You will find those numbers published with our Central Office Staff section. Our new system will provide such features as Voice Mail and a District Calendar of Events.

By September, each school will have a direct number access featuring their own Calendar of Events generated by students in that school.

We feel this system is a big first step in increasing communications between the community and the Floyd County Schools.

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# Free lunch application now easier

The Floyd County School Food Service starts the Lunch Application process every year when they receive a list of children who will automatically qualify for free lunches from the department of human resources in Frankfort. As soon as that list

arrives in the food service office, a pre-approval letter is sent to the parents of these children informing them that the child whose name appears on this letter is automatically placed on the free lunch list at their schools. Parents of children who automatically qualify should

receive a letter for each child in the household. If a child in the household is omitted, the child who does not receive a pre-approval letter will have to fill out an application with only that child listed.

The first week of school everyone is offered an application to fill out immediately to see if they may qualify for free or reduced meal prices. The application used is called a Family Application. This means that all children in that household will be listed on one application regardless if the children attend different schools. Schools should receive only one application per household.

The cafeteria will determine whether a student will be eligible to receive free, reduced or paid lunches by comparing the families' income to the guidelines. Once the determination is made, a notification letter is sent to each household informing them whether the children are eligible for free or reduced price meals. If the income listed is too high,

a letter of denial is sent also.

If you fill out an application at the beginning of the year and are denied because your income is too high, you are always welcome to re-apply later. And, schools encourage you to fill out another application at a later date should your income be lowered or lay-offs occur, as well as changes in the size of your household. Just because you are denied at the beginning of the year does not mean you cannot re-apply any time again during the school year when you have an income change.

Schools encourage all students who may qualify for free or reduced priced meals to fill out an application. The information on these applications will be kept confidential. If you are sure your income is too high to qualify, you do not have to fill out an application.

If anyone needs help in completing an application, parents may call the cafeteria manager at the school their child attends, or call the Food Service office at 974-8144 for assistance.

## AUGUST

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9	10	11	12	13 Honey Buns, Juice & Milk	14 Sausage & Biscuits, Juice & Milk	15
16	17 Chicken Vittles, Juice & Milk	18 Cinnamon Tastries, Juice & Milk	19 Blueberry Muffins, Juice & Milk	20 Honey Buns, Juice & Milk	21 Sausage & Biscuits, Juice & Milk	22
23	24 Chicken Vittles, Juice & Milk	25 Cinnamon Tastries, Juice & Milk	26 Blueberry Muffins, Juice & Milk	27 Honey Buns, Juice & Milk	28 Sausage & Biscuits, Juice & Milk	29
30	31 Chicken Vittles, Juice & Milk	<b>Cereal and Toast will be offered every day as an alternate menu!</b>				

## AUGUST

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9	10	11	12 COUNTY MEETING MAC CENTER	13 Pizza, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Cantelope	14 Tacos, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Corn, Applesauce Cake	15
16	17 Hamburgers on Bun, Lettuce/Tomatoes, Onions/Pickles, French Fries, Strawberry Short Cake	18 Hot Ham & Cheese on Bun, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cookies	19 Pizza, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Watermelon	20 Spaghetti/M.Sauce, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Green Beans, Hot Rolls	21 Chicken Strips, Mashed Potatoes, Peas, Hot Rolls, Brownies	22
23	24 Hoagies on Bun, Lettuce/Tomato and Onions, French Fries, Apple Cobbler	25 Lasagna/M. Sauce, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Green Beans, Bananas, Hot Rolls	26 Pizza, Lettuce/Tomato Salad, Oranges	27 Hot Dogs with M.Sauce, French Fries, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, Cookies	28 Chicken Patty on Bun, Lettuce/Tomato, Tater Tots, Fruited Jello, Cookies	29
30	31 Corn Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Watermelon, Cookies	<b>Milk and Condiments will be offered with each meal!</b>				

## Charge policies for meals

The Floyd County School Food Service does have an approved charge policy which is the following:

### CHARGING POLICY FOR STUDENTS/ADULTS

1. Elementary students may charge a lunch or breakfast. ala carte items may not be charged.

2. High school students or Adults MAY NOT charge a lunch, breakfast or Ala carte items unless prior arrangements have been made.

3. Students may not have more than three days of outstanding charges without special arrangements with the School Cafeteria Manager.

4. Charges are to be paid the next day after the charge is made, unless special arrangements have been made with the School Cafeteria Manager.

5. Students who abuse the charging privilege may not charge additional meals for the remainder of the school year.

6. All charges must be cleared (paid) prior to the end of the current month, except under unusual circumstances. When these circumstances present a problem, parents may make special arrangements to charge meals for students. These arrangements should be made with the cafeteria manager of each school.

7. All charges are recorded on a prepaid/charge form that is kept at the cashier's station during meal service times. Each child who charges must sign a charge roster that is also kept at the cashier's station during meal service times.

8. It is the responsibility of the cafeteria manager to follow up on collections of charges. She should advise the student's parents, in writing, of the charges.

9. If the occasion should arise, where a student has excessive charges, the cafeteria manager should encourage the student to return an application for a free or reduced lunch.

# Floyd County Schools ready to serve meals

## Cafeterias gearing up with new, nutrition-packed menu items

With more than 7,500 children heading back to school, Floyd County's cafeterias are gearing up with new, nutrition-packed menu items, and bold new ideas to modernize the traditional cafeteria experience.

Floyd County prepares and serves over 6,000 lunches and over 2,500 breakfasts daily. School cafeterias are feeding kids and, at the same time, teaching them about nutrition.

Study after study shows

that lifelong eating habits are established early in life, and it is critical that children learn from an early age how to eat right.

Eating in school cafeterias help to establish those healthy eating habits because every meal served

is regulated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) and the School Breakfast Program (SCP).

These guidelines ensure that each menu meets the

Dietary Guidelines for Americans and Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDAs) created by the USDA and Department of Health and Human Services. These nutritional guidelines require that school lunches and breakfasts provide one-third and one-fourth of the RDAs, respectively, for calories, protein, vitamins A and C, iron, and calcium. School meals are thus healthier than ever before, offering students a wider variety of more nutritious foods. Offerings include more fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and other lower-fat alternatives.

### Schools cut out the fat

This year, too, more schools are offering low-fat versions of universal favorites. In fact, healthier

choices have become the norm, such as low-fat pizza, and french fries.

All ground beef dishes are prepared from ground beef which has been rinsed and drained at least 2 times, resulting in the ground beef being 50% lower in fat. Even popular baked goods have "slimmed down" as schools offer low-fat brownies and cookies in which much of the fat is replaced with prune puree or applesauce.

According to a recent USDA study, children are eating away from home more now than ever before. Because of this and the growing obesity problem with children in this country, it is more important than ever that schools provide low-fat, nutritious meals.

Full price Student breakfast is .75, reduced student breakfast is .30

School Employee breakfast is 1.25

Non-Employee breakfast is 1.75

Full price student lunch is 1.25, reduced price student breakfast is .40

School Employee lunch is 2.25

Non-employee lunch is 3.00

The food service department will do their very best to accommodate any child who needs to be on a special diet. However, before we can make that accommodation, a written statement must be on file in our office from the child's physician explaining what accommodations are needed.

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# Six new ways to look up-to-date this fall

Want to know just what to look for when you're shopping for fall? A leading women's specialty retailer offers some great tips on classic looks and hot new trends for Fall '98.

Great-looking pleated

kilts hail the return to the classics. Choose yours in solid colors or plaids, then pair it with a new twin sweater set for a very up-to-the-minute look. Or, add a crisp white poplin shirt to

look. Layer one of the new lightweight flyaway sweaters on top of a tank, and you've still got another way to update your look and expand your wardrobe without breaking your budget.

Best looks on campus as well as on the street are the very all-American looks. Plaid shirts are worn over mocks or turtlenecks, layered with stripe-trimmed sleeveless vests, and worn with khakis or denims. Bring the whole look together with a sweater tossed over the shoulder or better yet, wrapped and tied around the waist.

Sports looks are still hot, even for those who aren't inclined toward sports. Pants with side stripes, shirts with chest stripes, and stripe-trimmed sleeveless vests are key to that active, casual look you'll want in your wardrobe. Watch for new long t-shirt dressed with horizontal chest stripes in this same sporty style.

It's not just fall without a new pair of denims and this year, your choices are greater than ever. Wide legs and flares are favorites, but jeans with carpenter details and overalls are important looks, too. The biggest denim news is color. Dark indigo blue is back, and the darker, the better.

Something else you'll want to look for is at least one new thing in gray. That's right. Gray. After many years of being overlooked, this year, the color gray is definitely in the fashion spotlight.

The fashion experts are calling it "the new black," for its ability to either stand

alone or work with another color such as wine, khaki or olive. Try it.

Whether your look is All-American, sporty, casual or schoolgirl, combining the best of the classics with some of the newer trends can give you a whole closet-full of options for fall.



With school just around the corner, this young man is ready to rock as the Nike name will be one to remember for the coming year. (photo by Cindy Yates)



## The Fall Look

Martin's Department Store provided the fall look for Bethany Joseph, Missy Martin, Kari Ross and Ramanda Music as the girls picked out the "looks to be seen in" for the 1998-99 school year. (photo by Cindy Yates)



Missy Martin and Bethany Joseph look for earrings to go with their sportswear at Martin's. (photo by Cindy Yates)

# Dress codes and conduct

by Cindy Yates  
Special Sections  
Coordinator

With the advent of the site-based councils, many decisions regarding student codes and conduct regulations have been set school-by-school, making it impossible to print a county-wide

list of acceptable and unacceptable conduct or dress, according to school board officials.

However, we took a sample of parts of dress codes from three Floyd County schools to give you a general idea of what's hot and what's not.

### THE DRESS CODE

The three dress codes surveyed were Allen Elementary, Allen Central High School and Betsy Layne High School, and they agreed on one thing: if it is form-fitting to the extent of showing anatomical-correctness, don't wear it.

"Dressing in clothes that are form-fitting detracts from the learning process", according to one booklet.

Shorts and dresses/skirts usually were required to be at least mid-thigh length; or, the length of the clothing must extend at least the length of a student's hand at their side. Pants, while they can have holes in them in some places, cannot have holes in the thigh areas.

Pants should not reveal the undergarments; therefore, the popular look of those waistline-below-the-

stomach in the pants look is not a good thing to try at school.

Sheer clothing needs to be worn overtop of something else; clothing with ads or logos denoting alcohol, drugs, gangs, or obscene language is a definite no-go.

The following items are all in the three code books as inappropriate dress. If you are unsure of whether your school may allow one or more of these things, always check with school personnel first. Remember - when in doubt, don't.

- hats or bandannas.
- tube tops.
- spaghetti strap dresses or shirts.
- shirts or dresses which expose the midriff of the stomach.
- wallet or belly chains.
- pants in "sag".
- boxer shorts exposed or worn as outer clothing.
- biker shorts, unless worn under clothing.
- no strapless shirts.
- sunglasses inside the buildings.
- chains, dogcollars or handcuffs.

Again, we remind you that these are a sampling of the dress codes at three of

our county's public schools. Parents can call their principals or counselors if they have questions, or each school should be able to provide a dress code and conduct booklet soon after the year begins.

### ON CONDUCT

Conduct definitions are difficult to come by; they are as diverse as the individuals they are meant to guide.

One thing is sure, there will be a zero-tolerance policy regarding the possession of drugs, alcohol or weapons in the schools.

Counselors and faculty members work closely with local law officials on providing training and education sessions for youth on the dangers and issues they face.

Your individual principal or guidance counselor, as well as the family resource center in your area, are your best information sources to contact if you have questions about conduct and behavior.

Remember, someone who can and will answer your questions is only a phone call or web page away.



### Clothes make the man!

Third grader Ricky Bolen and his sisters, Tabatha Hill (second grade), Kimberly Bolen (second grade), Stephanie Hill (sixth grade) and Chrissy Hill (fifth grade), all go to Osborne Elementary. On this particular day, Ricky took the girls along on a fashion consult but relied mainly on his male intuition to choose his school clothes. (photo by Rita Brock)

# Students bring new trends back to school

Studies show that today's children become conscious of trends as early as kindergarten. For them, being "in style" means being their own person. So, how can parents support their children's need for individual expression?

This back-to-school season, parents will see their children taking an active role in selecting what they wear and what school supplies

they carry. With many students conforming to dress codes, uniforms and, of course, school rules and regulations, their need to express individuality grows. As a result, everything from backpacks, pens, notebooks and planners will help students stand out from the crowd, according to Dana Walker, marketing manager at Mead School Products, the nation's largest manufacturer of school supplies.

As children's trend-watchers, the company sees significant activity in cause-related motivators, color choices, active lifestyles and appreciation for quality products.

**Awareness** — It's their world and their future, say most students today.

**Increasing** numbers of children are becoming conscious of today's environmental and socio-economic problems in the world. In fact, a third of children ages 8 to 12 say they volunteered five or more times last year, and 60 percent say that they plan on doing even more this year.

Children are championing causes of all kinds. For some, world hunger tops their list of concerns. For others, saving

the whales is paramount.

Today's children, however, don't just talk about their causes, they express them on the clothes they wear and the school supplies they carry. Children concerned for animals, for example, can carry school supplies featuring photographs of bald eagles, dolphins, polar bears and even raccoons, like those in Mead's Zoosters® line. Those who like exotic animals can carry Mead's line of celestially-inspired artwork from Schim Schimmel.

**Colors** — Bright colors are showing up everywhere. From "neolime-mania" shoes to "jumpin' geranium" nail color, vibrant is here big time.

"The shift to bolder colors indicates that students feel they can express their individuality through their clothing, accessories and cosmetics too," says Walker.

Children also can make a color statement with their school supplies. Shades of green, red, blue and grape splashed on coordinated binders, backpacks and even lunch totes on Mead's Five Star® Sport line will make a colorful impact this school year.

**Activity** — Sports figures always have been popular with students, but today's sports stars, like ice-skater Tara Lipinski, golfer Tiger Woods and race-car driver Kyle Petty bring a new feeling of accessibility to the world of sports. In addition, the recent creation of the WNBA brings hope to aspiring female basketball players who want to make professional basketball a career.

One way children can bring sports into the classroom is with their school

supplies. Those who want the fast-paced excitement of racing, for example, simply can bring to class any of Mead's line of officially-licensed Hot Wheels notebooks or folders that will allow them to stay organized around the clock.

Student athletes, meanwhile, juggle classes, homework assignments, and practice and game schedules. To stay ahead of the game, they need a student day-planner to list schedules, tests and deadlines, and an oversized backpack with plenty of pockets for books and clean socks.

With this sporty attitude, they relate to athletic lines of school supplies, like Mead's Reebok® line of binders and other accessories.

**Quality** — As students get older, their concern for fitting the trend is not as powerful as their need for getting the products that best meet their needs and budgets. In fact, studies show that 63 percent of teens say what makes a brand cool is its quality. Products need to meet the highest standards for quality and durability, especially for college students on a tight budget.

Sturdy backpacks, like those in Mead's Five Star XLTM line, continue to be a necessity for children who like to store all their worldly valuables in one place. Since these backpacks come with a lifetime guarantee, even the most active college freshman can count on having the same backpack through graduation, and beyond.

Mead school supplies can be found at local discount stores, drugstores, grocery stores, college bookstores, warehouse clubs or office superstores.



Trina Tackett, a senior, went shopping at Fashion Cents for back-to-school jeans. (photo by Rita Brock)



Allen Elementary fifth grader William Jarrell went to Shoe Show for those new kicks which are mandatory for anyone going back-to-school. Helping William is his dad, William Jarrell, of Cow Creek. (photo by Rita Brock)

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# County's Family/Youth Resource Center guide

The following is a list of the Family Resource/ Youth Services Centers in the Floyd County School System:

## ADAMS MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH

**SERVICE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Michelle Keathley  
 Assistant: Sheila Allen  
 Phone # 606-88-9812  
 Fax # 606-886-7026  
 Address: P0 Box 938, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**ALLEN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Kelly Deborde  
 Secretary: Linda Nichols  
 Phone # 606-358-3048  
 Fax # 606-358-9247  
 Address: P0 Box 139, Eastern, KY 41622

Allen, KY 41601  
**BETSY LAYNE ELEMENTARY FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Brian Akers  
 Assistant: Diane Akers  
 Greenleaf  
 After School Child Care  
 Director: Charlotte Rogers  
 FRYSC Nurse: Debra Hayes  
 Phone # 606-478-5550  
 Fax# 606-478-5550  
 Address: Box 595, Betsy Layne, KY

Coordinator: Judy Handshoe  
 Assistant: Recilla Fraley  
 After School Child Care  
 Director: Elizabeth Isaac  
 Phone # 606-358-9878  
 Fax# 606-358-9878  
 Address: P0 Box 120, Eastern, KY 41622

Coordinator: Darren Newsome  
 Assistant: Anita Tackett  
 Child Care Director: Lisa Bentley  
 Child Care Aide: Teresa Evans  
 Phone # 606-452-2233  
 Fax# 606-587-2233  
 Address: 6808 KY 979, Grethel, KY 41631

## Head Start Program

by Cindy Yates  
 Special Sections  
 Coordinator

August 11 will see the open house and orientation of the Floyd County Headstart Program at your local Head Start center at each school.

Open house will be held at the following locations, in the Headstart room: Allen, Betsy Layne, Clark, McDowell, May Valley, Osborne, Prestonsburg and Stumbo Elementaries.

Classes will begin on the 13th, and will be held Monday through Thursday, from 8-1:30 p.m. Each child is given breakfast, lunch and a snack.

Due to school consolidations and closings, some locations have changed and may still change, according

to school board officials:  
 • Auxier Headstart is now located at Prestonsburg Elementary.  
 • Melvin Headstart is now located at Osborne Elementary.  
 • Sections or all of the Duff program may be located at McDowell Elementary. The family support staff will be visiting your home to discuss with you any changes and to inform you of your location. As school will begin August 13, if you have not received a visit to inform you of the plans for your child by August 10, call the school. Parents must walk their children to the small buses that transport them to the school, and be there at the bus stop at the end of the day.

**ALLEN CENTRAL MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER**  
 Coordinator" LaDonna Patton  
 Secretary" Marilyn Bailey  
 Address" P0 Box 129, Eastern, KY 41622  
 Phone # 606-358-9420

**ALLEN ELEMENTARY FAMILY RESOURCE YOUTH SERVICE CENTER**  
 Coordinator" Cathy Campbell  
 Office Clerk" Katherine Garrett  
 After School Child Care Director" Sharon Sparr  
 After School Child Care Aide" Michael Peters  
 Phone # 606-874-0621  
 Fax # 606-874-0603  
 Address 480 Eagle Lane,

**CLARK ELEMENTARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Pam Meyer  
 Secretary: Olie Smith  
 After School Child Care  
 Director: Teresa Crager  
 After School Child Care Aides: Sandy Yeisley & Loray Hutchins  
 Phone # 606-886-0815  
 Fax # 606-886-2705  
 Address: 140 Clark Lane, Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**MAY VALLEY ELEMENTARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Donna Samons  
 Assistant: Karen Goble  
 Phone # 606-285-0321  
 Fax # 606-285-9842  
 Address: P0 Box 1422, Martin, KY 41649

**MCDOWELL ELEMENTARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Clara Johnson  
 Secretary: Melissa Little  
 Part-time secretary: Sharon Cross  
 Phone # 606-377-2678  
 Fax # 606-377-0497  
 Address: P0 Box 282, McDowell, KY

**MUD CREEK COMMUNITY FAMILY RESOURCE/YOUTH SERVICE CENTER**

**NEW HORIZONS YOUTH SERVICE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Meredith Campbell  
 Assistant: Carolyn Clark  
 Phone # 606-478-3389  
 Fax# 606-478-3389  
 Address: P0 Box 437, Betsy Layne, KY 41631

**PRESTONSBURG ELEMENTARY FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Rebial Reynolds  
 Assistant: Joyce Blackburn  
 Child Care Director: Betty Haley  
 Child Care Aide: Melody Johnson  
 Phone # 606-886-7088  
 Fax # 660-886-2667  
 Address: 121 N. Lake Dr., Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**PRESTONSBURG HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Karen Vaughan  
 Assistant coordinator: Sharon Collins  
 Phone # 606-889-0134  
 Address: 25 Blackcat Blvd., Prestonsburg, KY 41653

**RAINBOW JUNCTION FAMILY RESOURCE/YOUTH SERVICE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Eric Lawson  
 Assistant: Karen Williams  
 Phone# 606-452-4553  
 Fax# 606-452-4553  
 Address: Box 250, Bypro, KY 41612

**SOUTH FLOYD HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SERVICE CENTER**  
 Coordinator: Keith Smallwood  
 Assistant: Mable Hall  
 Phone # 606-452-9303  
 Fax # 606-452-9303  
 Address: P0 Box 310, Hi Hat, KY 41636

## The extra edge

by Cindy Yates  
 Special Sections  
 Coordinator

Students who demonstrate proficiency in general intellectual ability may be eligible for Floyd County School Systems' Talented and Gifted (TAG) program.

The state Department of Education recommends that 25 percent of primary (K-3) students be identified for the primary talent pool, and 15 percent of the population of grades 4 to 12 be identified for the program. There are 958 TAG students in the county identified as of the last school year.

"Gifted students are a unique segment of Floyd County's school population, who, because of their abilities for advanced achievement, need educational opportunities different from those available through the regular school program to realize their potential. The nature of these students requires an education that differs significantly in the quality of experiences provided for them in order to stimulate and chal-

lenge them to maximum achievement," according to Susan Compton, with the Floyd County School Board.

Children must have scored in the upper ten percent on an IQ test, and are chosen by a committee of instructors.

The program received a mini-grant for the last semester. This money was used to serve the musically-gifted program for students in grades 4-8, entitled CRATE (create, record, and talent enrichment).

At the high school level, students can shadow business and community persons and receive high school credit for their efforts with them.

Other offerings for students in grades 9-12 are classes through long-distance learning. This is an interactive class which students view via satellite, and includes instructional classes such as German, Latin, Physics and English.

With the exception of academic competitions and optional extracurricular offerings, services are provided during regular school hours.

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# First day

(Continued from page five)

anticipating her first day of high school. Kelly, who celebrated her 14th birthday yesterday, said she is excited about meeting new people but concerned about having teachers

she doesn't know and classes where she doesn't know what to expect.

"I'm glad we'll have lockers," Kelly said. "We've never had them, before. And I'm

looking forward to going to high school football games, play-

## It's like starting all over

ing in the band, and things like that. But it will feel strange being in the new group, you know, the youngest

group. It's like starting all over. But it won't be too bad because I'll have a lot of friends in the same situation. I guess it will be pretty cool."



Kelly Blackburn

# Preventive actions can ease troubles associated with lice

by Cindy Yates  
Special Sections  
Coordinator

Head lice - the pesky critters which make your head itch just thinking about them. The equal-opportunity parasite that can attack anyone, regardless of age or social status.

This is the time of the year when lice infestation seems most prevalent. Contrary to popular belief, lice cannot jump or fly therefore direct contact is the method of transmitting the pests from person-to-person.

Before your child gets on the school bus that very first

morning, all parents are encouraged by county health officials to check the heads of their children using a fine-toothed comb to look for the tiny bugs or their eggs, which are found close to the scalp and are called nits.

Once your child has become infected, don't feel badly. At some point in time, almost everyone (whether they admit it or not) has had to deal with this problem.

Symptoms include itching of the scalp, which may be accompanied by red bite marks or scratches on the scalp or neck. In severe cases swollen neck or underarm glands may also be an indica-

tor. County health officials suggest any child who is seen scratching his scalp frequently be checked immediately.

If one member of a family is found to be infected, all members must undergo treatment, at the same time. Treatment involves a two-step process: a shampoo or conditioner is now available that kills the pests on contact, and then using a comb developed especially to remove nits. The shampoo must be repeated in 7-10 days; the creme rinse is used only once. Nits adhere to the shaft of the hair, so rinsing will not

(See Lice, page 21)

## What to do if your child comes home with head lice:

Don't panic. Anyone — adult or youngster — can get head lice. Head lice are passed from person to person by direct contact or on shared objects (combs, towels, headphones, etc.). *It has nothing to do with cleanliness and does not reflect poorly on you as a parent.* The problem is easily managed. Just follow the instructions below:

### 1. Check every member of the family.

Look for tiny white eggs (nits) on hair shafts, near the scalp, especially at the nape of the neck and behind the ears. Head lice are small grayish-tan insects without wings. Any family member with lice or nits must be treated.



### 4. Wash clothes, bed linens, and towels.

Use hot water and dry on hot cycle for at least 20 minutes. Items not machine washable must be dry cleaned or stored at room temperature in a tightly sealed plastic bag for at least two weeks. Items such as headphones and helmets should be similarly bagged and stored.



### 2. Use an effective head lice treatment.

Several are available without a prescription. The creme rinse requires just one application and protects against reinfestation for up to two weeks. Shampoo treatments require a second application 7-10 days after the first, are less effective, and offer no extended protection. Ask your pharmacist for more information.



### 5. Soak combs, brushes, etc. in hot water.

The hotter the better, but at least 130° F. Items should be allowed to soak for 5-10 minutes.



### 3. Remove all nits.

Gently comb the child's hair with the special nit removal comb. These combs are usually provided with the lice treatment products.



### 6. Vacuum everywhere.

To make sure the rest of your home is louse free, you should vacuum, carpets, pillows, mattresses, upholstered furniture, and even the car seats.



Head lice cannot survive without a human host. They cannot survive on family pets. Choose an effective treatment, use as directed, and perform the steps listed above to eliminate head lice from your home and to help prevent their spread in the community.

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# Family Resource Center objectives

The goal of the Family Resource/Youth Service Centers is to remove non-cognitive barriers to children's learning, and promote the flow of resources and support to students and their families. This is done by providing community services at the centers and/or by linking families to agencies.

**General Goals:**

Promote health growth and development of children by helping families to identify and address any home or

community barriers to a child's school success.

**Help families develop parenting skills.**

Assure that families have access to appropriate community resources. If the resources are not available, then the centers are to provide them.

Encourage social support links to reduce isolation and promote family involvement in community activities.

**Promote maximum parent and family involvement**

**as providers, participants and volunteers in centers.**

FRYSC'S is mandated to meet the following components:

- Full-time pre-school child care;
- After-school child care;
- Families in Training;
- Parent and Child Education;
- Support and Training for daycare providers;
- Health Services or Referral to Health Services;
- Referrals to health and

- social services;
  - Employment counseling, training and placement;
  - Summer and part-time job development; and
  - Drug and alcohol abuse counseling; and Family crisis and mental health counseling. (Optional Components)
- If the need is in the community the following are available:
- Outreach services for at-risk families;
  - Community services;
  - Peer support groups for

- students;
- Parent support groups;
- Newsletter/public awareness/community communications;
- Clothing and food assistance;
- Summer camp/enrichment program;
- Parental Involvement and Parental Consent;

- Giving parents more information about children's success in school;
- Helping parents feel more welcome in the school;
- Helping students understand that having their parents involved is important, and
- Having more activities that include children, parents and teachers.

## Title IV; program to safety

The "Title IV: Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Program" is a district-wide federally funded program. The purpose is to provide the Floyd County School System with support and assistance in the prevention of violence and drug abuse. The following components make up the Title IV program:

- Assist schools with a county-wide drug prevention curriculum for the classroom.
- Assist in drug abuse and violence prevention training for staff.
- Provide programs to supplement the existing drug

abuse prevention curriculum.

- To assist principals in enforcing the students' code of conduct with violence and drug abuse prevention.
- To assist parents and the community in networking with other prevention providers in the community.
- To provide parents with training in prevention (drug abuse and violence) programs.
- To assist and support family resource and youth service programs.
- To continue a relationship with all areas of the media in drug abuse and violence prevention.
- To assist with the

D.A.R.E. Program.

- To intervene and provide referral services for any student who may need assistance with drug abuse.
- The Title IV program is a community-based program, and needs your support in this most important job of taking care of our children. Ms. Lola B. Ratliff is the Title IV coordinator, and the office is located at old Allen Elementary School. If you would like more information on Title IV programs, please contact Ms. Ratliff at 606-874-0357.
- During the past eight years, I have worked closely with school administrators,

teachers, parents and students in the Floyd County System to implement programs such as Talking With Your Kids About Alcohol (TWYKAA), Talking With Your Students About Alcohol (TWYSAA), self esteem and Page 3 Conflict Resolution, Anger Management, Violence Prevention, Project Alert, Project Party, Peer Resistance, Red Ribbon Week and Discover Skills For Life.

Our children are the most important assets of our lives. Parents need to be involved in their children's lives, and need to provide a positive role model. The children need to know that choices they make now regarding alcohol and drugs may effect the rest of their lives.

## Lice

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remove them; they must be combed out.

At the same time, clothing and bedclothes as well as furniture must be sprayed with a product designed to kill any lice that may have strayed onto them.

Contrary to popular belief, the family dog or cat is safe from treatment since household pets do not transmit lice.


Your child will be sent home if they are found by school personnel to be infected with lice. This trauma can be avoided if parents take the necessary screening precautions before they send them on their way each day.

A form must be filled out by a family physician or health department official before they will be allowed to return to school if they are found to be infected.

School nurse Jennifer Martin suggests parents call their principal if they find out their child is infected. Chances are they are not the only one.

Three new attendance officials have been added to the system; therefore absenteeism is not a good idea over a situation such as this which may be easily remedied.

Don't let lice interfere with your child's back-to-school adventure. Remember - if they are found to be infected, they have to come back home.



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# Discipline taking a new route in Floyd schools

by Cindy Yates  
Special Sections  
Coordinator

A new committee for Floyd schools, called the Safe Schools Committee, has been formed.

Interim Floyd County School superintendent Mike King said "the safety of our children is our first concern. It is of utmost importance. Then comes their education. Somewhere in there, though, is our responsibility to teach them that it is not okay to make threats.

"We will pursue threats now more than ever before," King said.

It is chaired by May Valley Elementary principal Carole Combs, and the committee is responsible for revising the district's discipline policies, as well as encouraging each individual school to revise and update their handbooks.

No uniform code of conduct had been made public as of presstime, Tuesday, but the committee vows to make sure that the district's policy "meshes with that of House Bill 330," according to Combs.

In the bill, the general assembly established a center for school safety from where the idea for the committee

was derived. The mission for the center is to "be the central point for data analysis; research; dissemination of information about successful school safety programs; research results and new programs," according to the bill.

Goals set forth by the school safety center are to "provide program development and implementation expertise and technical support to schools, law enforcement agencies and communities; research and evaluate school safety programs to schools and communities so they are better able to address specific needs; promote the formation of interagency efforts to address discipline and other safety issues in collaboration with post secondary education institutions and with local juvenile delinquency prevention councils, and to provide an annual report each year to the Governor and the Kentucky Board of Education.

"We want to get violence out of our schools," Combs said. "We need to take action all of the time when something comes up. We want parents to know that their kids are safe when they are at school," she said.

Combs said that kids also need to take responsibility for their actions and their

statements. "You cannot decide what is and what is not an idle threat or action. Kids need to understand that there are ways we will deal with threats and inappropriate behavior," Combs said.

One method of dealing with behavior problems is to "remove children who cannot immediately function in regular classrooms and place them in an alternative setting," according to Combs. One such setting is an alternative school located on the old Garth Vocational campus, called Opportunities Unlimited.

This setting provides a more stringent one-to-one interaction between instructors and students as the classrooms are smaller.

This school is for high school-aged students, only. Policies regarding younger children are implemented within the individual facilities, with focus on more parental involvement and stressing that if you break a rule, then you will be punished.

"Funding is now available for the existing alternative school, as well as some money for establishing another facility in the future for Floyd County students," Combs said.

## New Hepatitis B Shot

by Cindy Yates  
Special Sections  
Coordinator

Hepatitis B (HBV) is an infection of the liver caused by the Hepatitis virus, but there is a vaccine that will prevent this infection.

It is estimated that about 300,000 adults and children in the nation become infected with one or the other each year. More than 10,000 are hospitalized and 250 die. A majority of these deaths are due to liver failure.

"The virus itself is very infectious," said school health nurse Jennifer Martin said. "The treatment is quite expensive and there is no known cure."

HBV is passed from one person to another in blood or body secretions. Sharing toothbrushes, needles, razors or having sexual relations are primary methods of

transmission. Tattooing and body piercing are other ways HBV may enter someone's bloodstream.

Since 1991, the Center for Disease Control has recommended the HBV vaccine to stem this ever-growing disease.

Actually, anyone may become infected with HBV. One out of every 20 persons in the nation will become infected at some time, therefore it is important that every infant become immunized against HBV.

Some persons may become chronic carriers of the disease after becoming exposed themselves, and not even demonstrate symptoms of the HBV. This is why it is so important that you educate yourself, as a parent, as to the specifics of the disease and decide what is in the best interest of your family for vaccinating your chil-

dren.

While newborns are not required to be immunized, many physicians recommend it be done. Your local health department has literature regarding the disease and will immunize your child with your approval.

### Walk-in Day

The Floyd County Health Department office in Prestonsburg will be having a walk-in day for immunizations only August 3-14 from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. A parent or guardian must come with the child and bring a copy of the entire immunization record. Any child needing a school physical must make an appointment. Walk-ins are for immunizations, only.



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## Is Your Child Ready For School?

State law requires all students to have certain records on file at school.

### ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS:

**Pre-School and Kindergarten** (3-year-old special needs, 4-year-old special needs and income eligible)

1. Children attending kindergarten must be 5 years old by October 1, 1998.
2. Must have an official birth certificate. (Must be full-size.)
3. Valid Kentucky immunization certificate.
4. Medical examination (KDE approved form 1671-410).
5. All Kindergarten enrollees and 4-year-old children attending pre-school must have a second dose of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) immunization before entering school.
6. **NEW REQUIREMENT.** YOUR CHILD CANNOT ENROLL INTO PRIMARY SCHOOL (KINDERGARTEN) FOR THE 98-99 SCHOOL YEAR UNLESS THEY HAVE MET THESE REQUIREMENTS.  
\*Children born October 1, 1992 or later, will be required to have 3 doses of Hepatitis B at Kindergarten entry or to have begun the series of 3 doses of Hepatitis B immunizations which will be completed within 6 months of entry into Kindergarten.

These items must be completed and the proper certificate for each item submitted to the school principal on the opening day of school.

### 6th Grade

1. A second dose of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) immunization. (Immunization certificate must list all shot dates.)
2. A physical examination on KDE approved form.

### High School

TD (tetanus and diphtheria) vaccination needed in high school when immunization certificate has expired. ALL SHOTS must be listed on the immunization certification to be valid.

The Floyd County Health Department will take walk-ins for immunizations Monday thru Friday, August 3-14, 7:30-3:00 p.m. for school children only. For more information, call 886-2788. These services may also be provided by your private doctor.

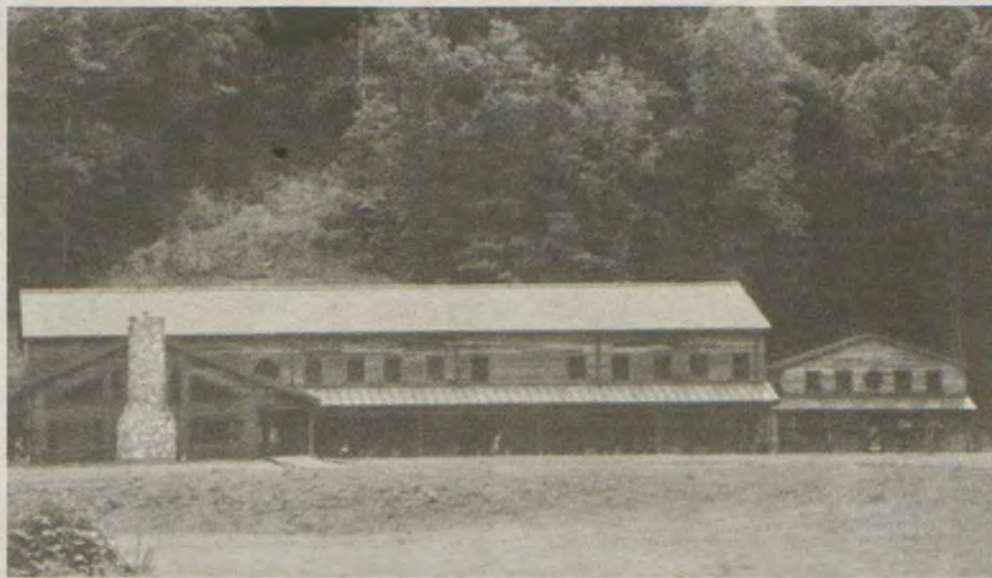
Students who fail to meet these requirements cannot be allowed to enroll in school or begin classes.

For further information, contact  
Jennifer C. Martin,  
District Health Coordinator/School Nurse  
located at central office, 886-2354, ext. 518.

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The David School

# The David School; an alternative

by Cindy Yates  
Special Section  
Coordinator

For a quarter of a century the David School has been active, helping young people who, for some reason, think they are not as capable as others their age, discover that they can succeed.

Started in 1974, this is an alternative high school to serve individuals who have

dropped out of public school or who are at risk of dropping out.

Students who have basic skills below average receive tutoring, and an individualized curriculum in academics fits perfectly with later vocational training.

Future planning is stressed before they graduate. The students must set goals and follow through with enrollment in either college

or vocational school.

Fees are based on the ability to pay; all students participate in a work-study program to defray costs.

In addition to the high school, literacy tutoring is offered along with a preschool and family learning program.

The school is a non-profit, non-denominational school with funding coming from donations and grants.

# MCA: A different approach

by Cindy Yates  
Special Sections  
Coordinator

The Mountain Christian Academy was established in 1983 as an academically-enriched learning experience for students.

Their mission is to provide a quality education in a Christian environment, promoting moral and ethical values as well as an academically structured curriculum.

There is no public funding, but no student will be

denied admission due to inability to pay. Each parent is required to work 10 service hours at the school each semester, or pay \$100 in lieu of the hours. A grant program is available to help parents defray tuition costs.

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