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Police arrest fugitive

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

A fugitive wanted on charges in the state of Indiana has been uncovered by Floyd county lawmen.

Ronnie D. Terry, 45, who lists a Wayland address, was arrested by the Kentucky State Police on charges of fourth-degree assault, domestic violence and driving under the influence.

While lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center, Lt. Ricky Thornsberry ran Terry's identification through the National Crime Information Center and learned that Terry was wanted by the state of Indiana on charges of non-support of a dependent child, a felony charge.

The information was released on a bulletin originating from the Noble County Sheriff's Office in Albion. A governor's warrant had been issued against Terry.

The fugitive has since been extradited to the state of Indiana.

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Colorful preview...



photo by Willie Elliott

Although autumn has been with us for less than a week, a pair of trees along Friend Street in Prestonsburg is giving a preview of the fall colors which will soon paint the hillsides of eastern Kentucky.

PCC prez candidates down to three

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

The list is down to three. Members of the Prestonsburg Community College board of directors met with Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, on Monday to pare their list

of candidates for the school's new president.

The three candidates are Dr. Paul R. Brown, dean of Findlay Campus Programs, Owens Community College in Findlay, Ohio; Dr. George D. Edwards, dean of Instruction and Student Services at Lord Fairfax Community College, Middletown, Va.; and Dr. G. Devin Stephenson,

dean of students at Beville State Community College, Sumiton, Ala.

The candidates are vying for the presidential position that was vacated by the retirement of Dr. Deborah Floyd. Dr. Charles Stebbins is currently acting as interim president.

The members opened the meeting

(See PCC, page two)

Varias to fund books

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

The Varia Family Foundation continues to extend its support of education in the area.

Dr. Chandra Varia told members of the Floyd County Board of Education Monday night that her family's philanthropy will buy higher education textbooks for young women who have participated in the RESPECT program and complete high school without getting pregnant.

The physician and her veterinarian husband, Dr. Mahendra Varia, along with other family members, already give scholarships to students whom Dr. Chandra delivered during her years as an obstetrician.

The RESPECT program is coordinated by Our Lady of the Way

Hospital in Martin for sixth and seventh grade female students in three county schools. It stresses postponing sexual activity, building self-esteem, and furthering educational goals.

Dr. Chandra said more than 300 young women who have participated in the program are slated to be graduated from high school next spring. Her new project will spend an estimated \$400 for textbooks for each girl who goes on to college or technical school, starting next year.

The fund is opening with \$20,000 from the Varias, but the physician said she is hoping to increase it with donations from other individuals and organizations.

Board member Johnnie Ross questioned why there is not a similar program for boys, and Dr. Chandra said she believes the hospital is working on such a program.



photo by Pam Shingler

Dr. Chandra Varia informs the board of education of her plan to pay for textbooks for young women who complete the RESPECT program and graduate from high school without having a child.

Rogers' tourism plan gets good review

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

A comprehensive tourism plan unveiled by U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers Monday in Somerset at the Center for Rural Development is receiving an enthusiastic response locally.

The plan, outlined to a consortium of tourism officials and business and civic leaders that gathered for the event, proposes to encompass a 40-county region of southern and eastern Kentucky, launching a major and collective effort to energize the region's tourism economy.

Rogers said that the plan will serve as a blueprint to promote tourism, build new businesses and create jobs in the region.

The detailed plan was presented by John Whiteman, of the nationally recognized tourism development firm Whiteman and Taintor. The plan identifies challenges that face the region in attracting tourism trade, but it also proposes solutions to meet those challenges.

Among the solutions is a proposal of a regional tourism coordinating team based at the Center for Rural Development. The team would use a

comprehensive marketing strategy to promote the region. It would also support local tourism projects and help to develop the growing "heritage tourism" market.

"This plan creates a tourism strategy that's similar to the PRIDE campaign — bringing people together to support and enhance local tourism projects while lifting up the entire 40-county region," Rogers said.

"It is an excellent plan — one of the best reviews of our tourism industry in eastern Kentucky conducted

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Responsibility for tattered texts goes back to school

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

Books took precedence over athletic complexes at Monday night's 5-1/2-hour meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education, which took place at McDowell Elementary School.

District Three board member Jeff Stumbo, who had just taken office that day, waved a tattered textbook he said a student had shown him during a recent visit to John M. Stumbo Elementary School.



"A child asked me, 'Can we get some books?'" the new board member said, holding the book, which was missing its covers and several pages, in the air.

But Joyce Watson, system textbook coordinator, put the responsibility for textbook orders back on the school.

"We have allocated more than \$800,000 for textbooks over the last two years," Watson said. "We have spent more in the past two years than in all the last 10, to my knowledge."

She said that the central office has a rotation for buying books, based on subject, but she indicated that if the request had been made to replace books at the Grethel school, it would likely have been approved.

"Did anyone at John M. Stumbo ask for the book?" asked Jody Mullins, District Five board member.

"Not during my tenure," replied Watson, who has been responsible for textbooks for two years.

"If they haven't asked, then how do we hold these people accountable?" Mullins asked, referring to school administrators and members of the site-based decision making councils (SBDM) which plan and submit budgets for individual schools.

"We're only as good as the (SBDM) councils tell us," said state manager Woody Carter.

Jeff Stumbo said he was "not looking to fix the blame, but we need to fix the problem."

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Hall's daughter appointed to fill PVA position

Times Staff Report

The Floyd County Property Valuation Administrator's Office will be staying in the family.

Gov. Paul Patton has appointed Connie J. Hancock to be Floyd County's next PVA.

Hancock takes over a post held by her father, Lovel Hall, for 27 years. The position became vacant with Hall's death on August 28, three days before his retirement.

In addition to being Hall's daughter, Hancock is no stranger to the PVA's office, having served as a deputy there for the past 10 years.

Hancock was selected from a list of eight people who had passed a qualifying exam. The others included Janice B. Allen, Paula S. Layne, Debra K. McKinney, Glen D. May II, Russell Shepherd, Barry K. Spurlock and Michael D. Vance.

Hancock is a 1987 graduate of Allen Central High School who attended Prestonsburg Community College. She is married to Rick Hancock and has two daughters, Brittany and Kayla.

In a statement, Hancock said she will follow in her father's footsteps by continuing to offer "the same courteous service to all Floyd Countians."

Hancock will be administered the oath of office at 4 p.m. Thursday in the Floyd County Courthouse. That ceremony is open to the public.

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Board

District One board member Johnnie Ross, who was chairing the meeting in the absence of Terry Dotson, said the situation points out the responsibility of board members to "monitor the site-based meetings" in their district.

"The KSBA (Kentucky School Boards Association) tells me it is incumbent on board members to monitor SBDM meetings and hold them accountable for the decisions they make," Ross said.

Stumbo Elementary was also the subject of extensive discussion regarding renovations.

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Parent Bernardo Maldonado distributed a list of needs for the school and made a plea that work begin soon. A new roof is the number one priority, followed by eight additional classrooms, a gymnasium, new lighting, heating and air conditioning, remodeling of the kitchen and library, additional staff restrooms, and a fence for the property.

Maldonado said the library is being used as a classroom and some classrooms are being shared, with only flimsy dividers separating them.

District Five board member Carol Stumbo said she has visited the school and attested that "learning cannot take place" in those circumstances.

Mullins insisted that since money was already allocated to put a new roof on the building, the project be started immediately. Architect Joe Jones said he will work with state officials and prepare a work order.

The board instructed Superintendent Paul Fanning and facilities director Greg Adams to work on a site plan for correcting the school's other needs, which will likely require a financial bond.

Joe Nance, financial consultant, reported that the school system has a bonding potential of about \$7.6 million, including more than \$4 million earmarked for athletic complexes at South Floyd and Prestonsburg high schools.

"You have \$3.6 to \$3.7 million available for another project," Nance said, adding that he had been "ultra conservative" in coming up with the figure.

Regarding the athletic complexes, Adams said he is "ready to go to the Kentucky Department of Education for final approval" of construction plans.

Three district schools underwent close scrutiny of their food service operation last spring, and one was found wanting, it was revealed.

Paul McElwaine, who oversees food services for Kentucky Department of Education, said his staff reviewed the breakfast and lunch program at Betsy Layne and Stumbo elementary schools and at Allen Central High School.

He said they discovered a violation at Betsy Layne "in terms of the way meal counts are gathered." Asked if the problems have been corrected, McElwaine used an analogy of boiling water. "You put heat under water... and the molecules are active. You turn down the heat, and the action slows down."

However, he said he is encouraged that Brenda Fish, food service director for the system, is committed to visiting all the schools on a regular basis. "It's so much a matter of constant oversight," he said.

McElwaine pointed out that the local food service program handles more than \$2 million a year. "That's a significant amount of money, so it's important that documentation be there."

Fish asked the board to approve the food price schedule, which remains the same as last year's, but she also asked that the board consider offering school volunteers the same rate for meals as paid staff.

The board approved the meal rates, and Ross asked Fish to find out what the cost would be to adjust for volunteers paying the lower rate.

The board also approved the salary schedule for classified personnel. The total package will cost an additional \$134,000, according to Matt Wireman, finance director.

The package includes expanding the grade levels for pay, based on years of experience. The new sched-

ule allows for 71 percent of the classified workers to "get some type of pay increase," Wireman said.

Board members refused to approve a new grading system at Prestonsburg Elementary School, which included the assignment of letter grades at the primary level, the three years beyond kindergarten.

"I have to vote against this," said Carol Stumbo. "It is not in the spirit of the primary."

State manager Carter recommended that the board "enter into more discussion" with the principal, instructional leader and Region 8 consultant.

The board also:
■ approved the temporary funding of positions at Betsy Layne, Duff and Prestonsburg elementaries and Prestonsburg High School.

■ authorized the superintendent to approve facility use requests.

■ approved the second reading of the system budget.

■ accepted the state's offer of \$32,500 for property on Big Branch of Abbott.

■ agreed to let the SBDM at Duff Elementary decide how to use the building that used to hold water tanks.

Carter presented recommendations for the board to address some of the school system's academic concerns. He advised the board to have a work session in which members discuss specific actions and objectives for the superintendent.

He also suggested having a council of SBDM councils meeting to "air our differences."

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with a roll call, then announced the names of the three finalists and confirmed that the new president would be in supervisory position over each of the Big Sandy institutions — namely, PCC, Mayo Technical College in Paintsville, and the Pikeville Campus (a combined campus of Mayo and PCC). The board then voted to go into closed session for discussion, from which no action was taken.

Future proceedings may include a formal recommendation of a single candidate by the board of directors to President McCall, who will make the final decision. Future meetings will be announced at a later date.

Members attending the meeting were Jean R. Hale, chairman; Dr. Rodney Handshoe; Dr. Douglas E. Herman, secretary; Frank E. Salisbury, vice chairman; Jonathan Salisbury, PCC student government president; Barkley J. Sturgill; Jimmy Wright, PCC staff representative; and Robert M. Conley.



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Annexation issue concerns BOE

Times Staff Report

What's in it for us? That's the question the Floyd County Board of Education is posing to the Prestonsburg City Council.

At Monday night's regular meeting, board members agreed to ask council members how the school

system will benefit by the city's annexation plan that takes in Clark Elementary School on KY 114, west of the city.

The city has already had the first reading of the annexation ordinance. "We want to know the benefits before their second reading," said Johnnie Ross, who was acting as board chairman for the meeting.

Ross said he thinks "it's a done deal" after the second reading.

Board member Jody Mullins said the board has already paid \$40,000 to hook up to the city sewage system, and he questioned how the school would benefit from inclusion in the city.

Mullins said employees at Clark would have to pay the city's occupational tax if annexation is approved. He said he is particularly concerned about the classified workers. "If they get any more taken out of their check, they'll just get a stub," he said.

Ross instructed Pete Grigsby, assistant superintendent, to direct the city attorney to report on the benefits and to give the board five days notice before the second reading of the ordinance.

He said he wanted board members to have the chance to meet with the council and discuss the annexation proposal.

Tourism

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today," said Prestonsburg Tourism director Fred James. "It places assets and positive attributes of eastern Kentucky with regard to travel, visitors and tourists into a program for continued development and promotion. It is an excellent means for eastern Kentucky to work together in a cooperative marketing venture."

James gives further acclaim to the program in regard to the suggestion of a regional tourism office. He says that for the past five years, Prestonsburg, Paintsville and Pikeville have made attempts to merge marketing themes and the placement of the Whiteman and Taintor plan will help to create the cohesiveness they have sought.

The plan proposes the creation of seven "Corridor Teams" made up of representatives of counties, cities, tourism organizations and local businesses within each tourism corridor. The regional tourism coordinating team would support each corridor team with technical assistance, help with marketing and project development work. The regional team would also help secure funding for tourism development efforts.

The corridors named in the study include:

- The Mountain Parkway
- The Country Music Highway (U.S. 23)
- The Kingdom Come Corridor (25E/119)
- The Daniel Boone Parkway (I-66)
- The Interstate 75 Corridor
- Highway 27-Highway 90
- U.S. 80 West/I-66

According to James, the U.S. 23 corridor was the beginning of cooperative marketing with themes for regions.

Rogers secured a federal grant of \$500,000 from the federal Economic Development Administration (EDA) for The Center to develop the plan, and announced that he would work for additional funds to make it a reality.

Rogers was the keynote speaker at the event, which also featured Kentucky Tourism Secretary Ann Latta, the former Prestonsburg mayor who is a proponent of the virtues of the Big Sandy area's lakes and mountains.



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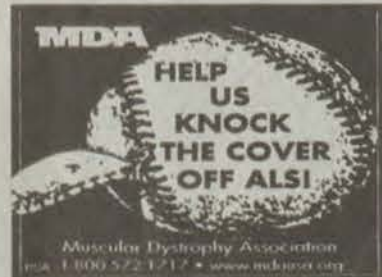
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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

What is a cynic? A man who knows the price of everything, and the value of nothing.

Oscar Wilde—

Wednesday, September 27, 2000 A4

Editorial

Making the grade

Students across the commonwealth will bring home special report cards this year that will tell all about their school.

The report cards don't give schools a letter grade but they do offer an overview of the school that is in part statistical but mostly narrative on topics that are critical to education. Tested last year in selected districts, this year they are to be issued statewide.

The report cards will provide information on how a school stacks up against the rest of the schools in its district and the rest of the state.

There will be comparative data on such things as spending per student, student-teacher ratio and the number of computers per student.

The report card will contain an explanation of how technology is used in instruction.

In the increasingly critical area of school safety, the school report cards will list the numbers of assaults, weapons and drug violations along with how many students were suspended, expelled or transferred as a result. And each school will spell out what steps are being taken for school safety.

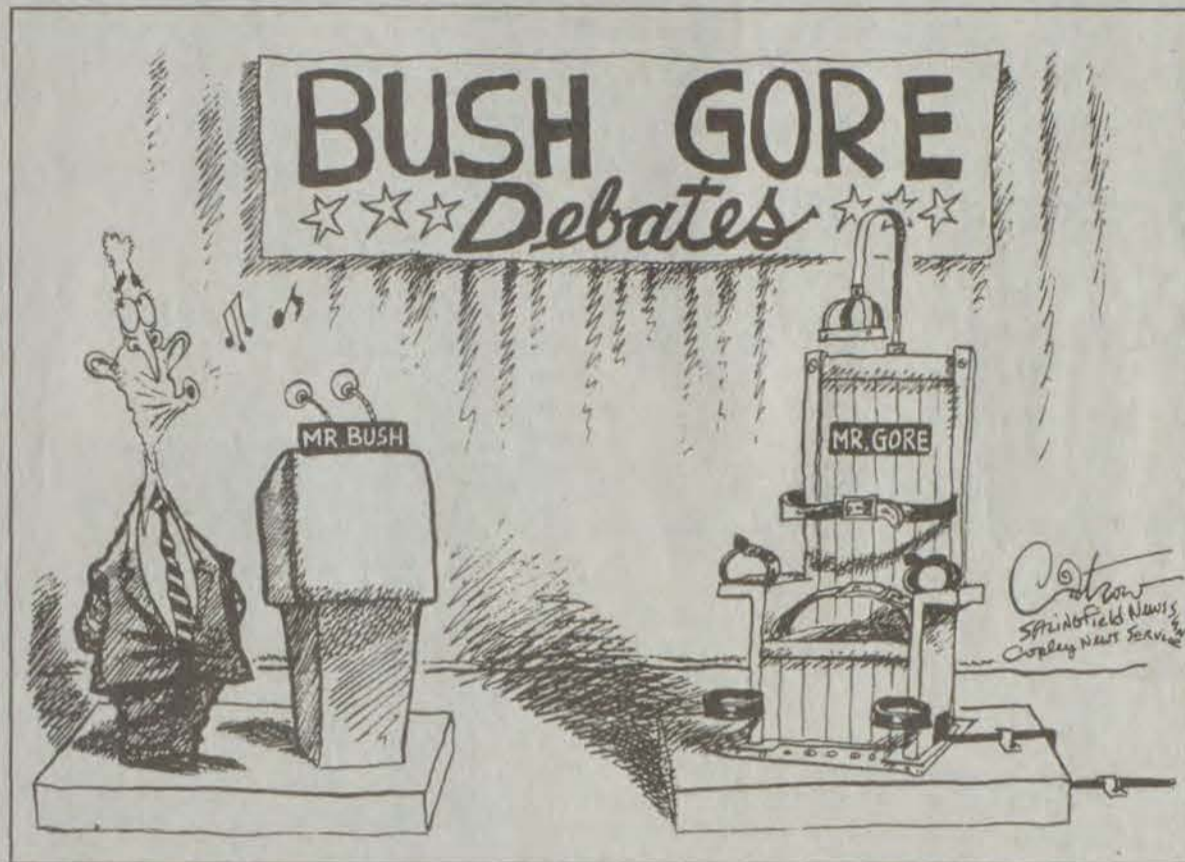
There's also a measurement of parental involvement that we hope registers with parents. That's something they have a direct hand in improving.

Finally, there will be an overview of the qualifications of the teachers, although many teachers bristled at the idea when it was proposed.

The report card will let parents know the number of teachers who are certified to teach their subject and grade level. It will tell what majors and minors the teachers pursued in college and show the percentage who have masters degrees. It also will tell how many took continuing education classes in their field in the last year and calculate each school's average number of years of teaching experience.

Parents should pay close attention to the report cards. The information provided in them can help parents better know their schools and better know the qualifications of the teachers who are charged with instructing their children.

— Kentucky Post



Letters to the Editor

Children's mental health focus of campaign

Editor:

National Child Health Day is just around the corner, and people around the country are preparing educational and promotional activities to help their communities recognize the importance of children's health issues. You can participate on October 2, by informing your readers of one very important, and often overlooked children's health issue—mental health.

And yet, children's mental health is just as important as their physical health. It is easy for parents to recognize when a child has a high fever. However, a child's mental health problem may be more difficult to identify.

Tragically, an estimated two-thirds of all young people with mental health problems are not getting the help they need. Many parents, teachers and caregivers

may not even be aware that children are suffering from these very real and painful problems.

The Caring for Every Child's Mental Health Campaign, a part of the Comprehensive Community Mental Health Services for Children and Their Families Program, sponsored by the Federal Center for Mental Health Services, is a national public education campaign emphasizing the need for attention to children's and adolescents' mental health. This National Child Health Day, we are urging families and communities to learn more about this pressing issue.

For information on the Caring for Every Child's Mental Health Campaign, contact me at 202/331-9816 or e-mail me at rjenning@vancomm.com.

Rafiq Jennings
Assistant Account Executive
National Communications Campaign

Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott
Staff Writer



Another reason to brag

Well, when you read this, I will be in the big city of Lexington, training for my job as a member on the audit team that will be visiting schools. (By Friday, everyone will know how all the schools in the state did on the CATS tests.)

Normally, I wouldn't write anything, being the lazy person that I am and no longer on the staff, but Carol Combs who does the column "Criter Corner," did a response to a column I did back in January — No, Carol is not a slow reader. Let her tell you about it. Here is the note:

Willie,

So they're called mondegreens, huh? I've heard them all my life, but I never heard of them. I had to respond to your January column, since you asked for more examples. Somehow, I missed that one at the time and only ran across it yesterday. I think it may have been the first time I actually pulled a newspaper out from under a litter box once it was already in use! (Don't take that personally — my columns end up there too!)

My receptionist once heard her little girl outside yelling Hellfire! Turns out she was trying to sing "Elvira." This same child was the one who thought "Dressed for Success" was "Dressed for Safe Sex!" (I realize not all of these are printable, but thought you'd enjoy them anyhow.)

One of my friends — a grown man — possibly still thinks "You picked a fine time to leave me, Lucille, with five hungry children and crop in the field," actually says "five hundred children." No wonder Lucille left.

Every time we sing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone" at church and get to the line, "the consecrated cross I'll bear," I remember my high school English teacher saying she thought it said "the consecrated cross-eyed bear." She said she spent years as a child trying to make that cross-eyed bear fit into the Sunday School lesson.

Vet clinics are an endless source of these; unfortunately, a lot of these fall into the category not suitable for the local paper. Actually, they may not even be mondegreens in the strictest sense, but they're close, and I don't know what else you'd call them.

When I told a farmer I thought his pig had erysipelas, he was mortified because he couldn't figure where it could have possibly contracted this. (He thought I was saying syphilis, and my telling him I planned to treat it with high doses of penicillin probably added to the misunderstanding.)

I won't even go into why I stopped referring to "anal sacs" and was careful to call them "anal glands."

Possibly the worst misused word I have ever heard, however, was "condominium" — at least I hope that is what the woman meant. She was telling me how important her dog was to her, especially since her family had moved away. They were now all in Florida, living in a condominium.

I'm sure there are more that I can think of; I'll continue to jot them down as they

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The Roman Emperor Augustus, it's said, was so afraid of thunder he would hide in a closet whenever a thunderstorm came up.

Guest Column

Unsafe tires, SUVs and you

by ROBERT LINNELL

Unsafe tires, unsafe vehicles, unsafe drivers. But the worst of these is unsafe drivers.

First some perspective. In 1998 (latest available data) there were, on average, 114 motor vehicle deaths per day! Some 24 of these deaths were in pickups and SUVs. Only 24 percent of deaths in autos were from single vehicle crashes compared to 57 percent in pickups and 65 percent in SUVs.

We conclude: 1) The high proportion of single vehicle deaths in pickups and SUVs indicates that either drivers of these vehicles are more reckless or the vehicles are inherently more unsafe than autos, or both (there is evidence supporting both factors); 2) The current media blitz and special Congressional hearings, focused on Ford Explorer SUVs and Firestone tires, is based on 88 deaths over a decade attributed to tire failure (plus five more recent deaths) which, by comparison to the total carnage on the highways, is an insignificant number.

Not that we wish to trivialize a single death but why the lack of attention to the over 40,000 killed every year? Over the time that less than 100 deaths are blamed on Firestone Tires/Ford Explorers, over 400,000 people were killed in motor vehicle accidents. With 6.5 million recalled Firestone Tires we might have expected thousands of deaths, not less than 100.

Americans have a long standing love affair with their automobiles. This affection has concentrated on pickups and SUVs, whose sales in the last decade have increased from less than 1 million to 4 million.

Market research indicates that SUV buyers feel they are safer than in more traditional automobiles. They are safer when they crash with another vehicle, and criticism has been directed at SUV characteristics that cause them to be so damaging to other vehicles that most manufacturers have modified SUV designs in 2002 models to reduce risks to other vehi-

cles.

But two-thirds of SUV crash deaths are single vehicle and not crashes with other vehicles. Several factors are responsible: 1) SUVs have higher centers of gravity, increasing the propensity to roll over; 2) Low air pressure in the Firestone tires on Ford Explorers (Ford suggested 26 psi) causes excess heating (frequently increased by overloading), which can cause tire failure (Ford has implicitly admitted this by increasing the recommended tire pressure to 30 psi (front tires) and 32-35 psi for rear tires, in the new 2002 models); 3) SUV owners, feeling safer in their vehicles, may tend to drive faster and less carefully than other drivers; 4) Federal regulations for SUVs are not only out-of-date but incredibly less stringent than those for autos; 5) Relaxation of federal speed limits on interstates have led to much faster speeds, a killer factor even without adding the excess heat problem on tire failure.

Americans like to believe that every problem has a culprit, always someone or something else, never themselves. Most motor vehicle deaths are caused by drivers but Firestone tires and Ford Explorers are easily identifiable culprits and Congress, looking for voter favor, holds hearings.

But it was Congress that eliminated federal speed limits on interstates, allowing states to eliminate them or set their own (always higher) speed limits. The documented result was increased highway deaths.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration had a nationwide network of automobile repair shops as an early alert system to possible safety problems; they were abolished by the Reagan administration when funds were cut to reduce government regulations.

Media attention and Congressional Hearings concerned with less than 100 deaths (over a decade) help

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Guest

us avoid the stark reality of the daily 100 plus motor vehicle deaths. An example is in the September 14 Wall Street Journal which details five more tragic deaths, attributed to Firestone/Ford Explorers since the recall on August 9.

Equally tragic stories could no doubt be written about the other 3,000 plus motor vehicle deaths in the same time period. Most of those deaths received minor notices in local newspapers and that was the end of it.

One would like to hope that the 100 Firestone/Ford deaths would

help us focus on the much larger problem of the over 400,000 motor vehicle deaths over the same time period: "That they might not have died in vain." Regrettably there is no sign of such recognition. I have not seen one media report or question raised at the Congressional hearings about the much larger problems of motor vehicle deaths.

Study of the causes of the massive deaths and injuries on the highways would reveal that the primary cause is us; we are killing and maiming ourselves and each other. We drink and drive; we speed; we run stoplights, do illegal turns and other reckless driving; we don't maintain our vehicles in safe operating conditions. We drive with distractions such as smoking and using cell phones and are entering an era with front seat email and comput-

ers. Many of us refuse to wear seat belts as an issue of individual liberty even though in the post industrial millennium what each of us does ultimately has an impact on everyone else.

Until we are willing to take more personal responsibility for safe driving and also to deal more firmly with those who refuse to be responsible, the carnage will continue. The replacement of Firestone tires, redesign of SUVs to make them safer or other such changes will have only a minor impact and will not save us from ourselves. The choice is ours.

In the meantime more than 100 of us will die each day and one day it may be you.

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Centre College to host open house

The admission office of Centre College will host an open house for high school seniors and their families on Saturday, November 11.

Similar open house programs for high school juniors are scheduled for the spring term.

As part of each open house, Centre will offer a program describing admission requirements, financial aid options and scholarships. Students and their parents may talk with faculty members, take a campus tour and attend a student discussion about residential campus life at Centre.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the foyer of the Norton Center for the Arts. The introductory information session will begin at 10 a.m. in the Norton Center for the Arts, followed by campus tours, available from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Students and parents may purchase lunch on campus. The afternoon program, 1-2 p.m., will include a student panel and financial aid information for parents.

Interested students may register for the open house or obtain additional information by calling the Centre admission office at 800-423-6236 or 859/238-5350. Advance registration is encouraged, although not required.

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Mountain

come to mind.

Carol
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Masonic family night planned

East Point Lodge No. 657 F&AM will have its annual "Pot Luck" family night dinner on Saturday, September 30, at 6 p.m., at the lodge hall, located at East Point. All members and families of the fraternity are invited to attend. Bring a covered dish and enjoy an evening of Masonic fellowship.

Reception for PVA

A swearing in ceremony and reception for Connie Hancock, the newly appointed property valuation administrator is Thursday, September 28, at 4 p.m. at the Floyd County Courthouse. The event is open to the public.

Duff Family Resource Center schedules council meet

The James A. Duff Family Resource Center will have their regular scheduled advisory council meeting on Thursday, September 28, at 5:30 p.m., in the Resource Center. The meeting is open to the public.

Free clothing give-away

On Friday, September 29, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., there will be a free clothing give-away at the Allen Elementary School. Sponsored by the Allen

Family Resource Center. For information, call 874-0621.

Adoption orientation

Kentucky Baptist Homes for Children's Pregnancy and Adoption Services is hosting an adoption orientation September 29 at 7 p.m. at Immanuel Baptist Church in Pikeville. The event is free. Find out more about adoption through KBHC. To register, call 1-800-928-5242. Immanuel is located at 5469 North Mayo Trail.

Willis Haws to instruct AARP driving course

Senior Advantage and the Volunteer Services department at HRMC in association with Jenny Wiley Chapter No. 3528, AARP, hope to help you stay safely on the road by hosting an AARP 55 Alive program. The course will be held over two days, September 27 and September 28, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day, in meeting rooms A & B of the Medical Office Building at Highlands Regional Medical Center. Refreshments will be served. The cost of the course is \$10. Completion of the course will, under Kentucky law, qualify you for a discount on your automobile insurance. To register for the course, call 606-886-7468. Seating is limited. Willis Haws will be the instructor.

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Pikeville Methodist Hospital

September 29—AIDS Update will be presented by Dr. Mary Fox at the Education Center from 6-8 p.m. The program is free. To register, call 606/437-3525.

Benefit Martin fireman

A benefit is coming up to raise money for Randy Caudill, a Martin volunteer fireman who is in need of a kidney and pancreas transplant. On September 30, a free gospel and country singing, bake sale and games are set for 5-11 p.m. at the stage behind the old IGA in Martin. Call 606/785-0129.

Group sets meeting

The Ups of Down Syndrome support group now has a permanent meeting place and time. The group will meet the first Sunday of every month from 2-4 p.m., at the Pikeville YMCA, beside Pikeville Independent School. Call 606/377-6142 or 478-5099 for more information.

A View From the Hill

by CRYSTAL HOWARD

When you're in high school, you spend a lot of time dreaming of what your college years will hold. You can't wait to get out on your own and be your own person.

I can't say that it was love at first sight with me and Pikeville College. I don't think any college would have lived up to my expectations. I wanted the fun that came with college, but I wasn't ready for the hard work that was required. The first few weeks I was convinced no one had classes as hard as mine, and my professors, well, they just had to be the toughest ever.

It took a while, but I learned that if I put forth my best effort those tough professors would help me any way they could. I don't think I could have made it at a larger college where the professors don't know your name and might not be there to help if you had trouble when it came to chemistry.

Once I figured out that no matter how tough a class seemed there would always be a professor who was willing to help, life got a lot easier.

Being a student at Pikeville College is like being a part of a community. Faculty, staff and fellow students know you by name and are willing to lend you a helping hand whenever you need one. During the last three years, I have made friendships that will last a lifetime.

I began my senior year this fall. As I think back over the past three years, I recall so many good times. Founders' Day with its hay ride and picnics always offered a great deal of fun, as did those cold winter days when the snow piled high and I was



just waiting for a snowball to fly through the air whenever I stepped out. I spent a lot of time complaining about studying, but some of the best times I've had in college have been while I was studying for a big test while surrounded by friends.

Next May, if all goes as planned, I will graduate. My experience at Pikeville College has shaped the person I am. For this reason, I am confident that I will succeed no matter what path life takes me. And when I look to the hill, whether it's a year from now or 20 years from now, I will always remember what a wonderful impact Pikeville College had on my life.

Crystal Howard is a junior majoring in biology. She is from Salyersville.

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Deleary Bryant, 89,
Martin, Ky.
Flora Conn, 80,
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Bonnie Hamilton Ray, 55,
Betsy Layne, Ky.
Charles C. "Speedy" Reid, 50,
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the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.*
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Coburn pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Ovia Cox Coburn were John Coburn, Bob Coburn, Sean Vallone, Joel Lay, Matthew Coburn and Raymond Grigsby.

Conn pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Flora Tackett Conn were Mark Dudleston, Mike Dudleson, Brian Conn, Joe Adkins, Blake Mullins and Paul Horn.

David Crager

David Crager, 57, of Spencerville, Ohio, formerly of Knott County, died Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at the St. Reda's Hospital in Lima, Ohio. Born on November 7, 1942, he was the son of the late Haden Crager and Florence Chaffins Crager. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia Gibson Crager.

Other survivors include two sons, David Eugene Crager of Spencerville, Ohio and Jack Crager of Wapakoneta, Ohio; three brothers, Delmas Crager of Spencerville, Ohio, Harold Crager of Garrett, and Wendell Crager of Raven; three sisters, Lorene Collins of Kendallville, Indiana, Chloetta Adams of Paintsville, and Jeanette Moore of Garrett.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 24, at the Ball Branch Regular Baptist Church with Gary Mosley, Tim Smith and L.D. Mosley officiating.

Burial was in the family cemetery at Garner, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Rhoda Osborne

Rhoda Osborne, 67, of Copperas Cove, Texas, died Thursday, September 21, 2000, at Fort Hood Hospital.

Born on September 12, 1933, at Lackey, she was the daughter of the late Epp Lafferty and Polly Lafferty. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ronald Osborne.

Survivors include three sons, Donald E. Osborne of Rosharon, Texas, Robert W. Osborne of Angleton, Texas, Clifton C. Osborne of Killeen, Texas; three brothers, Thurman Lafferty of Betsy Layne, Radford A. Hall of Southpoint, Ohio, Epp Lafferty of Prestonsburg; one sister, Doris Miller of Prestonsburg and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 25, at 11 a.m., at the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home Chapel, Copperas Cove, with John Hallum officiating.

Burial was in the Pidcoke Cemetery, Pidcoke, Texas, under the direction of Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home.

Gladys McCoy

Gladys McCoy, 43, of Arkansas, Martin, died Saturday, September 23, 2000, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, following an extended illness.

Born on March 4, 1957, in Martin, she was the daughter of the late James Milton and Letha Conn Humble.

She was a member of both the Old Time Holiness Church, and the Goodloe Pentecostal Church.

She is survived by her husband, Vick McCoy.

Other survivors include one brother, Columbus Humble of Martin; two sisters, Margaret Carroll and Laura Kilgore, both of Martin.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 26, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Malcolm Slone, Harold Damron, and Johnny Patton officiating.

Burial was in the Meade Family Cemetery, Spurlock, Printer, under the direction of the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

Bryant pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Deleary Waddles Bryant were Byron Coburn, Dale Bryant, Michael Bryant, Allen Bryant, Tony Bryant, Todd Bryant, Brandon Bryant, James Bryant, Paul Bryant and Gary Bryant.

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Ollie Young Nichols

Ollie Young Nichols, 94, of East Point, formerly of Franklin, Ohio, died Friday, September 15, 2000, at the residence of her daughter, following an extended illness.



Born on February 21, 1906, at Lowmansville, she was the daughter of the late Joseph H. Young and Mary F. Lyons Young.

She was a member of the Freewill Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Stanley Nichols. Survivors include three daughters, Lillian Conley of East Point, Mary O. Dooley and Julia Duchemin, both of Franklin, Ohio; two sons, John N. Griffith of Springboro, Ohio, Bill Griffith of Franklin, Ohio; four step-children, 19 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, 12 great-great-grandchildren and 20 step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 18, at 2 p.m., at the Franklin Freewill Baptist Church, Franklin, Ohio, with Dencil Ousley officiating.

Burial was in the Springboro Cemetery, Springboro, Ohio. Local arrangements were under the direction of Carter Funeral Home and arrangements in Franklin, Ohio were by Eaton, Anderson and Unglesby Funeral Home.

Norma Boone

Norma Boone, 74, of Greenwich, Ohio, died Saturday, September 23, 2000, at Akron General Hospital following a brief illness.

Born on October 25, 1925, in Hueysville, she was the daughter of the late Otis and Katie Bailey Prater. She had lived many years in Greenwich.

She was twice married; first to William H. Shipman, and later to Harlie H. Boone. Both preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter, Brenda Hantl of Hudson, Ohio; two sons, Bill Shipman and Forbes Shipman, both of Greenwich; two sisters, Minnie Conley of Hippo, Augusta Prater of Mt. Sterling; five brothers, John Prater of Beattyville, Otis Prater of Berea, Dillard Prater of Harlan, Raymond Prater of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and Haskel Prater of Hippo; 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, September 27, 11 a.m., at the Eastman Funeral Home, Greenwich, with Clarke Hogue III officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenwich Greenlawn Cemetery, under the direction of Eastman Funeral Home, Greenwich, Ohio.

Louise Aletha "Peggy" Comstock

Louise Aletha "Peggy" Comstock, age 71, of Martin, Kentucky, the wife of Bob M. Comstock, passed away Monday, September 18, 2000, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin, Kentucky.

Born May 30, 1929, she was the daughter of the late John P. and Narcissus Hays Turnley at Martin, Kentucky. Mrs. Comstock was a retired bookkeeper for Comstock Bottled Gas and was a member of the Salisbury Methodist Church.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by one son, Robert Comstock and his wife, Diane Comstock of Martin, Kentucky; one brother, John Hays Turnley of Martin, Kentucky; one grandchild, Melissa Grigsby and her husband, Stephen Grigsby of Martin, Kentucky, and one great-grandchild, Cory Grigsby.

Funeral services were at 1:00 p.m., Thursday, September 21, 2000, with Bobby Lawson officiating.

Burial followed at Davidson Memorial Gardens at Ivel, Kentucky, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Card Of Thanks

The family of Ovia Cox Coburn would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: those who sent food and flowers, prepared the grave or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to Minister Chester Ray Varney and the staff of Hall Funeral Home for being so kind.

THE FAMILY OF OVIA COX COBURN

Card Of Thanks

The family of Louise Aletha "Peggy" Comstock wishes to express their appreciation and thanks to all who sent food and flowers during this time of sorrow. Thanks to the staff of Our Lady of the Way Hospital and Sheriff's Department for their efficient services, to Bobby Lawson for his comforting words, and to the Hall Funeral Home for its kind and courteous service.

THE FAMILY OF LOUISE ALETHA "PEGGY" COMSTOCK

Card of Thanks

The family of Tommy and Justin Webb wish to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for the prayers and loving support during the tragic loss of Terrie. Thanks for the comforting messages of Brothers Graydon Howard, Larry Adams, and Randy Osborne. For the beautiful music provided by Wings of Praise and Mrs. Betty Frasure, and for the generous supply of food so graciously given by our church families, the June Buchanan School and our friends and neighbors. We also want to thank Hall Funeral Home and staff for their kind and efficient service, Sheriff John Blackburn and the sheriff's department, and Kenny's Florist and his staff. May God richly bless each of you.

THE FAMILY OF TERRIE WEBB

Kenny Webb of Kenny's Florist would like to thank Karen and Connie of Reid's Floral of Virgie for their help and support during the funeral of my niece, Terrie Webb.

Card Of Thanks

The family of Lum Carr wishes to gratefully acknowledge the thoughtfulness and kindness of friends, relatives, and neighbors in the loss of our loved one. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers, prayers or spoke comforting words. We are especially grateful to minister Woodrow Crum for his kind and comforting words, the Soul Searchers for the beautiful music, and to the Hall Funeral Home for its kind and efficient service.

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Regional Obituaries

Knott County

Michael Andrew Bell, infant son of Michael and Melisa Noe Bell, died Sunday, September 17, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. Graveside services were conducted Wednesday, September 20, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Charles "Big Charlie" Warren Miller, 49, of Pinetop, died

Wednesday, September 20, at the U.K. Medical Center in Lexington. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Lee Amburgey Miller. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, September 24, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Johnson County

William Cullen Jude, 83, of Columbus, Ohio, died Wednesday, September 20, at Chillicothe

Veterans Hospital in Columbus. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 23, under the direction of Phelps and Son Funeral Home.

Pike County

Brady Kyle Bartley, infant son of Darrell and Jennifer Marie Bartley, of Lookout, died Friday, September 22, at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in

Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 26, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

Mary Daphaine Berkley, 62, of Chattaroy, West Virginia, died Wednesday, September 20, at the Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. She is survived by her husband, Carl Berkley. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September

23, under the direction of Weaver Mortuary of Williamson, West Virginia.

Alma Fuller, 50, of Steele, died Thursday, September 21, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 23, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Easter Mahon, 82, of Beech Creek, West Virginia, died Thursday, September 21, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, September 23, under the direction of Chafin Funeral Home.

Tammy Lynn O'Quinn, 41, of Pikeville, died Friday, September

22. Funeral services were conducted Monday, September 25, under the direction of Thacker Funeral Home.

Randall Adams, 43, of Virgie, died Friday, September 22, at the University of Kentucky Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Linda Smith Adams. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 26, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.



Obituaries

Roy Jacobs

Roy Jacobs, 47, of Pippa Passes, died Sunday, September 17, 2000, at his home.

Born in Knott County, on July 6, 1953, he was the son of Farris Jacobs and Luranie Slone Jacobs.

Survivors include two sons, Roy Lee and Lee Roy Ratliff, both of Jackson; six daughters, Christa Slone and Rachael Combs, both of Hindman, Christina Slone of Pippa Passes, Sabrina, Jody and Joy Ratliff, all of Jackson; three brothers, Hershel, Ralph and Glenn Jacobs, all of Pippa Passes; two sisters, Emmalena Slone of Pippa Passes and Lola Ree Jacobs of Martin; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 20, at 11 a.m., at the Hollybush Regular Baptist Church, with Clyde Jacobs and Emmitt Slone officiating.

Burial was in the Jacobs Cemetery at Pippa Passes, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Charles C. "Speedy" Reid

Charles C. "Speedy" Reid, 50, of Ivel, died Sunday, September 24, 2000, at his residence.

Born on August 22, 1950, at Wheelwright, he was the son of Charles C. and Annabelle Reid. He was a member of the Wheelwright Masonic Lodge.

Survivors, other than his parents include one daughter, Christy Reid Ison of Martin; four brothers, Kenneth Reid of Auxier, Jason Reid of Prestonsburg, Birchel Reid of Georgetown, Stanley Reid of Lexington; one sister, Deane Reid of Auxier; and one grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, September 27, at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, at Martin, with Ralph Turner officiating.

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

Ernest Bert "Red" Osborne

Ernest Bert "Red" Osborne, 88, of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, September 23, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.



Born on May 30, 1912, in Martin, he was the son of the late Billy Lou Osborne and Christina Martin Osborne. He was owner and operator of Wholesale Appliance in Prestonsburg, and was a member and deacon of the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg.

He is survived by his wife, Dora Goble Osborne.

Other survivors include four sons, William Ernest Osborne of Louisville, James Clay Osborne, and Paul L. Osborne, both of Prestonsburg, Marshall Douglas "Doug" Osborne of Lexington; one daughter, Jane Bond of Prestonsburg; one brother, Barney Osborne of Douglasville, Georgia; one sister, Sadie Ratliff of Allen, 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, September 26, at 11 a.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Prestonsburg, with Rev. George Love officiating.

Burial was in the Mayo Cemetery, Prestonsburg, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Tony Osborne, John Osborne, Nathan Osborne, Bill Osborne, Aaron Bond, Joey Griffith, Derek Hicks and Phil Price.

Evelyn Akers Stephens

Evelyn Akers Stephens, 84, of Prestonsburg, died Monday, September 25, 2000, at her residence.

Born on January 31, 1916, at Offutt, she was the daughter of the late Logan and Bessie "Peery" Akers Arnett.

Her husband, Andrew Stephens, preceded her in death.

Survivors include three daughters, Susie Burke of Prestonsburg, Priscilla Webb of Louisa, and Joan Goble of Gulfport, Mississippi; one sister, Laura Griffith of Prestonsburg; five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, September 28, at 2 p.m. at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, Prestonsburg, with the Rev. Bill Campbell and Rev. Bobby Joe Spencer officiating.

Burial was in the Richmond Cemetery in Prestonsburg, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home.

Serving as pallbearers were Traci Vicars, Cory Vicars, Todd Webb, Mark Webb, Jack Goble, Lee Pierocich, Larry Burke, Dallas Freeman, Joey Hyden, Royce F. Mayo, Ricky Johnson, Joe Back, Ken Rice and Kenny Rice.

Honorary pallbearers were Martin Webb, Taulbee Goodman, Shawn Goodman, Todd Goodman, Bill Foley, Johnny Griffith, Royce W. Mayo, Danny Mayo, Willie Hicks, Jeff Hicks, Johnnie Price and Gordon Ratliff.

Antoinette Lewis

Antoinette Lewis, 88, of Westville, Indiana, died Friday, September 22, 2000, at the Valparaiso Care and Rehabilitation Center, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Born on July 26, 1912, in Chicago, Illinois, she was the daughter of the late Eugene Miotto and Angela Maria Bigolin Miotto. She retired in 1988 as a production checker with Continental Can Company.

She is survived by her husband, Eddie D. Lewis.

Other survivors include one stepson, Billy Thompson of Betsy Layne; one step-daughter, Zena Tackett of Bulls Gap, Tennessee; three brothers, Louis Miotto Sr. of River Grove, Illinois, Frank Miotto of Syracuse, Indiana, Paul Miotto of Woodstock, Illinois; two sisters, Natalina Kass and Rita Jones, both of Chicago, Illinois.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday, September 27, at 9:30 a.m., at St. William Church, Chicago, Illinois, under the direction of Edmonds and Evans Funeral Home.

Graveside services were conducted Thursday, September 28, at 11 a.m., at Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, with Dennis Kidd officiating.

Carr pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Lum Carr were Brian Conn, David Lewis, Ronnie Adkins, Robby Isaac II, Garner Crum, Dustin Conn, Creg Parsons and Jerry Chaffins.

Honorary pallbearers were Charles Newsome, Rudy Samons, Gene Frasure and Tom Parsons.

Webb pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Terri Lynn Webb were Keith Webb, Steve Webb, Thomas D. Webb, Charles G. May, Chuckie May, Curtis Webb, Chad Webb, Aldie Maynard, Bryon Hughes, David Webb, Merle Webb and Robert David May.

Bonnie L. Hamilton Ray

Bonnie L. Hamilton Ray, age 55, of Betsy Layne, Kentucky, widow of her first husband, Clarence Hamilton, and her second husband, Clinton "Charly" Ray, passed away Friday, September 22, 2000, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital, Pikeville, Kentucky, following an extended illness.

Born January 13, 1945, at Harold, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late John and Louvina Tackett Frasure. Mrs. Ray was a retired respiratory therapist at Mountain Manor Nursing Home, Pikeville, Kentucky.

Mrs. Ray is survived by one son, Jerry W. Hamilton of Tavares, Florida; two daughters, Teresa Rodriguez and Charlotte Rogers, both of Betsy Layne; three brothers, Hershel "Nick" Frasure of Harold, Kentucky, Tommy Frasure of Rockhouse, Kentucky, and Eugene Frasure of Nevada; one sister, Betty Rose Frasure of California; three grandchildren, Erin Marie Rogers, Steven Casey Rogers, and Baby Rodriguez.

Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 p.m., Monday, September 25, 2000, at Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, Kentucky, with Tracy Patton officiating.

Burial followed in Davidson Memorial Gardens, at Ivel, Kentucky, under the professional care of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers: Steven Rogers, Robert Jones, Greg S. Frasure, Kenny Frasure, Joe Reynolds, and Hershel Spradlin.

Honorary pallbearers: Hershell "Nick" Frasure, Tommy Frasure, and Elliot Prater, Jr. Paid obituary



Card Of Thanks

The family of Elmer "Shine" Patton wishes to thank all those friends, neighbors, and family who helped them in any way upon the passing of their loved one. Thanks to those who sent food, flowers, prayers and words of comfort expressed. A special thanks to the First Baptist Church at McDowell and Harry Hargis for their comforting words, and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service.

THE FAMILY OF ELMER "SHINE" PATTON



Card of Thanks

The family of Beatrice McPeek Hall wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent flowers and gifts of love. We especially want to thank the staffs of Parkview Manor Nursing Home for care you gave our loved one and the Sheriff's Department for your assistance. Very special thanks to Don Fraley and the other Old Regular Baptist ministers, Samaria Old Regular Baptist Church, and Hall Funeral Home for being so kind. All your kindnesses were greatly appreciated.

THE FAMILY OF BEATRICE McPEEK HALL



Card Of Thanks

The family of Mary Parker would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. A special thanks to the Regular Baptist ministers for their caring support, the Floyd County Sheriff's Department for their assistance, and to Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional services.

THE FAMILY OF MARY PARKER



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Dr. Rosanne Nichols is pleased to announce the association of Floyd County native, Dr. Aaronda Derossett Wells specializing in Pediatrics. Dr. Wells resides in Stanville along with her husband Jim and daughter Morgan. She is the daughter of Aaron Ricie and Pat Derossett of Allen.

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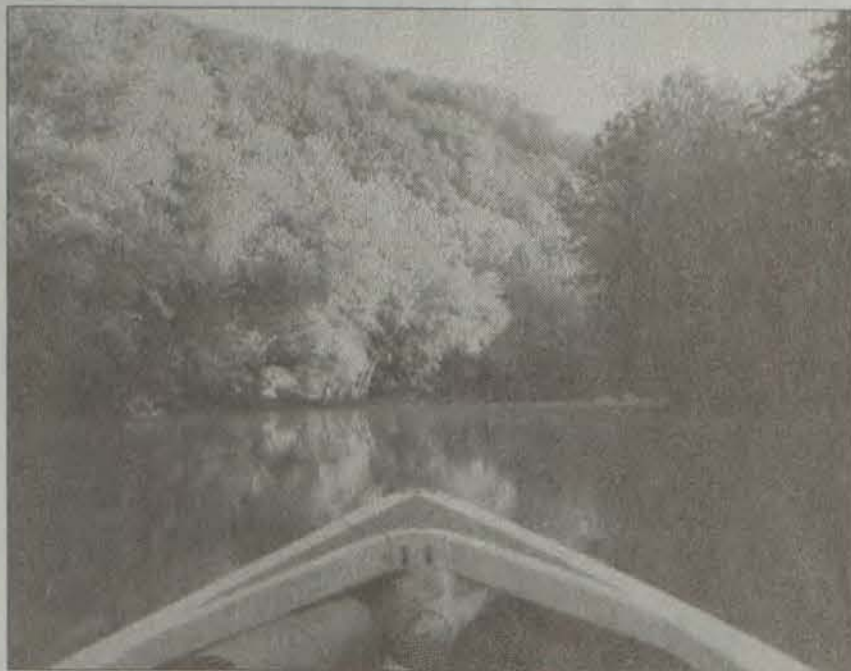
As you age, all that you have done to your body over the years begins to leave its mark on your spine and joints. The bumps and bruises of high school sports, the bike accident you had last summer, the time spent shoveling each winter, the miles of walking you do each year, all have done their bodily damage. Even poor posture while watching TV or sitting at a computer takes its toll.

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SAILING THE BIG SANDY has it obstacles but beauty as well. Mickey Anders completed the second leg of his trip sailing the Big Sandy River

Adventures of

Mickey

Friday, September 15, 2000

Well, today was the day for Leg Two of the sailing trip across Kentucky.

Today's plan was to sail from the known boat ramp at Prestonsburg to the reported boat ramp in Louisa.

The logistics for this trip will get more complicated the farther I get away from Pikeville. Today's journey started 27 miles away and ended 68 miles away by road. Of course, the distances are a LOT further by the river, which winds around and doubles back over and again.

Today's plan called for me to leave the house while it was still dark, and drive my boat and myself to the Prestonsburg River Park WITH boat ramp, which I joyfully discovered at the conclusion of my last journey. Then I would put the boat in and leave the car. Later that day, after work, Sarah would drive her car

to Prestonsburg, pick up my car with boat trailer and come to Louisa to pick me up. I'm not sure just how we will handle those logistics when I am starting at Cincinnati and ending at Louisville. Sarah may have to spend a couple of days in a motel in the Cincinnati area waiting for me to complete my day's journey.

I pushed the boat out into the Big Sandy and immediately had to face my first rapids. I had scouted this one from the park and knew the

best route was on the far side. Perched on the pointed front of the boat, I paddled it like a canoe going backward to the other side and successfully avoided the boat-eating rocks on the near side. The motor started on the second pull, as it almost always does, and I was off. But then I had to kill it twice more and run

(See ADVENTURES, page four)

Bears roll over Cumberland

photo by Steve LeMaster

Pikeville College quarterback Scott Branton (#10) went to the air often in the Cumberland JV game. Derrick Dewberry (#25), shown blocking, complemented the passing game with a strong rushing performance.



by STEVE LEMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

College football comes to Floyd County! Yes, that's right, if you missed the Pikeville College-Cumberland College football game this past Monday night then you missed a very rare chance to catch a college football game right here in Floyd County.

The game, which was originally scheduled to be played at Belfry's Vipperman Stadium, was moved on Monday morning to Prestonsburg's field.

Prestonsburg head coach John Derossett and the Floyd County Board of Education gave neighboring Pikeville College permission to use the Blackcat field and the game was set to play despite heavy rains throughout the day and the day before.

"Coach Willis and his guys needed a place to play," said Coach Derossett. "I knew the boys wanted to play so we said we'd let them come and use our field."

Monday night's game was a homecoming of sorts for both freshman cornerback Hank Mullins and sophomore offensive tackle Adam Bailey. Bailey, a starter at right offensive tackle saw considerable play-

"Coach Willis and his guys needed a place to play," said Coach Derossett. "I knew the boys wanted to play so we said we'd let them come and use our field."

ing time. Mullins was in the first play of the game when the Bears kicked off to Cumberland and also saw playing time in the Pikeville College defensive

secondary.

The newly formed Pikeville College football team ventured into town this past Monday and literally rolled over the Cumberland College JV on a rain-drenched Prestonsburg Blackcats football field. Pikeville posted an impressive 36-0 halftime lead and went on to clobber the Indians even more by a final of 55-0.

Freshman quarterback Scott Branton was brilliant in the game, passing for a touchdown on the first Pikeville offensive play of the game. Branton hit receiver Tommy Parker Jr. in stride for the first of many Pikeville College scores to come.

Place-kicker Mike Mahoney's extra point kick attempt was blocked by the Cumberland defense.

A wet, sloppy Prestonsburg field definitely made it hard for players on both squads to keep their footing. The ensuing kick-off following Pikeville's first score of the contest was fumbled by the Indians and recov-

(See PIKEVILLE, page three)

A Look At Sports

Major league season nearly over for 2000



Only 18 days remain until high school basketball practice begins and the official day opens on a Sunday.

While we await the start of the roundball season, we have but one week left in major league baseball and five weeks remaining in high school football.

The Cincinnati Reds will close out their 2000 schedule on the road with three games at Milwaukee and three at St. Louis. Of course, the Reds are through as far as contending this season and already the brass of the Reds is looking forward to the 2001 season.

I took in the final home game of the season on the tube when the Reds won three straight from Houston to close out their home schedule. My man, Chris Stynes, homered in the final two games to bring the Reds from behind for the three-game sweep.

I look for the Reds to deal Stynes this winter simply because he had a great second half of the season and other clubs are now interested in him.

At third base, Stynes is just as good defensively as Aaron Boone and can hit better than Boone. I suggest keeping Stynes and dealing Boone.

It was interesting to listen to George Granger and Chris Welsh on TV Sunday as they analyzed what went wrong this season. The finger, again, was pointed at the club's pitching staff, especially the starting rotation.

Granger's assessment was the Reds desperately need to go after front line pitchers in the off-season. Welsh's conclusion was, "Where are they going to get it?" Most ballclubs are in the same fix as the Reds. All need pitching. Not everyone can put a rotation on the mound with the likes of St. Louis or Atlanta.

Looking at the outfield, who are keepers for the Reds and who is expendable?

- The Reds need consistency with the bat as much as they need a consistent winner on the mound. Therefore, keeping a Dmitri Young is vital. He is versatile, can hit and with power.

- Alex Ochoa had a good final four weeks of the season. Of course, he did not get to play that much in the first three-quarters of the season. After the trade of Bichette, he proved he can become an everyday player. He is a keeper.

- There is Junior (Ken Griffey Jr.) in the outfield. I wish I could say the Reds don't need the controversial player but 40 home-runs and 120 RBIs would be hard to replace.

Okay! We will keep Young, Ochoa and Griffey as our starting outfield next season. All three are good bats.

Now, let's see. We have Michael Tucker, Brian Hunter and a boatload of young outfielders. Why they wanted Hunter to start with is beyond me. I know he is supposed to have speed on the base paths but he rarely gets on base. Tucker has a weak bat with not a lot of pop in it.

Some of the newest members of the outfield are expendable, if anyone would have them. So we are ready to deal Tucker and Hunter in the off-season and maybe keep two of the more promising youngsters.

The Reds must face arbitration with 12 players during the off-season. That will cost the ballclub plenty once the arbitrator rules. But that is the way the game is played.

(See SPORTS, page three)

Allen Central slates Homecoming October 5

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

Allen Central High School will conduct its annual football homecoming on Friday, October 5, at the Don Daniels Athletic Complex at Allen Central.

The Rebels will host the Phelps Hornets in a 7:30 p.m. kickoff time.

Six members of this year's senior class will vie for the honor of being named Miss Homecoming 2000.

Competing will be Shannon Delores Leslie Sizemore, daughter of Calvin and Leslie Ann Sizemore of Martin. She

will be escorted by Alex Patton.

Tabitha Mollie Bays will also be a candidate for the honor of homecoming queen. She is the daughter of Earl and Lavone Bays of Garrett. Bays will be escorted by Jerry Bailey.

Patrick Martin will escort Angela Boyd, the daughter of Tom and Debbie Boyd of Martin.

Jennifer Goble is the daughter of Keith and Kathy Epling of Garrett. Escorting Jennifer will be Michael Slone.

Also competing will be Carrie Michelle Martin, daughter of Mack and Virginia Martin of Martin. She will be escorted by Oliver Kilgore.

Rebecca Smith, daughter of James and Jerri Smith of Martin will also be a candidate for the title. She will be escorted by Jared Harlow.

Representing the freshman class will be Christa Leann McCoy. Her guardians are Melissa and Michael Goodman of Garrett. She will be escorted by Chad Webb.

Rachel Martin is the sophomore representative, daughter of Jerry and Gail Martin of Garrett. She will be escorted by Jonathan Bailey.

The junior representative is Sarah Elizabeth Noble, daughter of Ron and Tena Goble of Garrett. She will be escorted by Zechariah Chaffins.



Angie Boyd



Shannon Sizemore



Jennifer Goble



Rebecca Smith



Carrie Martin



Tabitha Bayes

Powers collects late model Checkers

by CHRIS BELCHER
TRACK WRITER

Despite the threat of rain in the area, and even a couple of sprinkles prior to and during racing at Sitka's 201 Speedway, Saturday night's racing got the green flag for another exciting night of dirt track action.

LATE MODELS

Late model feature action had the #97 of Lakeville's David Powers sharing the front row with the #17 of Martin's Shannon Thomsberry.

As the field of 15 machines got

the green, Powers quickly got in front with a strong challenge coming from 17-year-old racer David Brown of South Charleston, West Virginia.

Brown managed to mount a challenge to Powers throughout Saturday night's race. However, Powers had the #97 dialed in with the rest set up and managed to get off the corners with enough power to hold back Brown's charge and recorded his eleventh late model feature win of the season.

Brown posted a solid runner-up finish in his first race at 201, getting to the finish ahead of Allen's Brandon Kinzer, Morehead's David Conn, Jackson's Herbie Barnett, Bill Mike "The Meat Man" Vaughn and Mark Puryear.

SUPER BOMBERS

Saturday night's super bomber feature saw three lead changes in

the 20-lap race. The trio of Stambaugh's Scott McCloud, Flat Gap's Bennie Blair and Falcon's Michael Paul Howard proved early to be the closest racing on the speedway.

On Lap 12 McCloud suffered engine problems, taking his hopes of a win to the inside pits after a strong run. Following driveline problems from the new race leader Bannie Blair, Tom Sparks took over the lead and held onto the victory.

Howard and Buck Lemaster each ran close behind Sparks. Willard's Terry Hicks finished fourth ahead of Salyersville's Spanky Arnett.

BOMBERS

Saturday night's bomber feature saw Coldwater's Albert Butcher outrun a good field of bombers to capture the feature, finishing in front of this year's bomber champion, West Liberty's Keith Potter. Kevin Baker, Cory McKenzie

and Tom Crabtree rounded out the top-five finishers. Scott Pennington driving Lowell Blair's #U2 finished in a close sixth behind Pennington.

ROAD HOGS AND FOUR-CYLINDERS

Scott Pennington won for the second consecutive weekend in a row in Saturday night's road hog feature, finishing ahead of Walter Castle, Larry Ratliff, Lloyd Kimbler and Earvin Blair.

Saturday night's final feature had the #K6 of Charleston, West Virginia's John Walker with a win in the four-cylinder feature, beating Aaron Ratliff, Mark Jude and James Maynard for the checkers.

Next Saturday night the 201 Speedway will recognize the top three finishers in all five divisions with an awards ceremony during intermission. A full night of dirt track action will follow.

Sports

Catching continues to be a big problem for the Reds but Jason Larue appears to be the number one receiver in 2001. In time, he will hit. He is a good defensive catcher and handles the pitchers well.

The troublesome thing facing the 2001 season is still going to be the rotation. Pete Harnisch, Steve Parris, Scott Williamson, Ron Villone and others are not too promising. However, we have to admit, Parris pitched extremely well in the second half of the season. The others, you cannot win with them.

Manager! Who will manage the Reds next season? Says here that Jack will be back. Jack McKeon

will return to the Reds as their manager next season. The Reds are not likely to fork over a huge contract and lots of money for the likes of Davey Johnson or Lou Pinella. The money-saving franchise is not ready to give out a lot of cash. In house, no one is capable of leading the club. When you talk about a replacement for McKeon, then McKeon is the likely one to succeed himself.

Another note on McKeon. He said on television that he was doing some evaluating himself. Maybe, just maybe, he will not choose to come back. He told Granger there would have to be some conversing between he and the Reds general

management.

It's wild! The Reds play in the weakest of all the major league divisions. Had they been in other divisions it would have been a lot worse.

On the stadium. They are crying they will lose 14,000 seats once construction begins on the new stadium and the left and left center fences, seats and all are removed.

To me, that many seats and more are empty anyway. So what is the big deal? They will still have 42,000 plus seating and will be hard pressed to fill that many.

If the Reds could swing a trade to where they can get two consistent winners from the mound, then the year 2001 will be an exciting one.

The Reds had little trouble beating the Braves, Cardinals, New York and other higher echelon teams but they couldn't beat the teams below them.

I hope the Reds will be active this winter and come up with a couple of good arms. If so, then we will enjoy the 2001 season.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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Pikeville

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ered by the Bears kickoff team. Pikeville barely missed the end zone on their second drive of the game and settled for a Mike Mahoney field goal.

The Pikeville College defense put a score on the board when defensive standout B.J. Jackson recovered a fumble and ran it in for the touchdown. With 10:50 remaining on a first quarter clock the Pikeville College Bears held a solid 15-0 lead over the Cumberland College JV team.

Freshman Derrick Dewberry set up Pikeville's first of three second-quarter touchdowns. Branton took a 1-yard quarterback sneak into the end zone and Mahoney added the extra point to make it a 22-0 Pikeville College lead.

Cumberland College returned the next kickoff all the way to their own 48 where they were stalled by a fierce Pikeville College defense led by defensive ends Shaji Jackson and Antawn Brown.

After returning a punt to the Cumberland 39-yard line, Branton went up under center and wasted little time finding freshman wide-out Terrance Pride for a 40-yard touchdown strike. A sure-footed Mike Mahoney added the PAT kick to put the Bears up 29-0 with 2:29 left on a second-quarter clock.

Branton found Pride one more time before the half, this time for an even bigger touchdown strike than on the previous offensive drive. Branton hit Pride with a 68-yard touchdown bullet, Pride's second touchdown reception of the game. A Mike Mahoney extra-point kick made it a 36-0 Pikeville College halftime lead.

Pikeville freshman running back Michael Burke got into the scoring act after the half. Burke broke loose on a 68-yard touchdown gallop to extend the Pikeville College lead even more. The Bears two-point conversion try failed, leaving the Bears with a 42-0 lead midway through the third quarter.

While the Cumberland College offense continued to struggle, the Pikeville College offense continued to churn out yardage like a well-oiled football machine.

Belfry High alum Jonathan Wright got his first snaps under center as a Pikeville College freshman. Wright scored on a 1-yard sneak up the middle of the Cumberland defense and also connected with freshman Kelvin Gibbs on a 62-yard touchdown pass.

Overall it was a dominating game for the Pikeville College Bears. A 55-0 win in their second career game and more importantly a monumental first win in the program's history gives the team added motivation heading into this Saturday's home game with Fork Union Military Academy.

"We were playing with someone tonight who is on our level," said Coach Willis. "Cumberland College is not Georgetown College and we knew that coming in. We got a real good overall performance from everyone tonight. Scott (Branton) was hitting the receivers and the receivers were

running good routes. Dewberry ran the ball real hard and our defense stepped up and played real well."

This Saturday's game with Fork Union will pit Coach Willis' Pikeville College Bears up against a squad filled with good athletes.

"Fork Union has at least eight guys I know of who are committed to play at Division I schools like Clemson and Florida next season," said Willis. "They have a great tradition and we know we'll be facing a real athletic team when we host Fork Union."

Saturday's Pikeville College Fork Union football game will kick off at 1:30 p.m. at Pikeville High School's W.C. Hampley Field.

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CORNERED!!! The Pikeville College defense had the Cumberland Indians pinned inside their own territory for most of the game this past Monday.

Adventures

rapids before I was out of the city limits of Prestonsburg. That was a sign. For the next seven hours, I would be killing the motor, spinning the boat and paddling through rapids... CORNERED!!! The Pikeville College defense had the Cumberland Indians pinned inside their own territory for most of the game this past Monday. ... At 10:30, I arrived in Paintsville, about one-third of the way to Louisa. Since it happened to be in one of the few areas where my cell phone reported service, I called Sarah and optimistically reported that I should be in Louisa by 6 p.m. ...



photo by Steve LeMaster. Prestonsburg High alum Adam Bailey (#76) sat with his first string offensive line teammates following a first-quarter score in Monday night's game with Cumberland College.

Kentucky football is 'a couple of Joes' this close to being SEC contender

Skip criticism of UK defensive coordinator Mike Major. Says here the Kentucky Wildcats are a "couple of Joes" away from being an SEC East contender, an AP rankings regular, a consistent Saturday afternoon TV choice, and a short-list candidate for postseason bowl invites. ... February's signing date is a light year off but UK needs to keep Grover at home. And, Hall said last week he had spoken with Anderson and Kentucky remains his top choice. ...

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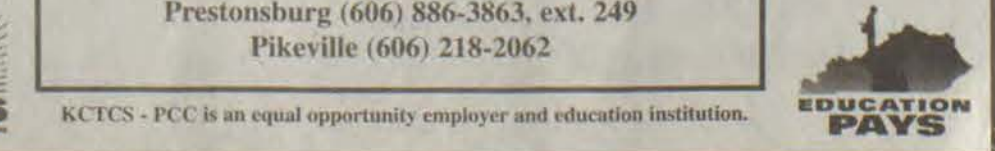
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JERRY CLAIBORNE Former University of Kentucky football coach Jerry Claiborne left us last weekend. An honorable, honest and no-nonsense fellow, Claiborne brought academic integrity back to UK football when it had lost its way. He marched Kentucky to Hall of Fame Bowls in 1983 and 1984. ...

SEE BIG PICTURE ON WKU'S FELTON Western Kentucky U. basketball coach Dennis Felton's apparent NCAA rules violation last week for bribing three players from jail ought to be seen in perspective. ...

CLEM HASKINS, SPEAK UP! How far can a favorite son fall? Taylor County native Clem Haskins might have gotten \$1.5 million buy-out money from the University of Minnesota, but ex-athletic officials and former players are running for immunity cover faster than the NBC Olympic ratings are going down. ...

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HARMON FORECAST

THE HARMON FORECAST - Saturday, September 30


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ED'S FOOTBALL PICKS - WEEK 3

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Coming home:

Garrett

by BILL FRANCIS
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER



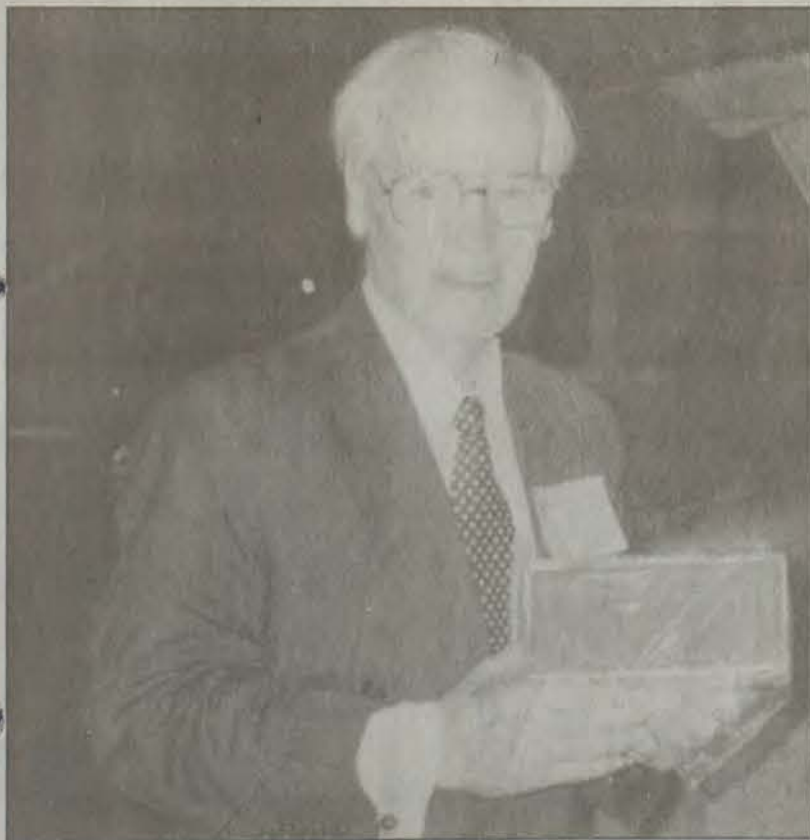
Mother and son team of Garrett supporters — Annis Clark and Michael Clark.



Elmo Green and Willie Martin shared memories.



Lou Henry Scott and Peggy Jo Graves discussed old times.



Rutherford Turner holds a golden brick from the old Garrett High School.

(Editor's Note: Over Labor Day weekend, the author covered three Right Beaver reunions—and then some. Here are his reflections.)

We all look into the mirror each day and think "the big lie." I haven't really changed that much in the past 20, 30, 40, 50 years. When we look into the mirror, the reflection doesn't match how we feel inside about ourselves.

In the spring and summer, there are weddings, graduations, memorials and family reunions, but the most special of all are the school reunions. Three former school communities, Garrett, Wayland, and Maytown, as well as others, almost sank from the weight of the enduring love for long ago friends and others over the Labor Day weekend.

Everyone awaits with great anticipation to see old friends, and all remembering those wonderful school days. There is also a time of sadness, bringing back to mind friends who have passed on from various reasons: accidents, wars, and natural causes. However, we are all traveling down the same road of life; some get off the highway a heartbeat sooner than others.

Then comes the big boomer of seeing that long ago first love of our life, the loss of that old boyfriend or girlfriend, not to death, but, worse, into the arms of another—the big hurt, heartbreak hotel.

These schools of the past, and the reunions, sometimes bring together friends you haven't seen in 50 years. These individuals are not related to each other by blood or marriage, but their bond of love comes from the golden school days and growing up in the same communities.

I think the happiest days of our lives for all of us were our school days, growing up as close knit as blood family, sharing the pride in the name of your coal camp town of Garrett, Wayland, or Maytown and outlying communities. The basketball rivalry made for a lifelong bond of love and friendship for one another.

Way back then, we made our fun-filled days. We didn't have or need a television and computers to sit before to be entertained. There were very few families that had an auto for leisure, most were for work. The schools lost young men and women to World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam. There were many made widows and orphans, because family members were lost in the blackness inside the innards of mother earth, the coal mines. These communities share mutual love for one another.

At these reunions the happiest days I heard discussed were playing with a ball made of black tape and a good tapered branch for a bat and a square made in the ground with a stick for running of bases.

I listened to men tell of playing basketball from a goal made of stiff wire. The backboard was made of planks and sometimes covered with tin from a metal roof.

Plus, we talked of playing hop scotch, round town, kicking the can, may I, red rover, London bridge, drop the handkerchief, hide and seek, tag, spin the bottle and that wonderful game "post office."

I don't know why I listed post office as a game. I sure didn't think of it as a game. My heart raced a mile a minute after calling a girl to the post office that was in a dark room or stairway and trying to find her and her lips.

The big event on Sundays was walking the railroad track, because it went through the center of all the towns. There were no towns or communities unless there was a train depot or station. Everyone knew the bounds of their communities by the next train depot or station. If you wanted trouble, all you need, do was to go outside your community boundary. I listened to stories of long ago school and town rivalries over girlfriends and boyfriends. There were even boundaries within one's own community.

At these reunions, it was obvious, as soon as words were spoken that some had lost their Appalachian speech and spoke another dialect, not uppity—just hard to understand.

When individuals would ask, "Remember me?" I would step back at arm's length trying to read their name tag which was written with a ball point pen. I think they should be written with a magic marker, in large print.

Anyway, I would try to look sometimes at a bald head and try to imagine hair on it. I tried to visualize how they would look if they were 50 pounds lighter, 45 years younger, without a beard, talking with my mountain ebionics. Sometimes it required looking at a 60-year old trying to visualize a vivacious 18-year-old without glasses, without wrinkles on their face, and with the bright shining eyes of youth. The best I could do was to recall family resemblances and say you are a Conley, Slone, Gearheart, Martin, Scott, etc. and it worked pretty good.

The big topper was when friends lied to each other, saying, "you haven't changed a bit." I was told that a couple of times. I kept saying to myself, I hope I didn't look this way 40 years ago. I just kept thinking if I look the same, why don't I feel the same. Why am I having all these aches and pains. I now must wear magnifying glasses to look at all the pictures I was shown. My hands look like my father's. I can't think of one single thing that hasn't changed in my appearance and the way my body feels.

Then things got serious, the topics moved to

See GARRETT, page four



Garrett revelers include Adrian Lovely, Mack Slone, Tennyson Turner, Maryland Francis, Cougar Slone and Eugene Mullins.

New kid in town

Little Byron Taylor Hammond made his entrance into the world on Saturday, September 16, and you wouldn't think such a little fellow could cause so much excitement. After all, he just weighed seven pounds and two ounces.

But then he is the first child of Heather and Breck Hammond of Stanville, and the first grandchild of Susan and Ronnie Wallen, also of Stanville, and of Bennie Lynn and Mike Hammond of Broad Bottom, near Pikeville. There's something about being first that makes any child special.

Anyway, they brought little Byron Taylor home from the hos-



pital and his being brand new brought on some new duties for the new parents, like all the things you have to learn about child care—and how a baby wants to sleep all day and stay awake for most of the night. Also how giv-

ing a baby a bath can be a major ordeal.

They wanted to share the experience of giving him his first bath, and they called Heather's parents to come with a video camera so they could have a record of this important event.

They had a change of clothing all ready and Breck laid it on the changing table while he undressed the child to have him ready for the water. But just as he removed the undershirt and diaper, the baby decided it was time to "go" and he wet all over the

changing table, the father and the clean clothing.

With the camera running, Breck put him in the water and, with Heather holding onto him, he was applying the baby soap and wash cloth. Heather said, "Breck, you have to shampoo his hair," but the father insisted he didn't have enough hair to shampoo. She said he would get cradle cap if his hair wasn't shampooed, so the soap got applied to his head and all the way to the end of his toes.

Finally, the job was finished and he was lifted to the nice, soft waiting bath towel. And about this time, he decided to "go" again, only this time he didn't just wet on himself and the nice clean towel. That wound him up back in the bath water, but this time they didn't have to wash his head

again. I haven't learned whether we will get to see the video but, right now, Breck thinks that may be the only bath he'll ever have.

Still sharing

Little Byron Taylor has two great-grandmothers who were childhood friends living near each other in Betsy Layne Bottom.

When Betty Hall Porter and Rosceine Layne Fannin were little girls and playing with dolls, they never dreamed they would one day share a real live little boy as a descendant. Betty was married to the late John Porter and lives in Prestonsburg. Rosceine is married to Benny Joe Fannin, and they live at Nancy, just outside Somerset.

Reunions

• McKenzie family reunion, descendants of Ollie/Mary, Henry/Ann and Clarence/Monie McKenzie, Saturday, September 30, Archer Park Shelter #1 (near playground), starting at 10:30 a.m. Bring covered dish, old and new photos, family tree. Call Tammy Greer at 606/886-0366, or Lily Nelson, 886-9680.

• The Wayland High School class of 1941 annual reunion, September 28-29, May Lodge, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Contact Lois Hobbs Gault, 101 Joyce Ave., Apt. 1C, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37415.

• Jarrell/Riddle reunion, Saturday, September 30, starting at 11 a.m., Dewey Dam Shelter #1, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park. Bring a covered dish and \$5 wrapped gift for white elephant auction to raise money for next year. Call Estill Jean Endicott, 606/874-9324.

• Prestonsburg High School class of 1980, 20-year reunion, October

7, Holiday Inn, Prestonsburg. Call 606/886-6140, 886-0749, or 886-9820.

• Johnson reunion, descendants of Milford and Minnie Johnson of Teaberry, October 7, all day, Dewey Dam Shelter #3, Jenny Wiley Site Resort Park. Call 606/889-9624.

• Descendants of Elkaner Martin reunion, October 14, home of Thomas E. Martin on Turkey Creek, Langley. Bring covered dish.

family pictures. Call Gaylord Martin, 606/285-9003.

• Nathaniel Mosley/Mary Polly Moore family reunion, October 21, 11-6 p.m., Shelter No. 2, Carr Creek Lake, Knott County. Call Danny Huff, 606/785-9734; Judy Faulner, 606/368-2381; or Shelly Studer, 606/437-7514.

(** New to list)

The Reunion Calendar is a free service. Send reunion announcements to Pam Shingler, Floyd County Times, PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; fax 606/886-3603; e-mail fctimes@eastky.net.

Louisville to host the 27th troop carrier squadron reunion

The 27th Troop Carrier Squadron will hold its annual reunion October 18-22, at the Hilton Garden Inn East, in Louisville.

The reunion is expected to draw delegates from most of the 50 states.

Photos and memorabilia from World War II, China, Burma, India

Campaign, and 27th Troop Carrier Squadron will be on display throughout the conference. On Friday, October 20, at 9 a.m., a memorial service and tree planting, with color guard, will take place at the Bowman Field Administrative Building.

For more information, contact: Janet Krebs, at 615/843-1239.

Organizations

Maddox speaks to local group

Researching genealogy is "one of the fastest growing hobbies in the United States," Connie Maddox told members of the Floyd County Historical Society on September 18.

"Baby boomers are coming of age and becoming interested in genealogy," said Maddox, who is president of the Pike County Historical Society.

Maddox helped organize the archives at Pikeville College where she was a librarian for

many years. The college library contains the papers of the late Floyd County historian Henry Scalf.

Maddox gave several tips on genealogical study:

- Start with yourself and what you know about your family.
- Use a standardized pedigree sheet and family group sheet to record family connections.
- Interview relations to find out what they know about the family history.

- Try to prove facts as you go along. Cite dates and sources for each new bit of information. Be consistent, use full names and write out dates.
- Learn to love the library. Maddox handed out a listing of area libraries and the types of resources they hold.

She also advised, "Be wary of things you find on the Internet." She said it is difficult to verify material on the Internet and where its actual source is.

Straight facts about braces

(NAPSA) — It used to take guts to straighten teeth — literally. Archeologists have discovered strips of animal innard on the front teeth of mummified ancients, apparently to close gaps.

What a difference a few millennia can make. Today's orthodontics is positively "space age." State-of-the-art braces feature arch wires and brackets adapted from NASA technology.

Orthodontic treatment is more comfortable than even a decade ago, so much so that patients look forward to getting wired! Nearly 4.5 million people in the United States and Canada are in the care of an orthodontist and looking forward to a healthy, beautiful smile that's good for life.

- Why is orthodontics important? Without treatment, orthodontic problems may lead to tooth decay, gum disease, bone destruction and trouble with chewing and digestion. A "bad bite" can be a factor in tooth loss and chipped teeth. Orthodontics can have psychological benefits, too-boosting a person's self-image as the teeth, jaws and lips become properly aligned.
- When should my child first see an orthodontist?

The American Association of Orthodontists (AAO) recommends that every child get an orthodontic screening no later than age 7. Even if a problem is detected, immediate treatment may not be recommended. Chances are, the orthodontist will want to check on your child from time to time. That way, the orthodontist can inform parents of the ideal time to begin treatment.

- Is it ever too late for a person to get braces? Healthy teeth can be moved at almost any age. An orthodontist can improve the smile of practically anyone-in fact, orthodontists regularly treat patients in their 50s, 60s and older!
- What makes an orthodontist different from a dentist? Orthodontists are specialists in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of dental and facial irregularities. They are uniquely qualified to correct "bad bites." The American Dental Association requires orthodontists to have at least two years of post-doctoral, advanced specialty training in orthodontics in an accredited program, after graduation from dental school.
- What about costs? You may be surprised to discover that orthodontics is less expensive than you thought. An AAO member will be happy to discuss fees and offer payment plans to help meet individual financial needs. In addition, many dental insurance plans

now include orthodontic benefits. It's important to keep in mind, of course, the lifetime of benefits that orthodontics provides.

- Who can recommend an orthodontist? Ask your family dentist to recommend an orthodontist. You can also find the name of AAO members in your area by calling, toll free, 1-800-STRAIGHT (1-800-787-2444) or on the Internet at www.braces.org.

Cooking class offered

Prestonsburg Community College's Community Center for Lifelong Learning will offer a series of classes in Caribbean Cooking, in October, at Auxier.

Participants will learn how to prepare an entree, a dessert and a 'surprise' dish. The instructor is a PCC student from the Dominican Republic with several years of chef experience. The dishes created will have a distinctive "island" flavor.

The classes will meet on Thursday evenings at the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center in the old Auxier Elementary School, from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning October 19, and concluding November 2.

For more information, or to register for the class, call the Community Center for Lifelong Learning, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at 606/886-3863, ext. 258.

Our Yesterdays

(Items taken from The Floyd County Times, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 years ago.)

Ten Years Ago (September 26 & 28, 1990)

Due to a good amount of local input, a proposed county ordinance regulating private waste disposal sites did not make it through its first reading during Friday's session of the Floyd County Fiscal Court...An ordinance allowing two-way traffic on part of Arnold Avenue in downtown Prestonsburg was given its first reading at Monday night's meeting of the Prestonsburg City Council...Four cases scheduled for trial in Floyd County Circuit Court last week and this week, resulted in two guilty verdicts, a not guilty verdict and a dismissal of charges...Ten months after Kentucky's correction cabinet ordered Floyd County to address overcrowding and structural problems at the county jail or close the facility, a feasibility study for a new jail has been completed...The Floyd County Board of Education will hold a special hearing, Wednesday, October 3, at 6 p.m., at the Prestonsburg High School cafeteria for the purpose of public comment concerning a three percent utility gross receipts license tax and a special meeting of the board will follow the hearing to enact the tax. The announcement came at a special meeting of the school board held Monday...Local physician Syed Badradjua, otherwise known as Doctor Bader, is reportedly out of Iraqi hands and safe in Jordan...The November election, now just six weeks away, may not offer much excitement when compared to last year's countywide vote, but it will offer some important questions. Kentucky voters will be asked to decide the fate of four proposed amendments to the state constitution. It will be the first time in history that more than two such constitutional questions have been put to voters in a single election...Two Floyd County brothers were found guilty Wednesday on arson and theft charges after a Floyd County Circuit Court jury deliberated three and a half hours on the charges...Members of the Wheelwright City Council met briefly Wednesday night to approve second readings of two ordinances and to discuss an ordinance regarding destruction of city property...Although the state continues its moratorium on adding new nursing homes in Kentucky, several companies are considering building or expanding facilities in the region in anticipation of the moratorium's end next spring...A 21-year-old Printer man was arrested Tuesday morning and charged with assaulting a Martin police officer, driving under the influence, reckless driving, criminal mischief, escape in the third degree and disorderly conduct, after the incident at Martin...There died: Cynthia Jane Jarrell Akers, 97, of Dana, Monday, September 24, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center; Virginia T. Kendrick, 67, of Waterford, Michigan, Friday, September 21 at her residence; Alta Kidd Case, 59, of Honaker, Sunday, September 23, at the residence of Garland Elliott, Catlettsburg, after an extended illness; Speed Hall, 73, of Wheelwright, Tuesday, September 25, at his residence; Harry Russell "Rat" Howell, 73, of Abbott Creek Road, Prestonsburg, Monday, September 24, at his residence; Nellie M. (Addis) Nance, 91, of Norwalk, Ohio, Monday, September 24 at Fisher-Titus Medical Center, Norwalk; Dorothy Moore Lawson, 62, of Garrett, Wednesday, September 26, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Thomas (Tom) Mosley, 86, of Right Beaver Creek, Topmost, Wednesday, September 26, at McDowell Appalachian Regional Medical Center; Annie Ramey, 78, of Portsmouth, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County; Willard DeBoard, 77, of Thelma, Thursday, September 20, at Highlands Regional Medical Center.

ratory experiments, commerce students may lack adequate materials to practice their secretarial and accounting skills, and home economics students may have no food to prepare as a result of a budget cut ordered earlier this year by Gov. John Y. Brown, parents and teachers complained this week...Bond of \$10,000 has been asked for the release from jail here of William G. Buffalow, of Rt. 1, Prestonsburg, who is accused of shooting and wounding Elizabeth Renee Petty, 11-year-old Clark School pupil, last Wednesday. In the first degree wanton endangerment warrant issued for Buffalow, he was alleged to have shot the girl with a pellet from an air pistol. The pellet struck her above the eye...Bids are due to be let soon for snagging of various streams in this county...An opinion written by Deputy Assistant Atty. Gen. Charles Runyan held last week that district judges have no legal authority to dismiss a traffic violation because the arresting officer fails to appear in court on the date set for the hearing of the case...There died: Calvin Tussey, 59, of Risner, here Tuesday; Wayne O. Hagans, 76, of Martin, last Thursday at his home; Rufus Martin, 60, of Ft. Wayne, IN, formerly of Galveston, Monday in Ft. Wayne; D. M. (Murph) Allen, 94, of Martin, Monday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Bessie Pack Martin, 83, of Ashland, September 9 at King's Daughters' Hospital, Ashland; Lula Gayheart Allen, 91, of Eastern, Wednesday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Charles Stumbo, 84, of Nicholasville, formerly of this county, Tuesday at Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Marie Culwell Green, 63, of McCombs, Wednesday at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Ethar Lee Hall, 65, of Jackson, OH, Friday at his residence; George (Pete) Blackburn, 79, of Endicott, at his home; Ashley Collins, 69, of Van Lear, Wednesday at the Paintsville hospital.

Thirty Years Ago (September 24, 1970)

The fairgrounds at Archer Park were being prepared this week for the 1970 Floyd County Fair which will begin Friday, September 30...Two major gas companies headquartered here are in the midst of a heavy drilling schedule as the demand for natural gas is heavier because of national shortages of fuels of all sorts is threatened...Floyd county schools are continuing the pupil-loss trend which has existed for the last several years, enrollment figures show...Both sides in the continuing Martin-Eastern school battle won and lost last week in decisions handed down by Special Judge James B. Stephenson, of Pikeville...William Howard Cohen, poet and instructor at Alice Lloyd College, announced to news media this week that as "a step to stop this madness that is destroying us all" he will go on October 3 to a stripmine site and there "place my body between the bulldozers and the land I have come to love"...There died: Tome Cole, 105, of David, last Tuesday; Andrew J. Newman, 78, native of this county, Friday in Hillsboro, Ohio.

Forty Years Ago (September 29, 1960)

The Kentucky Water Pollution Control Commission last week allocated \$148,500 to Prestonsburg for sewage system and sewage disposal plant construction...Seventy men are involved in a strike at the Columbia Tipple of the Turner-Elkhorn Coal Company...Several hundred turned out to view the exhibits and amuse themselves with the ride and concessions at the eighth annual Floyd County Fair being held at the Prestonsburg High School...As of Wednesday afternoon, \$4,819 had been raised for the Floyd County Retarded Children's Council by Radio Station WPRT's fourth annual radio auction and kickoff dinner...Townsell G. Marshall, of Ashland, and a native of this

Twenty Years Ago (September 24, 1980)

There is still "every hope" that the application for \$2.8 million in taxfree bonds to build a K-Mart store here will be approved by the state Industrial Revenue Bond Oversight Committee...Floyd science students may not be able to do labo-

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Garrett

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health. Who had the most heart bypasses, the knee and hip replacements, transplants, implants and medications. I was flabbergasted while visiting with friends in their motel rooms and seeing on night stands and at the dinner table the small, medium, large and jumbo sizes of the seven-day medicine pill containers, the kind that keeps you from forgetting to take all from 2-5 daily pills.

Fifty years ago the rivalry was so fierce you would not have been able to get these two or three communities together without a fight, gun threatening, or even a killing. This fierce rivalry has become more compassionate for each other than ever was the long ago strife. This love will always remain and grow more dear each year until the last graduates pass into the long ago memories. The schools have been closed now for 30 years or more. Those graduates who remain are not in the spring of life. Many are in the autumn, and some are looking eyeball to eyeball into the winter of their lives.



Dr. Lowell Martin joined the reunion.

The reunions are over and everyone has packed up and gotten back to their daily life. They have gone home to call a friend or relative who couldn't make it this year to the reunion. They are talking about being recognized without hesitation and telling how their counterparts have changed to the point they would have never recognized them.

I think all our lies were of good intentions, after all who wants to hurt an old school friend.

After all, there was Garrett, Wayland, Maytown, McDowell, Rock Fork School and Upper Jones Fork Schools having reunions at the same time. I think I could have gone to any and been well accepted, because no one would have recognized me. I could have fit in at any of the reunions. I still hope I went to the correct reunion. That could be the reason I kept seeing so many strangers, huh!

Bill Francis graduated from Garrett High and lives at Mousie. His address is Box 453, Hindman, KY 41822.



Vickie Scott Crowe, right, teaches the Whitaker sisters to line dance at the Garrett School reunion.



Remembering GHS: Glen Slone, Carbidie Pritchard and Clarence Napier.

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KET's In Performance at the Governor's Mansion spotlights Prestonsburg's Mountain Arts Center

In Performance at the Governor's Mansion "On the Road at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg" pays tribute to community arts groups: singers, dancers and musicians who come together for their own enjoyment and to entertain others.

Hosted by Courier-Journal columnist and connoisseur of Kentucky culture Byron Crawford, the program airs Sunday, October 1 at 10 p.m. on KET.

The program begins with the Lexington Singers. Founded more than four decades ago as a small ensemble, the group now boasts more than 100 members. The Singers perform songs composed

by arranger and accompanist Jay Flippin, incorporating the words of Kentucky poet James Still.

Then the River City Drum Corps claims the stage with a dynamic performance of African drumming. Founded in 1993 by Edward White, this Louisville-based group offers children and young adult apprentices the opportunity to learn drumming techniques as well as academic and business skills. The Hoedown Island Cloggers, from Slade, join the Drum Corps for one piece.

A performance by the Kentucky Opry rounds out the program. Based at the Mountain Arts Center since its founding in 1990 by Billie

Jean Osborne, the musical variety show features a blend of country, bluegrass and gospel favorites in the tradition of country barn dances and the great radio programs that grew from them in the 1930s and '40s.

In Performance at the Governor's Mansion is a partnership among the Governor's Office, Special Projects and the Governor's Mansion; the Secretary's Office, Cabinet for Education, Arts and Humanities; and KET. The series is underwritten by a generous grant from the Ashland Oil Company.

In Performance at the Governor's Mansion "On the Road at the Mountain Arts Center in Prestonsburg" is a KET production, produced and directed by George Rasmussen. Nancy Carpenter is executive producer. The series is closed-captioned for the deaf and hard-of-hearing. Viewers can find out more about programming on KET by visiting the KET Web at <http://www.ket.org>, a Kentucky.com affiliate.

Christmas flower arranging class begins

Prestonsburg Community College's Community Center for Lifelong Learning is offering a Christmas flower arranging class. Students will learn how to decorate the home for the Christmas holidays, using both real and artificial flowers and foliage. The instructor is a florist with more than three years of experience as an instructor.

The classes will meet on Monday evenings, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in room 102 of the Johnson Administration Building on the Prestonsburg campus.

Classes will begin on Monday, October 16, and conclude on November 6.

For more information, or to register for the class, call the Community Center for Lifelong Learning, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., at 606/886-3863, ext. 258.

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BUSINESS professions

Columbia Gas Customer ChoiceSM program begins

For the first time, all Columbia Gas of Kentucky customers now have the opportunity to choose who they buy their natural gas from.

Beginning September 18, Columbia's residential and commercial customers can now enjoy an opportunity for savings on the gas supply cost portion of their monthly bills through the company's Customer CHOICE™ Program. The program makes it possible for customers to purchase their natural gas from a third-party supplier, or marketer.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky has initially approved three natural gas marketers to participate in the program. They are:

- IGS Energy, 877-444-7427, www.IGSEnergy.com
- Nicole Energy Services Inc., 800-651-8927, www.nicolenergy.com
- Stand Energy Corporation, 800-598-2046, www.stand-energy.com

Marketers have more flexibility in their pricing and can offer special pricing options, which may mean savings for residential customers. There is no deadline for marketers to be approved. Others may enter the program at a later date. Likewise, there is no deadline for customers to enroll with a marketer.

The CHOICE Program works by allowing customers to potentially lower the gas cost portion of their monthly bill. "A customer's bill is comprised of two primary components—the delivery charge and the cost of gas," said Stephen R. Byars, director of external affairs for Columbia Gas of Kentucky.

"The delivery charge covers the cost of delivering the gas to the customer's home or business, while the gas cost is the cost of the natural gas itself," he said.

As a regulated utility, Columbia Gas buys the gas and sells it to its customers at the same price. "We do not mark-up the price of the gas or make a profit on it," Byars said.

The Customer of CHOICE Program is voluntary. For those who choose to purchase their natural gas from a marketer, Columbia Gas will continue to deliver the gas and provide other services, including 24-hour emergency service, billing, pipeline maintenance and customer service.

And for those who choose not to switch suppliers, Columbia Gas of Kentucky will continue to supply and deliver their natural gas, just as it does now.

Although this concept may be new to Kentucky consumers, competition within residential markets is not new, according to Joseph W. Kelly, executive vice president and

chief operating officer of Columbia Gas of Kentucky.

"Almost 23 million Americans—including 1.8 million Columbia customers in other states—already have the opportunity to take control of their gas bills through some type of choice program, and the results have been positive," said Kelly.

Industrial customers in Kentucky have had the ability to choose their natural gas supplier for almost 20 years. This program—the first such initiative approved by the Kentucky Public Service Commission—opens the door for a similar opportunity for savings to be offered to the company's residential customers.

"The PSC fully supports options for Kentucky's natural gas customers," said PSC Vice Chairman Ed Holmes. "The Commission carefully reviewed this program, and hope that customers who are interested in having a choice will begin to educate themselves on the options this program makes available to them."

Columbia Gas officials announced the creation of the Customer CHOICE Program on July 19. Since that time, the company has worked to educate its customers about the program during a 60-day customer education period.

"In addition to advertisements

and bill inserts, we have made dozens of personal presentations to neighborhood associations and civic groups throughout our service territory," said Byars.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky customers may contact the company at 800-866-4GAS with questions about the program. Additional information is available on the company's web site at www.columbiagasky.com.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky, a Columbia Energy Group Company, currently serves more than 140,000 commercial, industrial and residential customers in 60 Kentucky communities. Headquartered in Lexington, Columbia Gas of Kentucky has area offices in Ashland, Maysville, Winchester, Frankfort, East Point and Paris.

Columbia Energy Group, based in Herndon, Virginia, is one of the nation's leading energy services companies with assets of about \$7 billion. Its operating companies engage in nearly all phases of the natural gas business, including exploration and production, transmission, storage and distribution, propane and petroleum product sales, and electric power generation.

Information about Columbia Energy Group (NYSE:CG) is available on the Internet at www.columbiaenergygroup.com.

Floyd County native retires as Berea VP

Floyd County native Rodney C. Bussey, vice president for alumni relations and development at Berea College, began early retirement in August, after a highly successful career in education, 25 years of which have been with Berea.



Rodney C. Bussey

"Although his official retirement began September 1, Bussey will continue as a consultant to Berea College.

"Rod Bussey's greatest strengths have been his passion for the mission of Berea College and his compassion for people," said Berea President Larry D. Shinn.

"Rod is a true son of Berea College. He has never forgotten his roots in the coal town of David, Kentucky, and the growth that occurred when he studied at Berea College. He always mentions both of those influences when telling 'his story' to alumni, donors or friends of Berea."

Bussey first arrived from the coal fields of eastern Kentucky on the Berea's campus 40 years ago to earn his B.S. in business administration. During his successful four-decade career in education as a teacher, fund-raiser, administrator, consultant, and coach, Bussey also earned the respect of his colleagues.

Bussey's first post, after graduating from Berea in 1963, was as fourth grade teacher and coach at the Harbor Country Day School, St. James, Long Island, New York, where he served from 1964 to 1967. He returned to Kentucky to serve at the Lexington School, where he became head of the middle school and assistant headmaster.

At that time, Bussey also became active as a volunteer with Berea College's alumni chapter in Fayette County. Later, he was elected to Berea's Alumni Council.

After serving eight years at the Lexington School and completing his master's degree at Eastern Kentucky University, Bussey returned to Berea College in 1975,

as director of alumni relations. While serving in that capacity for eight years, he brought new life to the alumni program.

Many of the components that are so much a part of Berea's alumni program today, including the Student Alumni Relations Council, Alumni College, Alumni Travel Program, and the Alumni Directory, were all initiated or revived by Bussey.

During his tenure as alumni director, Bussey demonstrated his skill in nurturing relationships among alumni and Berea College, by introducing future alumni to the college's needs, while they are still students, and by bringing alumni together on campus or on tours for continuous learning experiences.

In recognition of his successful work, the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) presented Bussey with the "Exceptional Award" for dramatic improvement in Alumni Relations. The Berea College Alumni Association also honored him with the "Award of Special Merit" in 1998.

"Rod has served as a mentor and friend to many. Over the years, he has encouraged many Berea College students and alumni in their careers and given them insight in their vocations," states Jackie Collier Ballinger, '80, current

alumni director.

"When the Alumni Council decided to honor Rod in 1998 with the Award of Special Merit, it was agreed that there was none better who fit the criteria."

In 1983, Bussey was named vice president for alumni relations and development, the position he held until his retirement. After his appointment as vice president, he completed the final phase of Berea's successful \$45,300,000 capital campaign, which ended in 1984.

He also directed the development and implementation of the fund raising plan for Berea's \$70,000,000 capital campaign in 1987-1992. He directed a 43-member team in development, alumni relations, and public relations, comprising one of higher education's most successful and respected advancement programs.

Bussey's leadership in development was recognized by CASE in 1993, when he was presented CASE's "Circle of Excellence Award" for Berea College's exemplary fund-raising program.

During Bussey's 17 years at the development helm, the college received in total giving, more than \$250 million.

While Berea College has been the primary focus of Bussey's skills, he has shared his expertise by consulting for the benefit of a number of schools, colleges, seminaries, hospitals and other non-

profit organizations.

Drawing on his wealth of experience, Bussey has been a popular speaker at a wide variety of seminars, conferences, and workshops on all aspects of alumni relations, development, management and leadership.

Bussey also has been an active member of CASE, having served as an officer at both the district and international levels. His skills as a teacher have been valuable to students at Berea College who have taken the Philanthropy and Volunteerism class he leads each Short Term. Through his influence and inspiration, many of his students have gone on to pursue careers in higher education as development, admissions and alumni officers.

One such former student is Joe Bagnoli, '88, who is admissions director of Berea College. "I was told that the mark of a good teacher was someone who loved to learn themselves and, as importantly, loved to share what they learned. Rod Bussey represented a model teacher for me while a student at Berea College", Bagnoli says.

"His enthusiasm for knowing and giving what he knew to me as a student in his Institutional Advancement Short Term course seemed parallel to the motives of Berea's most sincere donors. He gave from his inheritance without regard for his own sacrifice."



photo by Willie Elliott

Glenda "Faye" Johnson was the employee of the month for July 2000 at the Holiday Inn. Johnson is a room attendant in the Housekeeping Department and has been with Holiday Inn since May 1998.

Local companies receive awards

Two area companies have been recognized for their commitment to safety in the workplace by KARE, a program sponsored by the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce and underwritten by Allmerica Financial Insurance Company.

Action Petroleum Inc. of Prestonsburg and Apple Valley Sanitation of Hager Hill are among 35 companies that received KARE Safety Awards for 1999.

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NEW LISTING

ARKANSAS CREEK—ATTENTION INVESTORS: Improvement #1: 2-story brick building, 3200± sq. ft. being 85% complete. Improvement #2: 1200± sq. ft. concrete block building being 60% complete. Owner's loss is your gain. Priced to sell at \$39,900. Call for details and appointment to see. C-1

BULL CREEK (Right Fork)—\$82,500.00. 40± acres with a 1,452± sq. ft., 3-bedroom, 2-bath, living room, dining room, kitchen with attached carport (tile floor). Property has city water, private septic tank and is out of the flood plain. Make appl. to view today. W-6

MTN. PARKWAY, Rt. 114, D.B.A. Parkway Connection, Operating convenience store, offering gas, diesel, groceries, deli, and beer. Located 5± miles west of Prestonsburg. Offers 200± ft. road frontage. Improvements: 40±x70± (2,800± sq. ft.) bldg. with metal and brick exterior. Features include 42 ft. of glass in front, central heat & air, burglar alarm system, restrooms and office, plus all equipment and fixtures. Call today for complete details. C-1

PRESTONSBURG—\$95,000.00. COMMERCIAL PROPERTY...Very nice apartment building, in-town location, completely remodeled with 884± sq. ft. in each apartment. Both apartments offer central heat & air, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, oak kitchens with appliances. Call Hansel for details. M-7

KY ROUTE 404—Acreage, plus a 3-bedroom, 2-bath brick home, large barn, 2-car detached garage, 1-car attached carport, plus apartment for mother-in-law. Call for details. H-2001

FOR SALE OR LEASE
LANCELOT COURT, CHLOE CREEK, PIKEVILLE—1248± sq. ft., 3 bedrooms, living room, kitchen, 1.5 baths, townhouse. Features central heat & air and all amenities. Call today for details. Market priced at \$79,500.00, or lease price of \$700.00 per month and deposit.

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ABBOTT CREEK — Beautiful log home, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, hardwood floors, cherry cabinets, deck off bedroom. AGENT OWNED. \$139,000. (104741) Call Ann.

STEPHENS BRANCH—Lots of beauty and a lot of value! This 3-bedroom, 2.5-bath brick Tudor has both. Well maintained home with large lot, including a fenced garden, and is located just minutes from town! Call Marcie for details. (103830)

A GREAT LOCATION! A crisp brick home, 100x150 lot, 3 bedrooms, 1.75 baths, fenced yard. (105202) Call Shirley

CLASSIC TRADITIONAL—Beautiful 2-story brick home situated on private 50 acres. Master suite with sitting room. Hardwood floors, custom kitchen, large walk-in closets. For private showing, call Trent Nairn. (105200)

HAGER HILL — Sharp 3-bedroom brick, 1.75 baths, fireplace in family room. \$76,900. (105131) Call Jo.

RICHMOND HILLS—A cedar ranch home, corner lot, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, excellent condition. \$65,000. (105199) Call Jo.

BUILDING LOTS
LOCATION, LOCATION, just off U.S. 23. Great building lot. \$25,500.00. (104958)
NEW LISTING: BULL CREEK—Building lot located in Guess Subdivision. \$15,000.00.
NEW LISTING: HIDDEN COVE SUBDIVISION—Located 1/2-mile from Dewey Lake. 2 lots, NO RESTRICTIONS. \$15,500.00.