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Suspect arraigned

Times Staff Report

Sad and somber-looking, George Andrew "Andy" Jarrell, 36, of Stone Coal Creek in Garrett, appeared in court via closed circuit television early Monday morning, October 9, for his arraignment in connection with the murder of Bill J. "Buck" Jarrell, 28, of Abbott Road.

George Jarrell was arrested on KY 80, near Eastern, Friday morning, October 6, shortly after a shooting that resulted in the death of Bill Jarrell.

The shooting occurred at the residence of Larry Prater on Daniel's Creek Road in Banner. Jarrell was charged with the murder of Bill Jarrell.

The defendant told District Judge Eric D. Hall that he understood the charges before him and that he had had no opportunity to speak to an attorney. He also said that he was financially able to afford an attorney. He lists construction worker as his occupation.

Judge Hall set a preliminary hearing date of October 16, at 1:30 p.m.

Jarrell, who is charged with murder, will remain lodged at the Floyd County Detention Center under no bond until that date.

Two Day Forecast...

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Prestonsburg Council OK's annexation

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

While temperatures were falling on the outside, things were heating up on the inside at Monday night's Prestonsburg city council meeting.

The council met at 6 p.m., October 9, to continue discussions and hold a vote concerning the annexation proposals 7-2000 (Middle Creek) and 8-2000 (Big Branch). Residents of both areas have expressed doubts and objections to the annexation proposals.

The crux of the objections seems to be that residents are concerned that their tax rates, utility rates and insurance rates will

substantially increase if the respective areas are annexed into the city limits.

Not so, says the council, and in an effort to increase understanding of these issues, the council made available a comparison sheet, on which city and county expenses and taxes were compared and analyzed.

Even so, some residents were still not convinced and remained skeptical of the underlying reasons behind the proposals,

asserting that financial gain by certain individuals was the real reason for the desire to annex.

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Council moved to clarify her statement by asking, "You mean you do not want to be a part of the city?" To which she responded with an emphatic "No, I do not!"

She went on to accuse the city of taking away the "people's right to vote" because she claimed that to hook up to city water and sewer lines, the residents of the respective areas were required to first sign a release stating that they would not vote against the annexation proposals.

Council countered that accusation by saying that it was not necessary for any resident or property owner to hook up to city lines, that they had the right to private water and disposal systems without falling prey to city ordinances.

Frank Fitzpatrick then raised questions as to why annexation proposals concern-

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Highway section to honor pioneer

Times Staff Report

In a tribute fitting for the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival, the Jenny Sellards Wiley Memorial Overpass will be dedicated Saturday at 2 p.m., according to Jim Daniels, founder and president of the Jenny Wiley Association.

The road section is at the junction of US 23 and 460 in Paintsville, near Jenny's Creek, which was long ago named after the local celebrity.

This dedication is the result of the foresight of the late noted historian Myrtle Wheeler Minix.

On March 8, 1996, Kentucky Transportation Secretary Fred N. Mudge signed Official Order No. 96893 stating "THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the US 23 bridge over US 460 be known as the Jenny Sellards Wiley Memorial Overpass."

This action was the result of an earlier petition Minix had presented

to the Johnson County Fiscal Court. Further stipulation in the official order stated it would become effective when proper signs were erected.

"Appalachia Crossroads, Descendants of Hezekiah Sellards," written in 1977 by Clayton Cox, listed more than 20,000 descendants, many spread over eastern Kentucky and West Virginia, including Sellards, Wileys, Williamsons, Borders, Castles, Webbs and others.

The Jenny Wiley Association gathering culminates on Sunday with a continental breakfast prior to church services sponsored by Borders Chapel church members at 10:30 a.m. Borders Chapel is located on KY. 581 at Ulysses in Lawrence County. The church service will be followed by dinner served at the River Development Club at 1 p.m., just prior to a wreathlaying ceremony at the Jenny Wiley grave.

Miss Jenny Wiley: Brittany Morgan Patton



Patton is Miss Jenny Wiley

Times Staff Report

A South Floyd High School student will reign as Miss Jenny Wiley during the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival in Prestonsburg this week.

Brittany Morgan Patton, 16, of McDowell was crowned during a pageant Sunday afternoon at Adams Middle School. The pageant kicked off the festival, which continues through Saturday.

The new queen is the daughter of Kern and Linda Patton and a junior at SFHS. In addition to winning the top title, she placed first in the interview competition.

Runners-up for the festival title were Ashlie Prater and Kelly Knott.

Patton and fellow pageant winners will figure prominently in the festival parade, which begins Saturday at 3 p.m., in downtown Prestonsburg.

In the girls division, the other title holders are, by category:

- Miss Teen Jenny Wiley (13-15 years), Ashley Collins; Lakein Watkins, first runner up, and Tiffany Goble, second runner up.

Collins was also the interview winner.

- Young Miss Jenny Wiley (9-12 years), Jessica Arnett (also costume winner), followed by Kassie Prater and Ashley Wright.

- Little Miss Jenny Wiley (6-8 years), Courtney Shepherd (also costume); Beverly Jennings, first runner up, and Kelsey Jarrell, second runner up.

- Tiny Miss Jenny Wiley (4-5 years), Brandy Crum (also costume), followed by Haleigh Cantrell and Jessica Hall.

- Wee Miss Jenny Wiley (2-3 years), Ashley Bentley, followed by Kennedy Garrett and Latessa Jarvis. Costume winner was Taylor Moore.

- Toddler Jenny Wiley (12-23 months), Olivia Mullins (also costume), followed by Megan Smith and Allison Hall.

- Baby Jenny Wiley (0-11 months), Tamara Burchett (also costume), followed by Niah Andrea and Abigail Fannin.

- In the boys division, the title holders are
- Mister Jenny Wiley (4-6 years), Tyler Mollette (also costume); Peyton Akers, first

(See **PATTON**, page two)



photo by Kathy Prater

Cheryl Lafferty, left, and Bernice Jarrell served up hundreds of plates of turkey and trimmings at the annual Riverview Manor Luncheon on Monday. The event, to which the community is invited, heralds the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival, which is going on all week in Prestonsburg.

Case goes to grand jury

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

The saga of the Wheelwright drug raid continues. Darrell Triplett, 30, appeared in court on Monday, October 9, for a preliminary hearing in connection with his arrest on September 13 on drug-related charges.

An earlier hearing had been delayed because Lt. Ricky Thomsberry was unavailable to appear to testify in the case.

Triplett has been charged with first degree trafficking in a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia; and the cultivation of marijuana, less than five plants.

Triplett's mother, Osalene Triplett, 52, had previously been arrested

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Council

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ing West Prestonsburg and the Highlands Regional areas had not been proffered. He said that annexation proposals seemed to "leapfrog" and were out of sequence to what seemed logical.

He added that Highlands Regional was not built entirely on industrial revenue bonds and that, therefore, the area can be annexed as long as the annexation lines are not arbitrarily drawn.

Mayor Jerry Fannin responded that he did not know why certain patterns in annexation proposals had taken place, that the proposals had

been done years ago and that perhaps the council could look into the subject in further detail.

Asked by Fitzpatrick if there was any particular reason that questions of this nature had been avoided, Fannin replied, simply, "No."

Fannin said he felt it would be beneficial both to the city and the Highlands Regional area if annexation of this area were to occur. He said that taking in this area was an issue that the council should perhaps take into further consideration.

Floyd County Board of Education member Johnnie Ross was in attendance at the meeting, as well as Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanning. Ross said a meeting that was supposed to occur between Mayor Fannin, council members and school board members, concerning the inclusion of Clark

Elementary in annexation plans, had failed to occur because of scheduling difficulties.

Ross said he and board member Carol Stumbo had been out of town and had been unable to meet at the mayor's convenience. The mayor asserted that he had been willing to meet with the school board and had offered to take his own private evening time to do so. But he said that nothing could be worked out that accommodated each person's schedule.

Ross then asked the council to postpone the vote on the 7-2000 ordinance, which would take in the school. Mayor Fannin replied that, according to procedure, postponing the vote was not possible.

Ross then asked the council to give a "No" vote to the proposed ordinance and stay the proceedings until further discussions could be made. The council agreed to consider that request but made no further statements.

Council member Bill R. Collins asked Ross to be exact about his objections to bringing the school into city limits. Ross answered that it just seemed to him that the lines had been arbitrarily drawn by taking in KY 114 and then crossing 114 to take in Clark Elementary.

The mayor responded that the proposal also took in the hollow across from Clark Elementary. He said the school would benefit from the annexation because the city was willing to invest monies into the repair and construction of water and sewage lines leading into the school.

Ross said that another of the school board's concerns was taxation of the paychecks of classified employees of the school. Council asked for clarification of the term "classified employee." Ross replied that a classified employee is an employee that is not certified to teach, i.e. janitors and cooks.

Council said that according to the figures they had compiled the school board would actually save money by the incorporation of the school and that they could take that money and compensate their classified employees with a raise.

According to the council's figures, the school will save on fire insurance premiums and garbage collection rates and their water bill

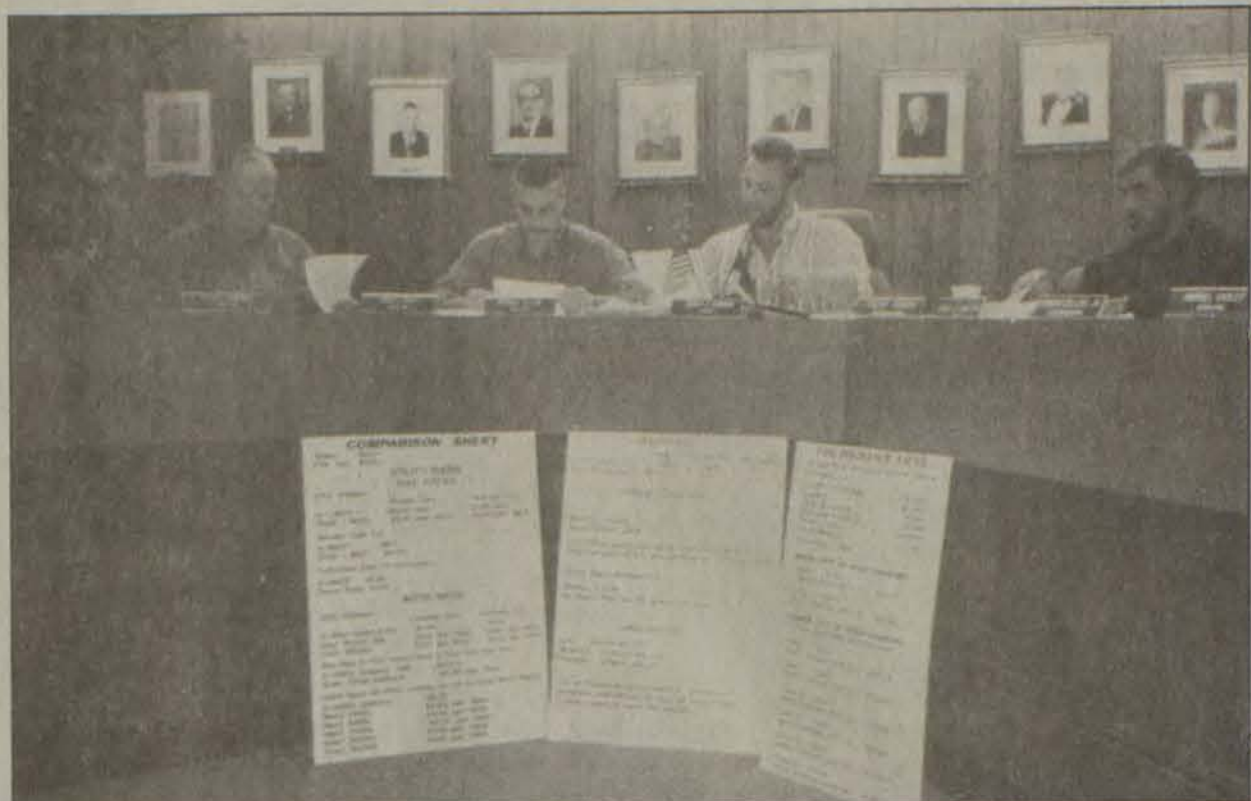


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Members of Prestonsburg City Council posted a comparison sheet at Monday night's meeting to counter arguments that annexation will mean higher costs for residents of two areas the city seeks to annex — Big Branch and KY 114 to Clark Elementary School.

will be reduced by 25 percent.

According to Collins, the school is currently paying \$6 per cubic foot for garbage collection, while once incorporated, the collection rate will lower to \$3 per cubic foot. This is one example, said Collins, of how the school will benefit from annexation.

The council voted to approve both annexation ordinances. The petitions that were created in objection to such ordinances will now go to the Floyd County Court Clerk.

Chris Waugh, who will determine if there are enough signatures to warrant placement for a vote on the 2002 ballot.

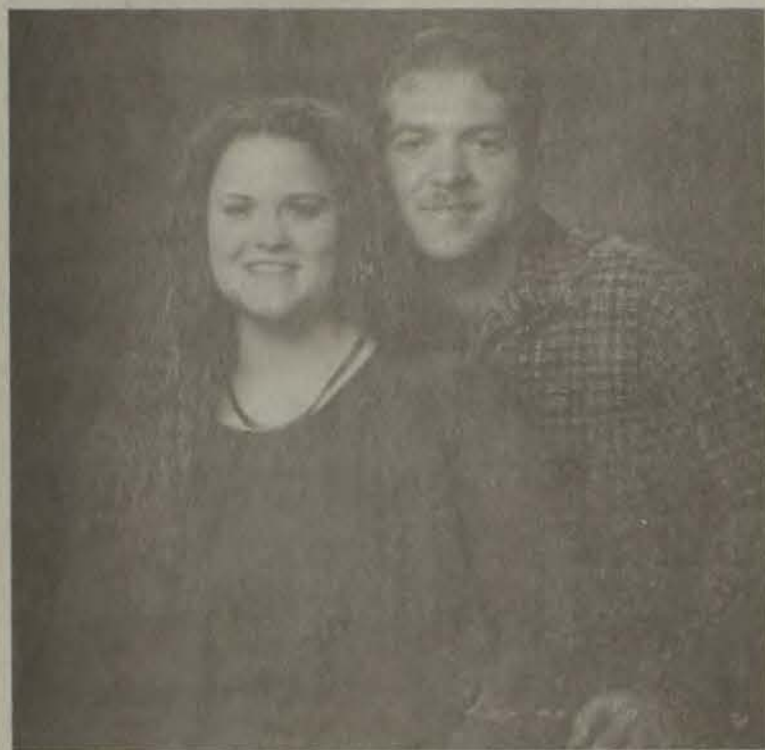
Other business concluded during Monday's meeting was the approval of motion 11-2000 in which the city is applying for extra monies to be appropriated in connection with water resolutions and the approval of motion 10-2000, in which the city is applying for monies from the Department of Highways for reimbursement to the city in the amount

of \$226,190 for work completed by the city on a new access road for Prestonsburg High School and American Electric Power Sub-Station.

Also approved were motions to hire full-time as city employees, Homer Muriel, as a public works employee; Margo Barber, as a landscaping employee; Larry Ward, as a golf pro employee, beginning December 1; and, Chuck Davis, as an employee of the city fire department.

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Hall-Howell To Wed



Donald Lee Howell and Jennifer Denise Hall announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage Saturday, October 14, 2000, at 2:30 p.m. The wedding will take place at First Baptist Church of McDowell. The prospective groom is the son of Brenda Howell of McDowell and the late Donald Ray Howell. The bride-elect is the daughter of Doris A. Hall of Hunter and the late Bennie Dale Hall.

The bride and groom are both 1995 graduates of South Floyd High School and plan to reside at Hunter.

The gracious custom of an open ceremony will be observed.

Case

on September 8 on similar charges.

Lt. Thornsberry was in court on Monday to testify and answer questions in relation to Triplett's case. Thornsberry testified that among the items seized in the raid were about one-half to one gram of cocaine, a scale containing cocaine residue, and a chiffonier that contained cocaine, marijuana residue and \$700 in cash.

In response to a question from Triplett's attorney concerning how he knew that it was cocaine that had

been found, Thornsberry testified that he performed a test wherein a certain substance will turn blue following the addition of cocaine and that the outcome of the test was positive for cocaine.

Thornsberry also testified that he had received information concerning

the case from a confidential informant.

District Court Judge Eric D. Hall has found probable cause to refer Triplett's case to the grand jury for indictment proceedings.

Triplett remains under a bond of \$25,000.

Patton

runner up, and Gary Music, second runner up. Little Mister Jenny Wiley (2 years), William Salisbury, followed by Mason Blanton (costume winner), and Austin Ousley.

Toddler Mister Jenny Wiley (12-23 months), Wesley Slone (also

costume), followed by Bailey Slone. Baby Mister Jenny Wiley (0-11 months), Trevor McKenzie (also costume), followed by Cameron Goble and Logan Dotson.

Coordinators of the pageant were Della Stapleton and Mary Meade.

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Bobby Bradley advertises his sideline on the back of his wheelchair. He sells the Floyd County Times to fellow residents of Riverview Manor Nursing Home in Prestonsburg and carries them around in a bag on his mobile chair. Bradley participated in the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival luncheon on Monday.

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Personnel actions told for school system

The following personnel changes were announced at the September 25 meeting of the Floyd County Board of Education.

Certified Hirings

Michelle Hall, FMD teacher, Allen Central Middle School; Beverly Meade, special education teacher, South Floyd Middle School; Nathan Jones, social studies teacher, South Floyd High School; Monica Compton, primary teacher, May Valley Elementary; Dennis Bartley, .5 music teacher, SFHS; Debra Stephens, science teacher, ACMS; Lisa A. Ratliff and Rachael M. Trusty, language arts teachers, Adams Middle School.

Certified Resignation

Sherry Howard, special education teacher, Duff Elementary.

Certified Leaves of Absence

Clementine Tackett, August 17-November 1; Jeanne Blankenship, August 28-November 13; Gerald D. Newsome, September 6-December 6; and Stephanie Lawson, September 11-October, all family medical leave.

Certified Transfers

Jane Spurlock, classroom teacher at Adams to district-wide technical assistant resource team member, and Ted George, from classroom teacher at Betsy Layne High School to assistant principal at Adams.

Substitute Teachers

Certified Substitutes: Emily Campbell, Nathan Jones, Miranda Duncan, Teresa Damron, Yvonne Mosley, Lisa Newsome, Jacqueline McFarland, Beulah Hamilton, Melissa Thornsby-Slone, Sarah B. Allen, Rachael Trusty, Philima Cavender, Sandy Conley, Jamie Dillion, Dina Schnaper, John W. Shepherd.

Emergency Substitutes: Kristi Jones, Melissa D. Turner, Caroline Martin, Erin Burchett, Brenda Coleman, Vernon C. Cornett, Elizabeth K. Halbert, Ashley Tackett, Deborah Lewis, Zeth Shepherd, Amy Bailey, Jessica Frasure, Dennis Daniels, Debbie Endicott, Vernis Parsons, Glenda Robinson, Lisa Samons, Mary Collins.

Classified Hirings

Robert Sword, custodian, SFHS; Anita Rogers and Tammy King, special needs aides, Betsy Layne Elementary; Lavanda Newsome, special needs aide, Adams; Teresa Hayes, instructional assistant, May Valley Elementary; Dreama J. Bates, health aide, Osborne Elementary; Joseph Bolen, family resource center after school care aide, Prestonsburg Elementary; Connie Hall, Head Start teacher aide, Osborne; Vickey Ramey, Head Start bus monitor, Osborne area; Johnny Patrick, custodian, Betsy Layne High.

Classified Transfers

Lowell Prater, custodian, Duff, to special needs aide, ACMS; James Collins, maintenance tech B to maintenance tech A; Anthony Castle, maintenance tech C to maintenance tech B; Lillian R. Osborne, Head Start teacher aide to Head Start classroom teacher, Stumbo Elementary.

Classified Resignations

Paul J. Allen, aide, BLES; Lonnie Robinson, maintenance tech

B.

Classified Leaves of Absence

Susan Yonts, August 7-September 4, and Madie J. Hall, August 14-November 10, both family medical leave.

Classified Substitutes

District-wide teachers aides: Rhonda S. Horne, Joanie Helton, Roberta Little, Elizabeth May, Laura K. Pinson, Pamela B. Boyd, Angela Hall, Sally McCown (also cook).

District-wide custodians: Prentiss D. Crum and Cara A. Thompson.

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Bus drivers: Ike Spears and Deborah Waddles.

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National School Lunch Week spotlights healthy school meals

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Today's National School Lunch Program faces new challenges and opportunities. More children and adults are suffering from diet-related health problems and obesity. Many youth have unhealthy eating patterns and are physically inactive.

CORRECTION

An inaccuracy occurred in the reporting of the Daniel's Creek murder involving two first cousins. It was reported in Sunday's edition that Billy Ray Jarrell and Anthony Jarrell were present in the house at the time of the incident. Neither man was present during the time of the shooting. The Times regrets the error.

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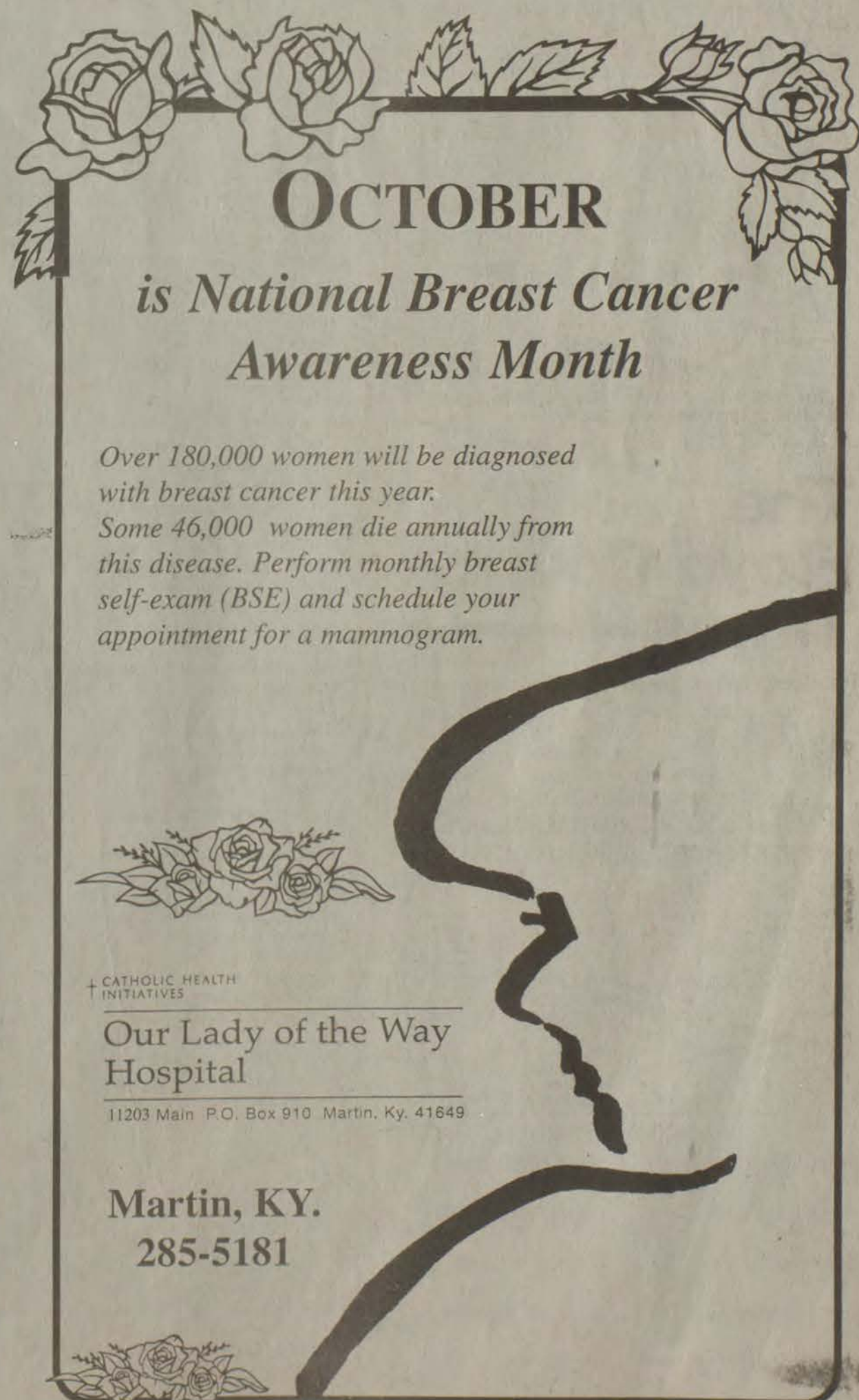
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Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Nature never makes any blunders; when she makes a fool she means it.

Josh Billings—

Wednesday, October 11, 2000 A4

Editorial

Honoring our Jenny

Eastern Kentucky pioneer Jenny Wiley, whom we are recognizing this week with the appropriately titled Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival, was hard-pressed to find an overland trail in her efforts to escape Indian capture back before Kentucky was a state and before any other white people had settled in this region.

Now, lo and behold, she's getting her own overpass. Well, it's not exactly hers, but her name will be on it.

On Saturday, members of the Jenny Wiley Association, made up of her descendants, will participate in a dedication ceremony of the overpass at the intersection of US 23 and 460 at Paintsville.

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet sign will designate the structure as the Jenny Sellards Wiley Overpass (reminding us that she had a name before she became simply Jenny Wiley).

The event follows through on the legwork done about four years ago by the late Myrtle Wheeler Minix, who championed her ancestor's right to have a piece of road named after her. After all, Jenny had to do a lot more than pick and sing to achieve her star status — not to take away from those folks whose names already dot the Country Music Highway. Ironically, US 23 follows Jenny's route in and out of captivity for quite a ways.

The Jenny Wiley Association, which has a meeting each year during the local festival, will have a booth in the midst of the festivities in downtown Prestonsburg. Stop by and find out if you may be kin. (If you were born and raised in this area, you probably are.)

The group also plans a couple of gatherings on Sunday after the festival has wound down. At 10:30 a.m., a church service is planned at the historic Borders Chapel at Ulysses, near the Lawrence and Johnson County line. After church, the association will conduct a wreath-laying ceremony at the Jenny Wiley grave at River in Johnson County and host an old-fashioned dinner at the nearby River Development Association building.

If you can't join in the overpass ceremony or the activities on Sunday, at least you can salute when you're headed north and you see the sign.

That seems a fitting way to honor the woman who lends her name to our festival. — Pam Shingler



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Letters to the Editor

It's in the Bible

Editor:
"Thou shalt do no murder" (Matthew 19:18).
"We indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds" (Luke 23:41).
Genesis 9:6, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man."
God hates, "Hands that shed innocent blood" (Proverbs 6:17).

"The blood is the life" (Deuteronomy 12:23).
"At 17 days, the new life has developed its own blood cells; the placenta is a part of the new life and not of the mother."
Let us also hate, "Hands that shed innocent blood" (Proverbs 6:17).
Isaac Colvin
Harrodsburg

Former teacher addresses board

Dr. Fanning and Floyd County Board:
This is an open letter to you, but I am most certainly hoping parents and concerned citizens will understand that it is for them, also.

I have just recently spoken with an attorney who informed me I had waited too long to go to court concerning the fact I was exposed to chlorine while I was teaching at Adams Middle School in the fall of 1996. I will not have my day in court, because I honestly believed that someone would do the honest and moral thing and allow me to return to the profession I love—teaching. I applied for numerous positions for which I am more qualified than any other one person your staff could find in most states, but was always not hired. Many times when positions had to do with special education, I have found in my research that your system has often placed a non-certified person. You have hired persons with very little, if any true experience in the areas you have placed them, while you continued to deny me a position.

If the Floyd County Board of Education has a problem with the truth, and it appears to do so, then perhaps the parents and citizens who pay taxes in the county should be allowed to look at the facts and pass judgment.

I asked to be transferred to Adams from Betsy Layne High School, because I thought I might enjoy a greater degree of health in that facility. As a potentially fatal asthmatic, I had a great deal of trouble dealing with the cigarette smoke along with the black mold and tremendous amount of mildew all over everything in the BLHS building. My lack of sick-leave days and my doctors' records will attest to the fact I had some serious medical problems there. (However, our test scores and my students and my accomplishments in writing will attest to my serious commitment to my job).

However, I was not the only person in the building with serious health problems. My students and I did a survey of both faculty and student body and the results indicated persons suffered from upper respiratory problems more frequently after being at Betsy Layne High School for a period of time. Al Osborne, principal at the time, employed an independent firm to do an air quality study. The results of that study showed BLHS's ceiling area had a "mushroom cloud" of mold and dust. Though I knew how sick I was and what was contributing to my illness, I stayed at Betsy Layne and continued to be very successful as an English teacher. I realize now—too late—that I should have obtained legal representation concerning this serious situation, and not tried to have coped with all the problems. I now know that I placed my health in serious jeopardy.

When I returned from serving as writing consultant for Region 8, I felt I would be better health-wise if I transferred to Adams since the school was fairly new. However, I did not do my homework and had not realized this school is next to a water-treatment facility. While in my classroom in this school, I was exposed to chlorine three separate times. The last time, my lungs and extremities burned for hours, even to the point where I took several showers to try and stop the fire in my hands and ankles. My lungs burned and ached. I became quite ill and was confined to bed for more than a week, and on medication. A teacher at Adams now was in my room with me when the last episode happened. She missed school the following day also with "a swollen face and a sinus problem." This happened in September 1998. In December of that same year, I wrote in a journal I kept that my body was still exhausted from struggling to breathe.

My lawyer informs me that the two doctors I contacted about my upper respiratory problem after my exposure to chlorine offer data to attest to the fact I was exposed to a hazardous chemical which caused severe impairment of my upper respiratory tract. However, I had waited too long to do anything in court.

So, I am asking parents, "Do you want your children to attend classes in a building which has the potential, if it is not already, of making them seriously ill? Are you happy to have the Floyd County Board of Education to continue to remain so unconcerned about your children's well-being?"

What is the problem? I can't honestly figure out why something isn't done. What is wrong with saying, "If we have a problem here, let's find it and fix it."

The Floyd County Board of Education has a problem with the truth. It's much easier to sweep things under the table, and to get rid of or not rehire the person speaking out about the problems.

Parents and other concerned people from the Adams and Betsy Layne area, please call me at 478-2276. I taught hundreds of students during my years at Betsy Layne. Surely, some of you must have some comments. What about you teachers? One or two of you told me you wouldn't stay in the room I taught in for anything—in fact one of you had to go to the doctor after a day there. What about you teachers at Adams? What about the teacher who was in the room with me the day we both experienced something "burning our lungs?" What about the English teacher at Adams who told me almost a year after the expo-

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Letters to the Editor

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Mountain Voices

by Willie Elliott
Columnist



Love and marriage and kids

What do small children think about all this love, kissing and marriage business? Well, someone on the web (a source of all our information anymore, it seems) made a report of what children said about various aspects of love.

Kirsten, age 10, may have known something when she answered the question "How do you decide who (the question wording, not mine — I think it should be whom, it being the subject of the infinitive to marry, but what do I know) to marry?"

Her response: "No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you are stuck with."

Will little Freddie, age 6, change his mind about the answer to this question: What is the right age to get married?

Little Freddie said, "No age is good to get married. You got to be a fool to get married."

What did you do on some of your first dates? Lynette, age 8, may have come close to one of the activities when she said, "On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date."

Now, I want my love to endure so I am going to take the advice of Billy, age 6, and "Spend most of the time loving instead of going to work." Billy, where were you four or five years ago? (That's when I needed that advice.)

How would the world be different if people didn't get married? Kelvin, age 8, doesn't have the definitive answer, but he does ask, "There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?"

How do kids view us adults in our behavior when we are first in the thrall of love? Wendy, age 8, summed it up this way: "Mooshy ... like puppy dogs ... except puppy dogs don't wag their tails nearly as much."

What about the role of beauty and handsomeness in love? Before I was married, I took seven-year-old Brian's, perspective on the matter. Brian said, "It isn't always how you look. Look at me. I'm handsome as anything and I haven't got anybody to marry me yet."

Greg, age 8, had a little trouble finding the exact place to put love in terms of importance, when he said, "Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too."

Reginia, age 10, has decided not to rush into this love business. "I'm not rushing into being in love. I'm finding fourth grade hard enough."

At the tender age of 10, Ricky has a good solution to making a marriage last. "Tell your wife she looks pretty good, even if she looks like a truck."

So you see the kids have an idea of what is going on (maybe more so than some of us adults).

If you have or know kids ages 6 to 10, ask them some questions about love and marriage. Just one ground rule: keep a straight face and respect their answer. Respecting their answer is no problem for me, but keeping a straight face is another matter. But for answers as dear as these, I will do it.

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sure she had the same students that I had taught the previous year and they had told her they also became sick in that room—that their chests hurt? Will anyone else join me, or am I forced once again to stand alone?

Am I angry? Yes I am. I am angry at myself for not doing this sooner. I am angry that I had to leave a profession I love and to which I devoted 21 years, because people don't care. I am angry that children must be exposed to situations that are anything but healthful and all we hear or read about are tests scores. I'll stay angry until the problems are corrected—until good teachers wanting jobs aren't jokes in playgrounds like Floyd County. I pray I continue to tell the truth. Anyone care to also join me in that endeavor?

Bonnie C. Hall
Stanville

LINKS to help in Perry

I currently am serving a year in Floyd County for AmeriCorps, a national service program. I am serving under the Homeless and Housing Coalition of Kentucky (HHCK). This organization is the most wide reaching AmeriCorps grant in the commonwealth of Kentucky and works to alleviate the root causes of poverty and homelessness.

As an HCKK-AmeriCorps member, I will provide housing counseling to assist low-income clients with homeownership and/or home repairs.

I am serving here in Floyd County for LINKS (The Low Income Housing Coalition of Floyd County), which is a project sponsor for HHCK. The mission of LINKS is to improve the housing conditions of very low and low income families in Floyd County and to engage in any activities such as construction of new housing, rehabilitation of current housing, financing of housing and other non profit activities which may improve the quality of life for these citizens.

There will be a service project in Chavies, Kentucky, on Saturday, October 14. AmeriCorps, Appalachian Service Project and all Southeastern Kentucky AmeriCorps project sponsors, will sponsor this service project. LINKS will be represented at this service project, which will begin at 9 a.m. Anyone interested in helping is invited to join us at the Perry County Park in Chavies. All volunteers and AmeriCorps members will then go out and help repair six homes that have been selected for weatherization.

Anyone interested in volunteering, or anyone with questions, may contact Beth Lake at LINKS by calling 606/886-3876.

Beth A. Lake
AmeriCorps/LINKS Housing

Science center plans taking shape

TIMES STAFF REPORT

An informational meeting of the East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics, and Technology was held on Thursday, October 5, at the May Lodge of the Jenny Wiley State Resort Park.

Committee members discussed proposed exhibits to be displayed at the center, among them the prospect of housing the world's largest hourglass, which would hold by weight four and one half billion grains of sand; and, an exhibit loosely coined as "E.T.'s Phone Booth."

"E.T.'s Phone Booth" would involve the use of a transmitter that would allow visitors to send a message to a star of their choice. After selecting their star and sending their message, the visitor would receive a computer printout that would give them information about the star that they chose; i.e., the type of star that it was (perhaps a dwarf or a red giant), a calculation of how long it will take for the star (or its "inhabitants") to receive the message, and based on the various bits of information, the visitor can determine if their choice was a good one.

Also discussed was the "footprint," or floor plan, of the proposed new facility that will be located on the campus of

Prestonsburg Community College.

The facility will have about 1,200 square feet of floor space, about 3,000 square feet of exhibit space, about 1,000 square feet of classroom space (to enable visitors to be involved in some "hands-on" learning experiences), and will include a 40-foot diameter planetarium dome.

The planetarium will be able to seat an audience of about 90 people. Plans were made to facilitate final approval of the hiring of a consultant to create a framework for the completion date of the center's facility. Members agreed they are anxious to move forward on the implementation of their ideas.

Ray Shubinski, director of the center, discussed his plans to travel to Italy as a visiting teacher. He says that he is quite excited about the upcoming trip and is formulating a plan to send "video postcards" to his colleagues in Prestonsburg and Morehead.

The next scheduled meeting of the committee will be on Thursday, November 16.

For further information about the East Kentucky Center for Science, Mathematics, and Technology, contact Cathy Neeley, outreach specialist, at 606/889-0303.

Presidential debate series sponsored by PCC

The Prestonsburg Community College Faculty/Staff Development Committee will sponsor two debates, both to be held on Tuesday, October 17. Victory 2000 (Bush campaign) and Gore 2000 (Gore campaign) have agreed to provide individuals to represent George W. Bush and Al Gore Jr. in the debates.

The first debate is in the Pike Auditorium on the Prestonsburg Campus of Prestonsburg Community College from 12:30 until 1:45 p.m.

Following their opening statements, the debaters will answer questions from a panel of media personalities which include Tony Turner, WYMT-TV news; Norm Marcum, WQHY news director; and Ralph Davis, Floyd County Times managing editor. After the formal portion of the debate concludes, members of the audience will be invited to ask questions.

The second debate will be from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in Paintsville on the front porch of Our Lady of the

Mountains Catholic School (the Mayo Mansion) on Third Street.

The Paintsville panel will include Scott Perry, The Paintsville Herald editor and publisher; Craig Reynolds, WKLW news director, and Joanna Keaton, WSIP news director.

Both debates are free and open to the public. These debates are not designed to promote the fortunes of either candidate, but rather to help the people of the Big Sandy make a more informed decision on Election Day.

For additional information, contact Dr. Thomas Matijasic by email Thomas.matijasic@ketcs.net or by phone 606/886-3863, ext. 276.

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"Repo Joe" story is simple. After nearly two decades in the car business, Joe has seen everything a dealer has to offer. Yet he noticed there were always two types of vehicles that were far and away the best bargains: repossessed vehicles and vehicles that had been leased. The problem was, they were often hard, if not impossible, to find.

Fast forward to 1998. Utilizing relationships and contacts he had made with repo men, banks, credit unions and auto auctions over the past twenty years, Joe decided he would scour the nation looking for these vehicles. Now, he criss-crosses the country looking for the best buys out there. Then he chooses locations in each region of the U.S.A. to dispose of them. For Kentucky, the exclusive location is Walters Toyota.

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"Repo Joe will mark the payments you'll make on these vehicles right on the windshield of each vehicle Friday morning," added Walters. "you'll know right away how much the payments you'll start making will be."

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Walters Toyota is located at US 23 between K-mart and Walmart, 1407 N. Mayo Trail, Pikeville, KY. For further information call 606-432-1451

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As we approach the 2001 festival season, we are asking for your input. If you have ideas or suggestions to further expand our activities, please contact Donna or Debbie. After 5 p.m. call Donna at 886-3091 and leave

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THE FAMILY OF ELLIS V. MARTIN

Card of Thanks

We want to thank and recognize the unselfish support and love that our friends and neighbors gave us upon the passing of our beloved Mother, Hallie Justice Hager, on October 2, 2000.

Our grateful thanks to Dr. Chris Stephens at the Samaritan Hospital in Lexington, KY; Doctor Alan Hyden, and our dear friend, Dr James D. Adams. We would like to thank Mt. Manor of Prestonsburg, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Highlands Home Health Agency, and Laura McFarland, for the care they gave our Mother in her last days on this Earth.

We would like to thank Floyd Funeral Home - Larry Burke, Cory and Traci Vicars - for their expressions of love and care they showed our family. They were wonderful through the whole interment process. Thank you for also being our friend at this time of loss.

Thank you to Mary and Ron Wright and Susan Johnson, for singing Mother's favorite songs at the funeral. Thank you for the wonderful melodies that helped ease the whole families pain.

Thank you to the Middle Creek Baptist Church for feeding us when our bodies were weary and Reverend Vernon Stone for feeding our spiritual body when we desperately needed it.

Thank you to all of those who helped make our Mother's Journey from her life on earth, to her everlasting life, more bearable for her children and their spouses, grandchildren and their spouses, and her great-grandchildren.

Our consolation is that we had so many friends who expressed so much love that we never knew we could have had. And that one day we will see her again someday in Beulah Land.

Thank You, Charles E. Hager, Shirlee Branham, Ron E. Hager and their families

Cornett pallbearers listed

Serving as active pallbearers for the funeral of Max Cornett were Josh Bingham, Aaron Bingham, Billy M. Cornett II, Matt Clay, Robert Absher, Matt Setser and Kyle Gayheart.

Honorary pallbearers were Linda Gearheart, Tony Childers, Shawn Troxell, Susan Barnett, Rita Crisp, Rachael Allen, Bobby Hackworth, Judge James R. Allen, Judge Julie Paxton, Clyde Johnson, Maggie Banks, Dennie Ousley, Clyde George, Roy Spears, Dennis Walker, Rick Hughes, Kimber McGuire, Steve Stone, Trish Harris, Bridget Clay, Sharon Sammons, Billy Cornett, Sandy Yeisley and Robert R. Allen II.

Melvie Howell

Melvie Howell, 70, of McDowell, died Sunday, October 8, 2000, at Prestonsburg Health Care Center, Prestonsburg, after a long illness.

She was born February 18, 1930, at Ligon, the daughter of the late Perry and Nolie Sword Newsome. She was the owner of a mobile home park, a member of Harvest Time Ministries, Paintsville, and attended various local churches.

Her husband, Okie Howell, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one son, Okie Howell Jr. of Silver Lake, Indiana; two daughters, Denise Allen of Minnie, and Vernice Howell Combs of Little Paint; five brothers, John Henry Newsome of Richmond, Clifford Newsome of Claypool, Indiana, Cornelius Newsome, Arquilius Newsome, both of Warsaw, Indiana, and William Lee Newsome of Winona Lake, Indiana; three sisters, Elvia Scott of Prestonsburg, Velma Amburgey of Mentone, Indiana and Zelva Gayheart of Warsaw, Indiana; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, October 11, at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, with Clifford Newsome officiating.

Burial will be in the Lucy Hall Cemetery, McDowell, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Dr. Ralph W. Allen

Dr. Ralph W. Allen, 86, of Mount Dora, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, died Tuesday, October 3, 2000, in Florida.

He was born July 7, 1914, in Beaver Creek, the son of the late Charles Edgerton Allen and Maggie Webb Allen. He was a former physician in Pikeville, a member of the First Baptist Church, Mount Dora, Florida, and was a U.S. Army World War II veteran.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Gelnia Allen.

Survivors include his wife, Hilda Bales Allen; one son, Ralph Hughes Allen of Winter Springs, Florida; one daughter, Susan Pope of Altamonte Springs, Florida; two brothers, William Allen of Lexington, Robert Allen of Mt. Vernon, Illinois; and several stepchildren; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Private graveside services were conducted at the Allen Family Cemetery, at Eastern, with Clergyman Dan Heintzelman officiating, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Cinda Hall Marshall

Cinda Hall Marshall, 92, of Salyersville, died Sunday, October 8, 2000, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center.

Born on May 7, 1908, in Pike County, she was the daughter of the late Will T. Hall and Matilda Yates Hall. She was a retired merchant, and was a member of the Salyersville Church of Christ.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alaska Marshall.

Survivors include one son, Charlie Marshall of Toledo, Ohio; 16 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, October 11, at 11 a.m., at the Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home Chapel, Salyersville, with Jim Slone officiating.

Burial will be in the Marshall Cemetery, at Guncreek, under the direction of Dunn-Kelley/Prater & Dunn Funeral Home.

Ethel Hicks

Ethel Hicks, 72, of Prestonsburg, formerly of Wayland, died Monday, October 9, 2000, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville, following a long illness.

He was born April 5, 1928, in Wayland, the son of the late Eli Hicks and Zella Collins Hicks. He was a retired coal miner and a member of the Old Beaver Regular Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Irma L. Allen Hicks.

Other survivors include four sons, Danny Dale Hicks of Somerset, Ronnie Hicks and Ethel Joey Hicks, both of Prestonsburg, Eli Ray Hicks of Kendallville, Indiana; four daughters, Vickie Vonnie Powers of Kendallville, Indiana, Sandra Branham and Betty Moore, both of Martin, Denise Kay Mollette of Mealy; one brother, Cecil Hicks of Mousie; two sisters, Edith Noble of Minnie, Etas Hicks of Indiana 22 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, October 12, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Drift Cemetery, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Martin pallbearers listed

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Ellis V. Martin were Tim Martin, Dr. David Martin, Benjie Stewart, Truman Blair, Wally Cook and Nathan Wright.

Honorary pallbearers were Larry Stewart, Dean Stewart, Stevie Martin, Wendell Childers, Ricky Stewart, Jeff Little, Shaun Little, Shane Blair, Revella Stewart and Milton Little.

Mabel Rogers Donahoe

Mabel Rogers Donahoe, 86, of Flatwoods, formerly of Prestonsburg, died Saturday, October 7, following an extended illness.



Born on April 19, 1914, in Breathitt County, she was the daughter of the late Orlando E. Rogers and Jane Bailey Rogers. She was a member of St. Martha Catholic Church, Prestonsburg, a member of Prestonsburg Woman's Club, Prestonsburg Homemakers, Altar Society, and was the recipient of various community awards.

Survivors include four sons, James Donahoe of St. Louis, Missouri, Michael Donahoe of Flatwoods, Patrick Donahoe and John Donahoe, both of Lexington; three sisters, Hazel Hessel of Tucson, Arizona, Jean Stafford of Florence, Alabama, Joyce Beam of Winchester; four brothers, Woodrow Rogers of French Lick, Indiana, Allen Rogers and George Rogers, both of Winchester, William Rogers of Fairfield, Ohio; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, October 10, at 11 a.m., at the St. Martha Catholic Church, Prestonsburg, with Father John Moriarty officiating.

Burial was in the Eaton Cemetery, Clay City, under the direction of Carter Funeral Home.

Active pallbearers were Michael D. Donahoe, James W. Donahoe, Drew Donahoe, Roger Beam and Brennan Donahoe.

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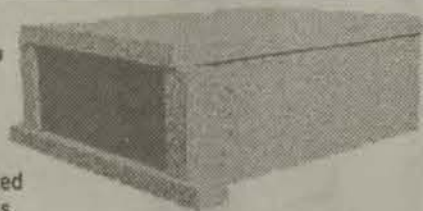
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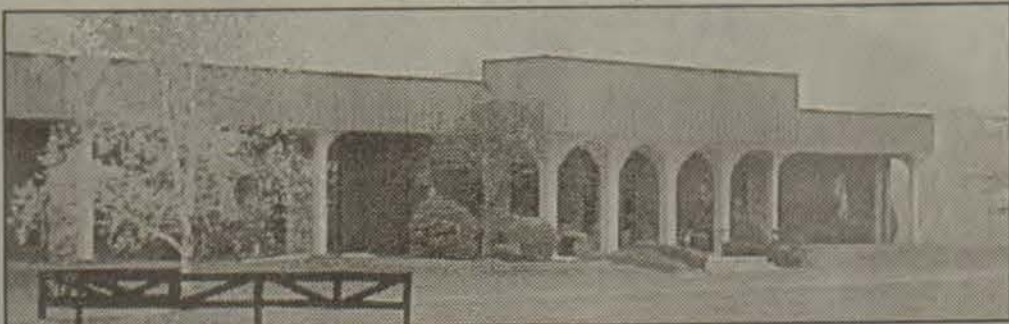
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Kentucky unemployment falls to 3.5 percent in August

FRANKFORT — Kentucky's unemployment dropped to 3.5 percent in August from 3.8 percent in July. Kentucky's August 2000 jobless rate was below the 4.1 percent

recorded for August 1999, according to the Department for Employment Services, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency.

The U.S. jobless rate declined from 4.2 percent in July to 4.1 percent in August.

"The last time Kentucky had an August unemployment rate as low as 3.5 percent was in 1973," said Carlos Cracraft, the department's

chief labor market analyst. "This was the normal cycle for the unemployment rate in Kentucky. It has declined from July to August for last 19 years."

Six of the nine major job sectors had employment increases in August, while three reported employment losses, Cracraft said.

The government sector led with an increase of 3,900 jobs in August. Local education added 5,200 positions, and state education jobs rose by 1,400 in August. On the down side, state and local government agencies experienced a 2,800-drop in jobs.

The state's services sector had the second largest jump in positions in August with 3,300 additional jobs. Increases occurred in business services (2,400), social services (1,100), health services (500) and educational services (400) jobs. That surge was partly dulled by seasonal losses in amusement and recreation services (500), membership organizations (400), and hotels and other lodging places (200).

Continuing the upswing, the trade sector recorded 1,900 more jobs in August mainly in retail trade categories such as miscellaneous retail stores (700), department stores (500), and apparel and accessory stores (300). The sector had a seasonal dip in job figures (600) in building materials and garden supply stores.

Transportation, communications and utilities reported 500 more positions in August than in July.

The manufacturing sector added 300 jobs in August in areas such as primary metal products, fabricated metal products, transportation equipment, and petroleum, rubber and plastic products. However, areas such as textiles and apparel, lumber and furniture, and electronic equipment showed a decline in jobs.

Agriculture reported 200 more jobs in August. Cracraft credited the increase to tobacco, hay and other harvesting.

On the other end of the scale, the construction sector had a job decrease of 400 in August. Special

trade (500) and general building contractor (100) jobs fell while positions in heavy construction rose (200).

The mining and quarrying category and the finance, insurance and real estate sector had 100 fewer jobs each in August.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics monthly estimate of the number of employed Kentuckians for August 2000 was 1,936,783. This figure is down 13,766 from the 1,950,549 employed in July 2000, but up 28,788 from the 1,907,995 Kentuckians employed in August 1999.

The monthly estimate of the number of unemployed Kentuckians for August was 69,939. This figure is down 6,300 from the 76,239 unemployed in July 2000 and down 11,135 from the 81,074 Kentuckians unemployed in August 1999.

The monthly estimate of the number of Kentuckians in the civilian labor force for August was 2,006,722. This figure is down 20,066 from the 2,026,788 recorded in July 2000, but up 17,653 from the 1,989,069 recorded for August 1999.

The civilian labor force includes non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. It does not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks.

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A Look at Sports

Playoff picture not too clear, yet

The high school football season has three weeks to run, and some top games are on tap this weekend as we take another step in trying to clear up the state playoff picture before the month of November.

In Class A and AA, we may have to wait until the final game of the regular season before determining how either district finishes.

However, barring any surprises, coach John Derossett's Prestonsburg Blackcats should be at home during the playoffs with a possible home field advantage all the way through the playoffs.

The Blackcats are currently unbeaten in district play after a thrilling win over the Belfry Pirates last Thursday night. But I am sure that Coach Derossett and the Blackcats are not looking past either Pike Central or Shelby Valley in their final two district games.

Comparisons? Well Shelby Valley fell last Friday night against Whitesburg, while Prestonsburg handled the Yellowjackets rather easily.

The Blackcats will host Pike Central this Friday night in what will be another key match-up in the district. The Hawks fell to Belfry two weeks ago and enjoyed a week off last Friday night.

The only question to be settled is not whether Prestonsburg makes the playoffs, but will they finish the district season unblemished? Pike Central, this Friday night, and Shelby Valley, in two weeks will have a big say-so.

Should the Cats finish second, perish the thought, Prestonsburg would still enjoy a first round home game in the playoffs but will have to go on the road, should they win, for the remainder of the playoffs.

This is a very young Prestonsburg team and their best seasons are ahead of them. Coach Derossett has done an excellent job with this youth corps and has the Cats playing championship football.

Outstanding freshman, sophomore and junior classes make Prestonsburg future football exciting. This team has come a long way from a dismal 3-8 season last year.

In Class A, Pikeville (7-1, 4-0) continues to rule the district and should finish with an unbeaten district record and the top spot.

The Panthers fell for the first time in 2000 this past Friday night to a good Somerset team. District games with a tough Fleming-Neon (5-2, 3-1) team and Paintsville (5-2, 2-1) await the Panthers. Both games are on the road. Should Pikeville happen to falter in both games, then we will have a very interesting scenario.

The South Floyd Raiders (3-4, 1-3) still have an outside shot at the playoffs, but they must come up with two big wins in the two remaining district games.

After their annual battle with Allen Central this Friday night, the Raiders will meet Paintsville and Elkhorn City in their remaining district games. Paintsville will be at home while they will face the Cougars on the road.

Paintsville stands in the way of the Raiders as an entrant in the playoffs. But the Tigers have a rough road to hoe themselves, having to face Hazard this Friday night at home, meet South Floyd and close the regular season against first place Pikeville at home.

The best the Raiders can hope for is the fourth seed with a 3-3 record.

The Hazard Bulldogs (6-1, 2-1) will entertain Paintsville this Friday night in a big, big district game for both teams. Hazard coach Maurice Dixon said his team has to play better than they did against South Floyd last Friday night.

Throughout Region 4, Pikeville seems to be the class of the 13 teams. Cumberland seems to be for real this season, as they are sporting a 6-1 overall record, posting a big win over Pineville last Friday night.

It is no secret that Region 4 is one of the weaker ones in the state in Class A. However, two teams, Middlesboro and Pikeville, are two teams who could very well win a state title.

(See **SPORTS**, page three)

■ Prestonsburg vs Betsy Layne

Sub-District...

Prestonsburg rolls past Betsy Layne in two sets

Shepherd, Adams lead Volleycats

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

To watch the Prestonsburg Volleycats on the gym floor is like watching an experienced brick-layer — they just make it look so easy that anyone can do it.

The experienced Volleycats posted straight set wins over the Betsy Layne Ladycats, 15-4 and 15-3 to move to the next round against Sheldon Clark, who drew a first round bye in the 15th Sub-District Girls Volleyball Tournament at Prestonsburg Monday night.

Cheresh Shepherd had the only ace in the two-game set and served up seven points in game two.

Prestonsburg went to 29-0 on the season with the win.

The Volleycats picked up the 15-4 win in match one behind the overall play of Brook Coleman. Coleman has several saves and

strong returns plus serving up four points that gave Prestonsburg a 6-0 lead. Stephanie Adams served the first two points.

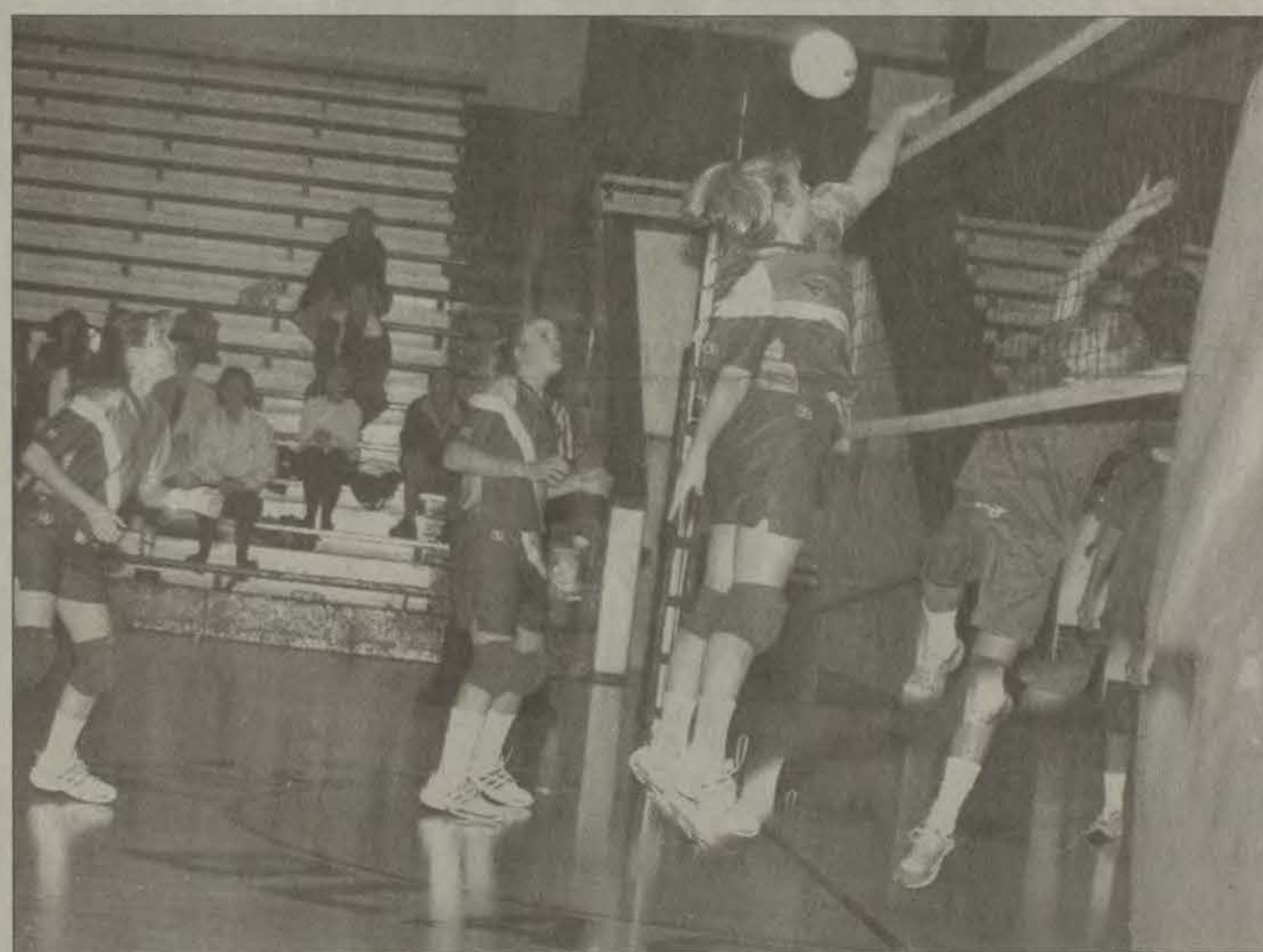
Betsy Layne got on the scoreboard behind the strong serves of Brittany Bartley to make it a 6-3 match. Bartley's low serves were difficult to the Volleycats to handle.

Angela Howell was as "wicked" with her serves, as she totaled the next five points en route to a 10-4 Prestonsburg lead. Latoya Lee accounted for the other Betsy Layne point to make it 10-4 before Amelia Conley served the final five points in the match.



Melissa Justice Johnny Webb Tony Ousley Neil May Mike Potter

(See **VOLLEYCATS**, page three)



ALLEN CENTRAL'S JACKIE MARTIN went for a block against Paintsville in volleyball tournament play Monday night. Allen Central lost to the Lady Tigers in three sets.

photo by Ed Taylor

■ Allen Central vs Paintsville

Allen Central falls in three matches to Paintsville

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

The Paintsville Lady Tigers may be playing their best volleyball of the season, and it could not have come at a better time than the Sub-District tournament at Prestonsburg High School.

Paintsville won over a good Allen Central team this past Monday night, the opening night of the tournament, but had to go to three matches to accomplish the feat.

The two teams played the best three games of the first round, with Paintsville taking the first match and Allen Central claiming match two.

In the third match, the Lady Rebels led most of the way and appeared to be in the driver's seat with a 9-5 lead. But Paintsville was not ready to quit and rallied back to tie the score.

Paintsville opened with the first three points off serves by Lindsay Traglio, but serves by Jackie Martin and Shannon Sizemore tied the score at 3-3.

(See **ALLEN CENTRAL**, page two)

■ South Floyd vs Magoffin County

Sub-District

South Floyd survives Magoffin County

Berger leads Lady Raiders in 3 sets

by Ed Taylor
SPORTS EDITOR

South Floyd Coach Jackie McKinney was a little concerned over the way her volleyball team performed in the first round of the girls Sub-District Volleyball tournament at Prestonsburg Monday night, but said her team was not into the matches as they have been before.

"I think it was where we weren't in school," she said. "It seems like when we have a game, whether it be basketball, football or what, seems the kids are just not into it."

South Floyd advanced in the winner's bracket to face Paintsville in a second round match by taking Magoffin County in three sets Monday night.

It wasn't pretty, but it was a win.

"I was concerned about it,"

said Coach McKinney, "but we did get a win."

Tabatha Berger was outstanding in the three matches, in leading the way for the sweep of the Lady Hornets.

South Floyd appeared to go through the motions in the open two matches before settling to more serious business in match three. Coach McKinney said her team was not focused early.

"I think they came in thinking they had it won before they got there," said the South Floyd mentor. "They listened to the people which they should never do. I told them this was the district tournament and anyone can play good or anyone can play poorly. But we won tonight and I am grateful for that."

Coach McKinney's assessment of her team proved true as the Lady Raiders really struggled in match one, never being in the

match. Magoffin rolled out to a 5-0 lead behind the serving of Wittney Lovely and Jamie Adams. Lovely accounted for the first four points for the Lady Hornets.

The closest South Floyd could get to Magoffin would be 5-2. Codi Salyer took control of the serve and when she had finished Magoffin held a commanding 13-2 lead. Salyer had an ace in her nine serves.

Magoffin got their game point on a serve by Sabrina Salyer with Magoffin taking a 15-3 match.

After a brief intermission, South Floyd came out more focused about the business in front of them and pulled out an exciting 16-14 win in the second match.

The crowd got into this one, as the Lady Raiders realized their

(See **LADY RAIDERS**, page two)



SOUTH FLOYD'S ASHLEY JOHNSON GOT A "kill" on this play against Magoffin County this past Monday night at the Prestonsburg gym. South Floyd won in three sets over the Lady Hornets.

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Prestonsburg's "C" team Apple Bowl champs

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

If the play of the Prestonsburg Elementary "C" team is any indication of what is headed toward Prestonsburg High School in future years, then Blackcat fans should be excited.

The "C" team posted an 18-0 win over Paintsville to win the Apple Bowl championship last Tuesday. Seth Setser scored all three touchdowns for Prestons-

burg, behind some great blocking and excellent defense.

Prestonsburg also owns victories over John M. Stumbo (18-0) and Betsy Layne (20-6). The Cats are 3-0 on the season.

Coach Blake Burchett and his staff have done a remarkable job in teaching the younger Blackcats the fundamentals of the game.

Prestonsburg will return to the gridiron on Thursday, October 12, when they host Warfield.



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SOUTH FLOYD'S RYAN HALL (78) got a hand on Hazard quarterback Steven Sizemore and threw him for a loss of yardage last Friday night. The Raiders host Allen Central this Friday night.

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Lady Raiders

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backs were to the wall.

Minnie Tackett, a senior, staked her team to a 3-0 lead, but Magoffin had some long serves that kept the ball in the Lady Raider court. South Floyd, which did look confused at times, regrouped and raced out to a 6-1 lead.

Magoffin never quit and kept chipping away at the lead as the Lady Raiders served the ball in the net or long. Magoffin tied the match at 7-7 on two serves by Tabitha Rowe.

Stephanie Hall quieted things down for South Floyd with three "wicked" serves to give South Floyd a 10-7 advantage. Berger, who looks like a veteran of the game, gave the Lady Raiders a 11-8 lead with a nice soft serve.

But Magoffin County came back again and tied the match at 12-12 on two serves by Brandi Joseph.

After the tie and a time out, Tackett put her team up 14-12 on a series of volley that were what volleyball was all about. The Lady Hornets knotted the score at 14-14 on serves by Lovely.

Leading 15-14 (needing to win by two points) South Floyd gained control on some nice saves by freshmen Megan Ousley and

Ashley Johnson. Game match point came off Stephanie Hall's final serve.

In the deciding third match, South Floyd pulled out a 15-12 win to win the game. The Lady Raiders took little time in getting a comfortable lead at 10-3, only to rest on the accomplishment while Magoffin County made a match of it.

The Lady Hornets caught South Floyd at 10-10, and it was a battle the rest of the way.

Magoffin failed to score in three rotations and Becky Isaac ended the match and game with an ace and a 15-12 win.

"Tabitha is going to be a tremendous player," said Coach McKinney. "I would like to have some people come in and look at her for scholarship purposes. Minnie is coming on. She has been out and is coming back and getting in form. My freshmen came in and did a good job."

"I am not upset with any of them, they just didn't save the live ball. They just didn't communicate."

The tournament finals are scheduled for Thursday evening at Prestonsburg High School.

Allen Central

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Paintsville would lead 5-3 before the Lady Rebels rallied to take the 9-5 lead on serves from Amanda Prater. Sizemore and Rebecca Smith were outstanding on defense with Smith getting good set-ups from Leslie Martin for the kill.

The Lady Rebels were on a roll as they held the four-point lead with Leslie Martin serving the ball. After a sideout to Paintsville, the Lady Tigers put together five straight serves to assume a 10-9 lead behind Traglio.

With the ball back in the Allen Central court, the Lady Rebels were able to take a 11-10 lead for their final advantage. After Paintsville had taken a 12-11 lead, Allen Central had problems with their serves and returns being long.

While the play by both teams may have looked ragged, it was good defensive saves and returns that highlighted the closing moments. Smith and Osborne had good saves and returns to keep the match going. However, a desperation try by Sizemore on a volley to the left of the net settled in the Lady Rebels court and gave the win to Paintsville, 15-11.

Paintsville won the first match 16-14 in a thriller, a game that was tied five times. The work of Smith and Leslie Martin together gave Paintsville all they wanted, but still the Lady Rebels could not overcome some bad returns and long serves.

Paintsville led 5-2 behind the serving of Traglio and Lensea Vanhoose, but Allen Central battled

back to tie the game at 7-7 on the serving of Kari Osborne and Amanda Prater. Vanhoose served up four straight points to stake Paintsville to an 11-8 lead when Allen Central started having problems with their returns.

Paintsville had built a 14-10 lead and looked to end it, but strong play by Osborne, Smith, Sizemore and Martin kept the Lady Rebels in it and they tied the game at 14-14 on a nice kill by Smith.

Allen Central appeared confused in their front court, as a return fell untouched and gave Paintsville a 15-14 lead. Match and game point came on a serve by Amanda Hensley when Sizemore's return sailed out of bounds for the Lady Tiger's win.

Allen Central looked more focused and seemed to communicate better in the second match, a match they won 15-11. The Lady Rebels ran out to a 12-5 lead and looked to be ready to put the Lady Tigers away.

However, Paintsville came back on serves by Traglio and cut the margin to 14-11 before Allen Central finally pulled it out on an Osborne serve. Again, it was the combo of Smith and Leslie Martin in pulling out the win for the Lady Rebels.

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Volleycats

In match two, Shepherd had the game's only ace in serving up seven consecutive points.

Adams gave Prestonsburg a 1-0 lead but Betsy Layne tied the game at 1-1 on a serve from Rachel Parsons. Prestonsburg led 2-1 on Coleman's serve but a strong return by Parsons gave the ball back to the Ladycats.

Betsy Layne stayed close to the Volleycats with good defensive play from Bartley and Parsons. Prestonsburg was lead-

ing 4-2 when the ball was placed in Shepherd's hand and she served up the next seven points for an 11-2 Prestonsburg lead. Ashley Williams had a strong save and two nice returns as the two teams volleyed back and forward.

Sabrina Hughes accounted for the final Betsy Layne point with a nice soft-low serve. Adams then put the game in the win column with solid play and good low serves. Candice Hamilton had a

couple of nice digs for the Ladycats, but the Volleycats posted a 15-3 win to take the game.

"This is the best volleyball team we have had here at Prestonsburg in the three years I have been coaching," said Prestonsburg coach Russell Shepherd. "This group of kids are fun to coach and fun to watch play."

Betsy Layne dropped to the lower bracket of the double elimination tournament.

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photo by Ed Taylor

SOUTH FLOYD'S B.J. BRYANT (2) carried for yardage against Hazard last Friday night. The Raiders fell 20-0 to the Bulldogs.

Sports

Out of Class A, I look for Pikeville, Hazard, Paintsville and Fleming-Neon to make the trip to the playoffs.

In Class AA, Prestonsburg, Belfry, Pike Central and Whitesburg will play an extra week.

BASKETBALL

Basketball practice gets the nod this coming Monday as most teams will hit the hardwood in preparation for the upcoming season.

Allen Central coach Johnny Martin is in Oklahoma this week visiting his son, Roy John, who is in law school out there. Says Coach Martin, "Then we will return and get into practice."

Coach Henry Webb at South Floyd feels his team will be a competitive one this season, but he says the real future is just ahead.

"We will be decent this season, but we will be real strong the next two seasons," he said.

I think the Raiders will be one of the top five teams in the region this year. Coaches today are careful what they say about this year's

team. But we all have watched enough games to know who is going to have what.

Betsy Layne coach Brent Rose is excited about the season getting started. And why not? He, too, will have a talented team returning.

In fact, the Bobcats could very well be the third or fourth best team in the region. Look at this: Jeremy Daniels, Eddie Daugherty, Adam Collins, Brock Keathley and Nathan Tackett. That is quite a starting line up for any team.

Prestonsburg will be a much improved ball club under second-year coach Jackie Day Crisp. Dustin Music, Matt Slone, Matt Clay and others will lead a more experienced Blackcat team. This team will surprise some teams this season.

Who will win the girls 58th District?

It is going to be a battle on the hardwood between all four district teams. By way of warning, don't take the South Floyd Lady Raiders for granted. This team can play and will be very, very competitive this season.

Allen Central has a new coach and the Lady Rebels could be jelling at the right time when the district tournament rolls around in February.

Prestonsburg has to be consid-

ered the favorite to repeat, but Betsy Layne may have something to say about that. Both teams will be loaded.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Let me be one of the first to wish Jarod Flannery, Betsy Layne, a happy birthday. Jarod will celebrate his special day on October 16. Happy birthday, Jarod.

Also, Patrick Martin, Allen Central, will celebrate his 18th on October 12. Happy birthday, Patrick. He can play the hot corner in baseball and is a good receiver in the game we call football. I have seen him hit some big three-pointers in basketball.

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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Volleycats ends perfect regular season

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

The Prestonsburg Volleycats posted victories over Magoffin County and Sheldon Clark and capped off a perfect regular season with a sparkling 28-0 record.

Coach Russell Shepherd's team defeated Magoffin in two sets by identical scores, 15-2, and ended the

season with a two-set win over Sheldon Clark, 15-3 and 15-4.

It was senior night when the Volleycats faced Sheldon Clark. Brook Coleman, Angela Howell, Stephanie Adams, Chrissy Nelson, Amelia Conley and Andrea Fleming played their final home game before the home crowd.

"They all played their best defensive games this year," said the

Prestonsburg mentor. "Amelia and Brook had numerous spikes. Chrissy and Angela had excellent set ups with Stephanie making excellent serves. Cherish (Shepherd) and Megan (Hyden) had some good saves."

In the first match against Sheldon Clark, Prestonsburg got good play from the entire team as they rolled 15-3. Coleman put them in front on the first four serves of the match for a 4-0 Prestonsburg lead. Following a sideout by the Lady Cardinals after pulling to within 4-2, Howell served up point five with a sideout giving the ball back to the Lady Cardinals. Good defensive play by Prestonsburg put the ball back in the Prestonsburg court with Conley gaining points six through 10 for a 10-2 Prestonsburg lead.

Following their third pong and a sideout, Sheldon Clark had a net serve before Nelson picked up points 11 and 12. Once the ball returned to the Volleycats' end of the court, Shepherd picked up the final three points for a 15-3 win.

In match two, Stephanie Adams was awesome with her serves, giving the Volleycats a quick 5-0 lead, and then picked up points 11-14 before a serve by Coleman gave Prestonsburg the second match win, 15-2.

In straight matches over Magoffin County, the Volleycats posted a 15-2 win led by Howell's serves and the defensive play of Adams and Conley. Magoffin County led 1-0, but never led again as they failed to put together a good volley in the second game, falling 15-2.

Conley, who did not account for a point in match one, had six in the second match. Adams served up the first six points.

In an earlier match up, Prestonsburg faced nemesis Pikeville but had little trouble with the Lady Panthers winning by 15-6 and 15-6 in the two matches.

"They had given us the most trouble this season," said Coach

Shepherd. Both teams played excellent team defense and had to go to the third rotation with many sideouts.

"Pikeville set the ball up well, but our returns, spikes and blocks were excellent."

The Prestonsburg junior varsity team finished 19-2 on the season and closed out their regular season with straight match wins over Pikeville, Magoffin and Sheldon Clark.

The JV team was led by Megan Hyden, Kelly Blackburn and Cheresh Shepherd on both the offensive and defensive side of the net.

In the three matches, Shepherd served up 28 points with Hyden scoring 18 and Blackburn 10.

The Prestonsburg seniors, who were on hand for the start of the program in the county, won 61 matches while losing only four in regular season play.

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Coaches, parents and players can take precautionary measures to prevent head injuries

Across the country, high schools and colleges are well into their fall football seasons. In addition to perfecting plays for each game, coaches and trainers should be taking extra precautions to protect their players' heads.

The American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS) estimates that brain-related football injuries occur at a rate of one in every 3.5 games. More than 250,000 football players, approximately 15 percent of the players, suffer a concussion each season. In any given football season, 10 percent of all college players alone will sustain a head injury and 20 percent of high school players sustain brain injuries.

"The problem with head injuries is that there are no definitive tests to administer when the brain is injured," said Joseph Maroon, MD, a Pittsburgh-based neurosurgeon who has worked with the Pittsburgh Steelers and has conducted extensive research on sports-related head injuries. "There are aptitude tests, but there's no 'normal' to test the athlete against." The decision on when, and if, a player is ready to return to play is difficult for even the most experienced coaches and trainers.

Concussions of most concern
"After a concussion, the most common sports-related head injury, the patient can have problems with amnesia, confusion and concentration," said Dr. Maroon. "The damage caused after one concussion is often reversible after an appropriate recovery time, but if a second injury is sustained before then, the damage can be devastating. The decision on when an athlete is ready to return to play isn't straightforward."

When someone suffers a concus-

sion, at the moment of impact, the brain is rocked back and forth inside the skull. There is potential for tearing blood vessels and pulling nerve fibers. If the blow is severe, the resulting injuries can cause the brain to swell, blocking the flow of oxygen-carrying blood.

A player who has sustained a concussion, is four to six times more likely to sustain another one, and getting a second brain injury before the first one has had time to heal can prove to be fatal. Each player should receive baseline neurological testing before the season so that the results can be used for comparison in the event the athlete receives a blow to the head.

In a recent study, approximately 1,800 professional, 500 college and 800 high school athletes were tested in preseason. Sixty-five of those were retested after suffering a concussion.

"By having a baseline for each player at the beginning of the season, it provides a way to give coaches and athletes objective data of the player's head," Dr. Maroon said. "We use this system almost every game for the Steelers, and it is how we assessed Merrill Hodge (former player with the Steelers and Chicago Bears) and recommended that he not return to playing at all."

During the 1995 football season, approximately 39 percent of high school players were injured, and approximately 22 percent of those who are hospitalized were admitted with a head or neck injury.

Parents and coaches beware
"Parents of high school or college athletes need to be aware of the potential for permanent damage their children could suffer as a result of football-related head injuries," said Brian Andrews, MD, Chair of

the Neurotrauma & Critical Care Section of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons. "Every head injury should be taken seriously, and it is important to understand that the damage done by multiple concussions can be cumulative."

An unsettling fact is that football players are not alone. Athletes in many sports and recreational activities including hockey, baseball, boxing, gymnastics, biking, skiing, snowboarding and soccer, can all suffer from severe head injuries. Brain injury is the leading cause of sports and recreational-related deaths. Injuries associated with participation in sports and recreational activities account for 21 percent of all traumatic brain injuries among children in the United States. Most of these injuries involve concussions.

To avoid head injury, it is important to take note of the following prevention tips:

- Players should always wear appropriate safety gear when participating in sports and recreational activities.
- Make sure the playing surface is conducive to safe play. The ground surface should be soft and free of debris, rocks, holes and ruts.
- Parents should select leagues and teams that have the same commitment to safety as they do. Make sure the team coach has had training in first aid and CPR.

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Sports In Kentucky

October poem (snicker) brings us to another Midnight Madness

October's Saturday II and an early autumn freeze...
... sets my heart a clickin, like the tickin, of a clock;
When fans gather again for a Midnight Madness rock.

No disrespect to James Whitcomb Riley's ode to autumn, but college basketball practice starts this weekend and, as the sport always seems to in Kentucky, is reason for celebration.

October's second Saturday is a revival for the devout who know the difference between a three and 3-point-play, and lots more. Countdowns on the internet, and autumn's hoop magazines bloom on newsstands like mums in the Pennyrile.

And, we are introduced to America's new list of snazzy names.

Scientific Mapp has disappeared from the Florida A&M roster, but here's a trio to start your season. "... for the Dayton Flyers ... Ramrod Marshall."

After applause and a drum roll ... "also for the Flyers ... Nucleus Smith."

For the year-round hoops fanatic who romances this game, meet Justin Love from the Saint Louis Billikens.

JustinLove with this game. Bonus? Closer to home, at Danville High School, a 6-4 Admirals hopeful should tickle your palate - Olyjuwon Buster.

So, Ramrod ... Nucleus ... JustinLove and Buster. Time to rock. Midnight Madness is nigh.

MECCA: LEXINGTON

All roads lead out from Mecca in Lexington, so...

UK devotees have been busy going over Big Blue's schedule with a fine-toothed comb, finding reasons to believe the team they allow Tubby Smith to coach is going to be grand again.

A thumbnail sketch, then, of Kentucky's 13-man roster.

First, Jules Camara. I hope a sit-out year is in store for the 6-11 Junior.

Reasons: 1. UK is 13-deep without him; 2. More important, while Camara pleaded innocent to DWI charges last summer, his refusal to

take a breathalizer is evidence enough that he ignored the spirit of lessons learned the hard way by Ryan Hogan, Jason Watts and Desmond Allison.

Tayshaun Prince, Did not transfer as rumored, and shunned the NBA draft, too. Now the 6-9, 215-pounder is an All-American candidate who "if he works for shots more consistently instead of settling for 3-point tries" should flower in presence of newly arrived playmaker Cliff Hawkins.

Corey Sears (6-6, 190) may provide a breather.

Keith Bogans. An example of "best thing about freshmen is they become sophomores. Ideally, All-SEC candidate Bogans has discovered what patience means and realizes, there is indeed such a thing as a bad shot.

J.P. Blevins. The heady junior will be improved, more steady and make the Wildcats more stable this season. A leader. He will make Bogans better.

Todd Tackett, unless he talks himself into Tubby's doghouse, will get another chance against zone defenses.

Newcomer Gerald Fitch will learn from watching Bogans and Blevins and witness how Tackett handles bench-warming. Walk-on Matt Heissenbuttal (People's Choice?) will mop up. Eric Daniels will get a red-shirt.

Saul Smith. Only thing as valuable as experience is keen competition for playing time. Now a senior, the coach's kid having only cat-calling fans to deal with will be effective in a platoon with Hawkins.

Marvin Stone. (See Bogans, sketch). Question-to-be-answered: Has he learned to move his feet on defense to avoid tick-tack fouls? Best thing(s) to happen for 6-10, 248-pound Stone is Marquess Estill and Jason Parker. Estill spells challenge at practice and relief on game nights. Parker's presence at power forward should attract defenses, allowing Stone to develop and flourish inside.

Jason Parker. Tubby's windfall profit could be difference in "just another 20-something" win season, and a genuine run for the Final Four. Could be because the promising, but inexperienced Parker must demonstrate he can fit in, then stand out as look-alike Elton Brand did at Duke two seasons ago.

Roster depth facilitates a return to Tubby Ball "pressing, passing, running ... in waves.

TEST TIME FOR MUMME BALL

After Saturday, Kentucky's healthy list of returning starters, and a promising schedule looks to have been squandered as the Wildcats fell to 2-4.

With LSU, Georgia, Mississippi State and Tennessee still ahead, opportunities have been frittered away by bad play selection, bad tackling, poor execution all round and, as one television analyst put it, "backyard football" coaching.

Like John Ray and Bill Curry before, Hal Mumme has invested himself well enough trying to advance UK football to a pedestal near Florida, Georgia and Tennessee, but no progress yet. Alas, much of four seasons into his contract, the league's upstart is South Carolina and Mumme's name can be found in sentences with Gerry Faust, the one-time Notre Dame boss who was in over his head.

Rising up from embers of its wreck — a hapless 0-11 season last year — Lou Holtz's Gamecocks have supplanted Kentucky as the new star rising in the SEC East.

UK has stepped back, becoming fodder for Louisville, Carolina and the Mississippi schools.

Yet, it seems not a good time to grind a heel into Hal Mumme. The face of Kentucky's coach shows the toll taken, having gone as baggy as a U.S. President's mug marked by strain, stress and heavy decision-making.

I am no late comer to the vanguard of Mumme "show us something" skeptics, but this is no time to pile on. As Midnight Madness draws nigh, Mumme is Larry Ivy's man. And he is the man for UK football faithful, too. No sense whining about who might have or should have been hired to replace Curry. The Mumme hire was long ago chiseled in stone as a C.M. Newton stroke of genius.

Says here, Kentucky fans and the media herd who bought into Mummeball and Air Raid are obliged to dance on with the one who

brung 'em. At least for another season or two.

At two-and-four and three straight losses, mid-October 2000 is now a delicate time for soothing player psyche on this team that has become a poor-tackling, poor blocking and wild throwing bunch.

From here on we will see about the fortitude of another beleaguered UK football team. Will players and coaches rally from despair, wave a white flag? Will Mumme bunker up and resort to excuses and blame game?

Stay tuned.

FOOTBALL RECRUITING SCUTTLE

If he were picking a college today, prized linebacker Brent Grover at Ft. Thomas Highlands says it would be Penn State.

Highlands coach Dale Mueller told one recruiting guru, "I've been told by Tennessee, Florida State, Penn State, and Kentucky that Grover is the best middle linebacker those teams have seen on film."

Noire Dame, Tennessee, UK and Georgia Tech are still on Grover's list.

Chad Anderson, middle linebacker at Canton, Ohio, will visit UK Oct. 20. He is considering Miami of Florida, Ohio State, Wisconsin, Indiana and UK.

"There's a chance I could commit to Kentucky when I visit there,

but I'd like to see the other schools too," said Anderson, who is a cousin to UK freshman tackle Antonio Hall.

And so it goes.

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Lack of Equity Report leads to sports ineligibility

Schools that fail to provide complete Title IX compliance information will be ineligible to compete in high school sports, according to a resolution passed by the Kentucky Board of Education recently.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association (KHSAA) will declare 107 schools ineligible if they fail to provide complete compliance information by Oct. 17. The schools will remain ineligible until they supply the information.

In 1998, the state board directed the KHSAA to ensure that member schools comply with Title IX, a 1972 federal anti-discrimination law that requires gender equity in school activities. In January 2000 the KHSAA sent each member school and district a packet with instructions on how to review their sports programs to report their level of compliance with Title IX.

The packet included Title IX compliance forms that were to be completed and submitted to the KHSAA no later than June 30, 2000.

Last winter the KHSAA communicated this deadline to every superintendent and principal in written correspondence and also stressed the deadline during training sessions, confer-

ences and site visits. On Sept. 5, the KHSAA levied fines of \$250 against the schools that had not responded and gave them a new deadline of Sept. 25.

According to the KHSAA, however, five of its 285 member schools have submitted an incomplete report without all the required forms. An additional 98 schools have submitted partial information on all or some forms. Four schools still have not submitted any part of the report, according to the KHSAA.

Craig True, of Fort Thomas and chair of the state board's Management Support Committee, said his resolution was a last resort because "many schools are still not responding, more than three months after the deadline."

"This is an issue of basic fairness," True said. "If participation in competitive team sports is good for the development of boys, then it's equally good for the development of girls. Besides being the right thing to do, this has been a federal law for 28 years."

"There is no reason any school should have to lose eligibility," True stressed. "All they have to do is provide information that ought to be

readily available, given the fact that the KHSAA made this request 10 months ago and the deadline lapsed three months ago.

"The state board does not derive any pleasure from directing the KHSAA to declare schools ineligible for competition," True said. "On the other hand, the board remains committed to the idea of fairness and equity."

The four KHSAA member schools that have not submitted any part of the report are:

- Covington Latin High (non-public)
 - Rose Hill Christian High (non-public; Boyd County)
 - Sheldon Clark High, Martin County
 - Villa Madonna Academy High (non-public; Covington)
- The five member schools submitting incomplete reports are:
- Glasgow High
 - Green County High
 - Heritage Christian Academy High (non-public; Christian County)
 - Knott County Central High
 - Lee County High

The 98 KHSAA member schools that have submitted only partial reports are Adair Co. High, All Saints

High (non-public; Lexington), Anderson Co. High, Atherton High (Jefferson Co.), Augusta Ind. High, Ballard High (Jefferson Co.), Barbourville Ind. High, Barren Co. High, Bath Co. High, Berea Ind. High, Boone Co. High, Bracken Co. High, Breathitt Co. High, Breckinridge Co. High, Brown High (Jefferson Co.), Bullitt Central High, Burgin Ind. High, Butler High (Jefferson Co.), Caldwell Co. High, Calloway Co. High, Campbell Co. High, Carlisle Co. High, Cavema Ind. High, Central High (Jefferson Co.), Christian Co. High.

Also, Christian Fellowship High (non-public; Marshall Co.), Conner High (Boone Co.), Cordia High (Knott Co.), Crittenden Co. High, Dixie Heights High (Kenton Co.), East Carter Co. High, Eastern High (Jefferson Co.), Elizabethtown Ind. High, Evangel Christian High (non-public; Jefferson Co.), Evarts High (Harlan Co.), Fairdale High (Jefferson Co.), Feds Creek High (Pike Co.), Fern Creek High (Jefferson Co.), Franklin-Simpson High (Simpson Co.), Fulton Co. High, Graves Co. High, Greenup Co. High, Harrison Co. High, Hart Co. High, Henry Clay High (Fayette Co.), Henry Co. High, Highlands High (Ft. Thomas Ind.), Holmes High (Covington Ind.), Holy Cross High (non-public; Louisville), Jackson Co. High, Jeffersontown High (Jefferson Co.),

Also, Jenkins Ind. High, Johnson Co. Central High, Knox Co. Central High, Lafayette High (Fayette Co.), Lawrence Co. High, Leslie Co. High, Letcher High, Lewis Co. High, Lincoln Co. High, Lloyd Memorial High (Erlanger-Elsmere Ind.), Ludlow Ind. High, Lyon Co. High, Madison Co. Southern High, Male High (Jefferson Co.), Marshall Co. High, McCreary Co. Central High, McLean Co. High, Monroe Co. High, Nicholas Co. High, North Bullitt Co. High, North Laurel Co. High, Oneida Baptist Institute High (non-public; Clay Co.), Owensboro Ind. High, Owensboro Catholic High (non-public), Paducah Tilghman High (Paducah Ind.), Perry Co. Central High,

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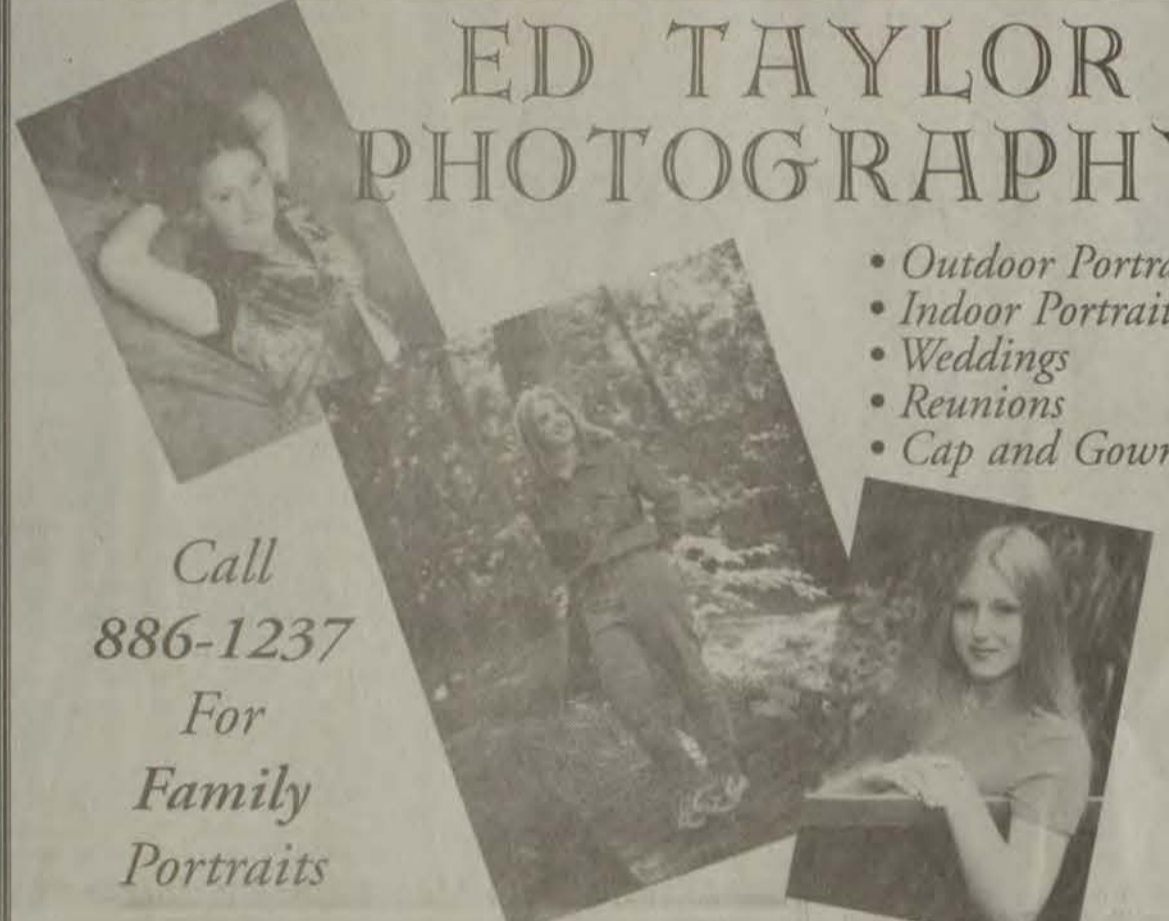
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Bentley's COMMENTS

BY RICK BENTLEY

Relaxing notes

• Things are getting bad for the football program at the University of Kentucky, which realistically could go winless in the Southeastern Conference this season.

It all started with a disappointing loss to Louisville, which inspired Coach Hal Mumme to opine that the battle of the Bluegrass just isn't as important to the Cats as it is to the Cards.

Apparently, if it isn't your chief rival, it's hard to get terribly motivated to play, even if it is the season opener against your cross-state opponent.

Then after sliding past almighty South Florida and somehow squeezing by Indiana, the Cats opened SEC play against Florida. Big loss.

Next came Saturday's loss to Ole Miss.

Despite the tremendous support of Times employees, current and past, the Cats laid the biggest egg of the Mumme era in a 35-17 loss. The coach again came up with another offering, this time conceding that the loss was all his fault. "I just didn't have our team ready to play," he said, offering an apology to the Commonwealth.

This was so bad it even inspired a momentary 21st century appear-

ance by good ol' Billy Reed, who realized "Bear" Bryant isn't the coach anymore and began taking shots at Mumme.

There's just one thing I don't understand about this whole situation.

When you look at the schedule, even Mumme himself had to realize the Cats probably had no shot at all against Florida, and have little chance against Tennessee. Most seasons, those just aren't going to be wins.

That said, you're already down two SEC games. You'd think the opportunity to head to Oxford would get the Cats and staff excited.

The SEC has several teams among the elite in college football, and building a program while having to bang heads with them on a regular basis isn't going to be easy. That task turned Bill Curry from among the most respected coaches in the country to a television commentator.

Wins in the SEC are few and far between, and a realistic chance to get one on the road shouldn't have been taken lightly. Obviously, last Saturday, it was.

• Meanwhile, the big question in Cincinnati this autumn isn't whether the Bengals will win a game. The hierarchy of the Reds took some of the heat off their former Riverfront roomies by relieving Jack McKeon of his duties this week.

Now, the most-asked question is who will be the next skipper of the Big Red Machine?

I still maintain that the good money is on Senior Griffey. I also offer the opinion that this would be a mistake. I'm sure Trader Jack made sure the elder Griffey wasn't overseeing his son any more than was absolutely necessary, and yet they still managed a very public blowup in the dugout this summer. I can't see where there's anything to gain here.

Ron Oester is also a candidate, as is Bob Boone, who is an assistant to Jim Bowden. The most interesting name I heard was Lou Piniella, who was one of several managers Marge Schott went through in her somewhat memorable tenure with the club. Last time I checked, he was still employed by one of the eight teams still active, the Seattle Mariners.

Personally, I wouldn't mind seeing the Reds go after Tom Lasorda or Jim Leyland, but that is wishful thinking I'm sure. Both are senior citizens, but have more baseball knowledge than any of the rest of the candidates.

Either would be outstanding choices, and these Reds could use a little of the magic that both of these guys possess.

• Don't you feel sorry for those Tennessee fans?

I mean, they couldn't get a win over Florida three weeks ago. Then, when someone else did get the job done against Steve Spurrier's Gators, those in K-town were only able to gloat for a couple of hours before their own Vols blew it against the Bayou Bengals.

Of course, if I didn't work so closely with a fan of the Big Orange, I probably would have been able to ignore the cries and moans coming from south of the border.

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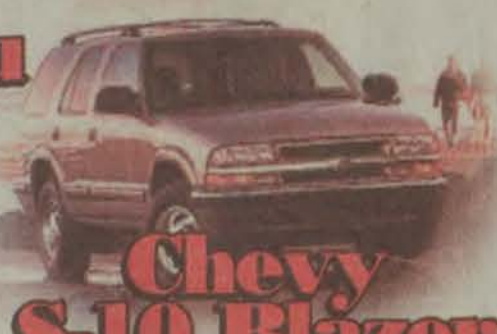
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The MAC is the second stop for the traveling show, which was first displayed in Lexington. After it closes here on October 25, it will go to Louisville and then Paducah, before being shipped to Ecuador, where it will be on exhibit in the cities of Quito, Ibarra, Ambato and Cuenca.

The theme of the show is "Language of the Land," and all of the works depict some aspect of the artists' home.

The images range from Robert T. Jackson's "High Court," with young men playing basketball on an urban playground, to a beckoning open door in "Living Memory" by Jorge Bolivar Morales Larrea.

"This exhibition presents a selection of landscape paintings ... which reflects the living spirit of the artists, their connections to the land, and the depth of their life experiences," writes Pablo Cabrera of Kentucky-Ecuador Partners, in the exhibit booklet.

"The paintings ... are much more than mere representations of current styles, criticism, and concepts. They are true interpretations of the feelings, the journeys, and the faith of the artists who have established their own language in an effort to achieve the experience of a shared moment based on our individual and collective realities."

The goals of the cooperative project are to raise awareness of the role of art in both Kentucky and the South American country of Ecuador and to educate viewers about the similarities of the two cultures, despite their obvious differences.

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Ray Shubinski and Sr. Ruth Ann Iwanski of the Floyd County Arts Council helped hang the exhibit of Kentuckian and Ecuadorian art at the Mountain Arts Center.



The River and Guayaquil by Victoria I. Carrasco



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February Thaw: The Barn by Marianna Marshall McDonald

In my opinion, the absolute best thing about the Apple Festival is that it offers us an opportunity to visit with old friends. That's exactly what Wilma and I did last weekend, and we paid a price for it...in calories.

I don't know if it's a law or not, but it's certainly a strong tradition that eastern Kentuckians (as well as a few "Buckeyes" I could mention) cannot visit without partaking in the consumption of fine food.

Never let it be said that either of us would ever be guilty of going against tradition. But to our credit, not that it does a bit of good, we all are likely to admit feeling guilty about it. Of course, the reason we do feel those pangs of guilt is that somebody somewhere in a darkened laboratory amid test tubes and boiling beakers invented fat grams.

Thank goodness there are still those among us who can remember life before that; when you'd ask the clerk at the company store for a box of corn flakes without worrying about how much saturated fat, cholesterol or dietary fiber was in it.

While I know that it's important to eat smart, sometimes I wonder just how much value there is in all these so-called "nutrition facts" that appear on the boxes and cans that line our supermarket shelves. Now, don't misunderstand. I don't doubt that if a company says that a serving of whatever, contains nine percent total carbohydrates or 25 percent Vitamin C, that that's what it contains. It's great to be informed, I suppose, but I just wonder, does it really make any difference? Should I really care?

Or, are we simply making too big a deal out of all these labels and stuff? In the first place, it's got to be expensive. I mean, companies must have to pay scientists, or whoever made these determinations, tons of money to come up with accurate measurements before they can list the amount of thiamin, niacin and foliate in a twinkie. (Could this be why a nickel cake costs 75 cents these days?)

And really, how much good does all this labeling do the consumer? Personally, if I want a peanut butter and jelly sandwich, do I really care that the peanut butter was made from selected U.S. roasted peanuts and contains less than two percent molasses? Hardly! What I'm really apt to read is whether or not it's smooth or crunchy.

Yet, with all this concern about which food is and which food isn't good for you, I find it rather ironic that we still have just as many odd-shaped figures wandering around as we did before warning labels appeared on everything that tastes good. Some people are still skinny as broom sticks and some people are still fat. (Or, should I be modern and say, "overly-laden with cellulite?")

I'm afraid that even with the ever increasing popularity of workout videos, as far as I can tell, both sexes look about like they've always looked. Furthermore, I'd bet my autographed picture of Porter Waggoner that good eating will forever be a part of an eastern Kentuckian's reunion, or any other occasion wherever good friends congregate.

Advocating for children

A local woman has been recognized for her activities on behalf of children.

Lahoma Ailiff of Prestonsburg is the recipient of the 2000 Mental Health Institute Award for Outstanding Children's Advocate.

Nominations are submitted from mental health clinicians, consumers and administrators from across the state, according to Bonnie Hale of Mountain Comprehensive Care, where Ailiff has worked as a family liaison.

The recipient must be a family member or caregiver who has been influential in advocating for the needs of children with mental health issues, Hale said.

As the mother of four children who have been diagnosed with emotional and learning disabilities, Ailiff learned to advocate for her own children and in 1991 became a parent representative on the Bluegrass West Interagency Council for the Kentucky IMPACT program.



Lahoma Ailiff

ent to the statewide mental health system, and as a member of the State Family Advisory Council, she has also advocated for better planning for youth with emotional disabilities to transition to the adult mental health system.

When she moved with her family from Frankfort to Prestonsburg in 1995, Ailiff went to work for MCCC to assist families and children in accessing services and partnering with other agencies.

According to Hale, Ailiff created training opportunities for parents and professionals. "Her skill at determining topics of interest for the community drew hundreds of participants every year," Hale said.

Recently, the award winner became a family liaison for the Bridges grant in southeastern Kentucky. Through Bridges, she takes the message of parents to teachers and other educators. "She is truly bridging the gap between parents and schools," Hale said.

The Service Call

Rick Conn of Ivel is a state police officer working out of Post 9 in Pikeville, but just a few years ago he was a city policeman in Prestonsburg. Regardless of where he's working, it seems unusual things keep happening to make his an interesting career.

Once, while he was on duty in Prestonsburg, he came upon a lady in distress. She explained to him that she was from Bluefield, West Virginia, but had come to his town on business. She was driving a new Geo Prizm but, in somewhat of a rush to make another call on a business client, had locked the keys in her car.

Rick tried, using the equipment he had, to open the door, but the lock had a new design and wouldn't budge for him. He said, "I know a mechanic who could proba-

SMALL WORLD by Aileen Hall



ably open it for you, but he will charge you about \$30 for making the call." She quickly agreed, saying, "That would be quicker and less expensive than having to call for someone in Bluefield to bring my extra keys."

The mechanic came and surveyed the problem. He started working and, before long, had most of the tools in his kit spread out. The weather was scorching hot and

soon he was sweating so profusely he had to keep wiping his face and eyes. The lock was being very difficult.

Finally, after about 30 minutes, he heard it click. As he opened the door to retrieve the keys, he heard something drop to the floor. He said, "Lady, I'm afraid I've loosened a bar on your door handle, but if you'll drive up to the dealership where I work, they'll fix it back for you."

She saw the bar on the floor and wasn't listening to what he was saying. She started

screaming at him. "You blankety-blank so and so, you've torn my car up. You don't know what you're doing, and now you've damaged my car. I ought to sue you."

The mechanic just reached in and flipped the latch, tossed the keys back on the seat and slammed the door. He said, "Lady, fend for yourself," gathered up his tools and left.

She just looked at Rick who said, "Ma'am, I tried to help you, but that's all I know to do."

He did check to see that her motel room was still available as she made plans to call for someone in Bluefield to come to her rescue-again.

Remember me?

Speaking of police work, Doug Lewis

of Stanton is a Baptist minister now, but just a few years ago he was Sheriff of Floyd County.

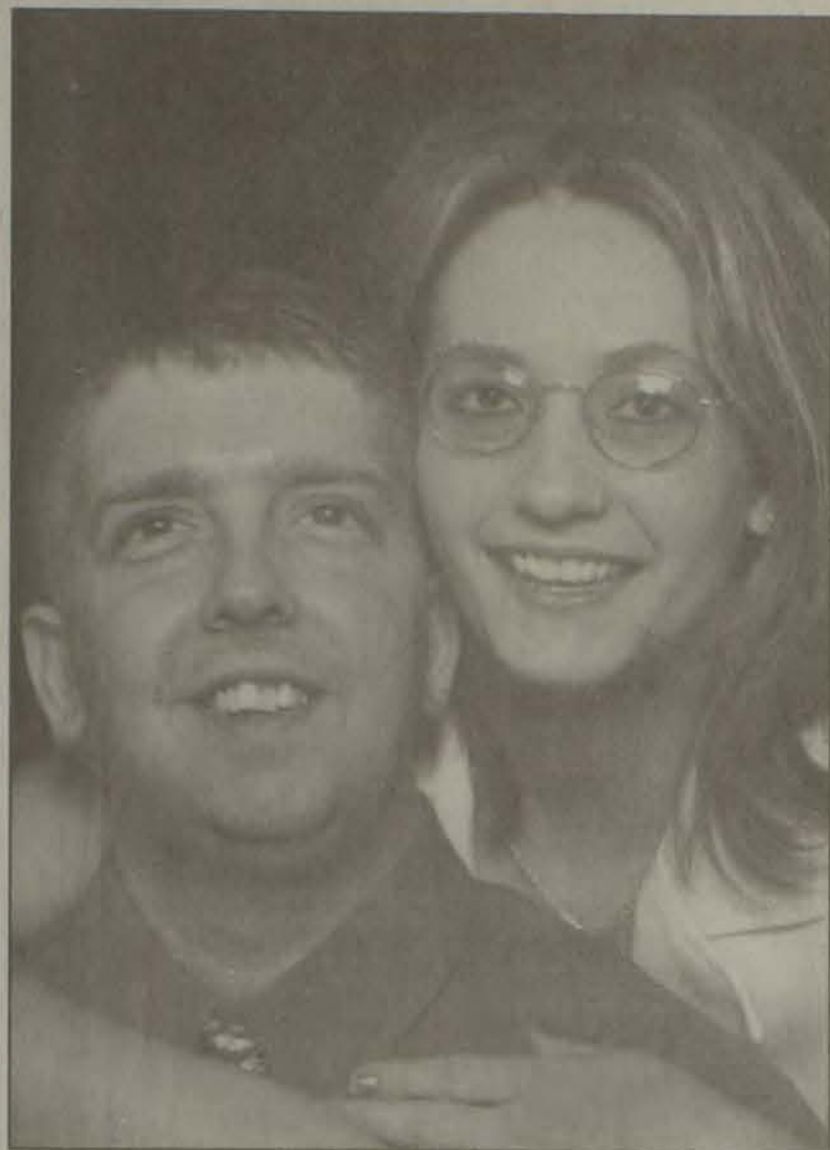
When Lovel Hall retired as PVA a few weeks ago, Doug was invited to a retirement reception for him and he came to honor his old friend. He shook hands with one man who said, "I don't believe I know you."

Doug told him, "I used to be the sheriff here in Floyd County." That revived the man's memory and he said, "Oh sure, I know you. You put me in jail once for three weeks straight for being drunk."

"Well, were you drunk?" he asked. "Yeah, I was," the man said, "but you didn't have to put me in jail every week." I guess they weren't seeing eye to eye back then.

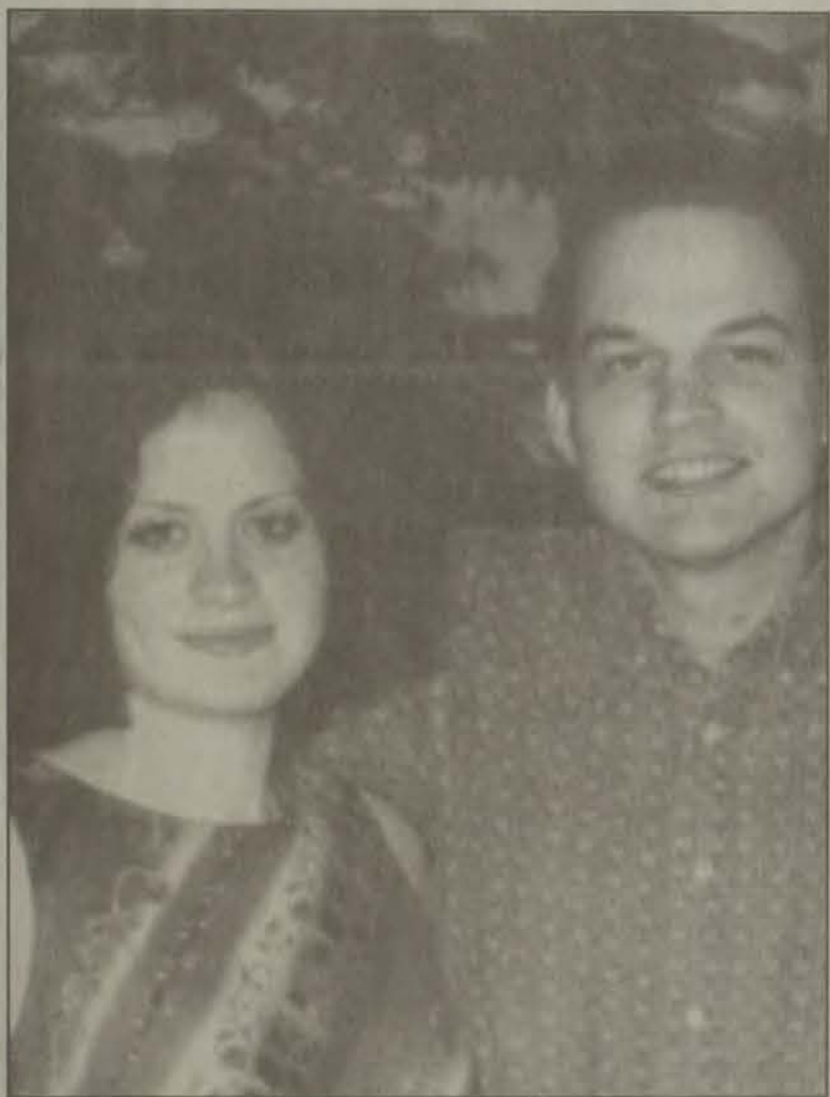
WEDDINGS/ ENGAGEMENTS

NEW ARRIVALS



Pennington-Clark

Beverly Sue Pennington and John Bryan Clark announce their plan to be united in marriage on Saturday, October 14, at 3:30 p.m., at the Bonanza Freewill Baptist Church. The bride-elect is the daughter of Palmer and Lola Pennington of Meta. She is a 1989 graduate of John's Creek High School. The groom-elect is the son of John A. Clark of Mousie and the late Helen Clark. He is a 1990 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. Both are employed by Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse. The custom of an open wedding will be observed.



Hall-Pitts to wed

Redgy and Clarissa Hall of Okeechobee, Florida, formerly of Floyd County, announce the marriage of their daughter, Christina, to Jay Pitts of Mt. Sterling, on June 12, 2000 in a private ceremony at their home. The bride is the granddaughter of Roszella Lewis and Virgil and Jane Hall, also of Okeechobee and formerly of Floyd County.



Austin Brett Spears

Irvin and Sherry Stephens Spears of Nicholasville announce the birth of their son, Austin Brett Spears, on August 28, 2000. He weighed six pounds, 13 ounces, and was 19 inches long. He is the grandson of Elita and Ethel Spears of Prestonsburg, and of the late Leonard and Betty Stephens, formerly of Prestonsburg.



Seth Addison Lafferty

Adam and Crystal Lafferty announce the birth of their son, Seth Addison Lafferty, on September 19, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and was 21-1/2 inches long. He has a brother, Curtis. His maternal grandparents are Wayne and Barbara Wright of Prestonsburg, and the late Curtis McCown. His paternal grandparents are Rex and Sandy Lafferty of Minnie.



Aaron Reid

William Aaron Richard Reid was born, August 20, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed seven pounds, 15 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long. He is the son of Kevin and Erica Reid of Martin. His maternal grandparents are Ricky Bays of Abbott, and Debbie Bays of Prestonsburg. Paternal grandparents are Naomi Sargent of Martin, and Ronald Reid of Maytown. He has two brothers, Weston and Kevin II, and a sister, Keisha.

Organizations

Drift women meet

by CELIA LITTLE

The GFWC/KFWC Drift Woman's Club met at Brenda's Place on September 18, with Geraldine Ward as hostess.

Alice Osborne asked the blessing, and the hostess served pizzas to the members present: Roney Clark, Alice Osborne, Ruby Akers, Donna Allen, Kathryn Youmans and Darrell Youmans, guest.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Ruby Akers. The pledge to the American flag was by all.

Secretary Celia Little read the minutes, which were approved. Treasurer Roney Clark gave the treasurer's report.

President Akers read corre-

spondence from KFWC 7th District Governor, Joyce Allen.

The KFWC theme is "Our Promise for a Better Tomorrow," and the goal is "Improving the Status of Women." The president's symbol is "Rainbow," and the governor's symbol is "Red Rose."

Chosen as chairmen for 7th District committees were Alice Osborne, Art, and Ruby Akers, Conservation.

Each member is to recruit at least one member in 2000. One benefit of membership in the KFWC Drift Woman's Club is satisfaction that comes from making a difference in the community.

The KFWC Woman's Club has six departments:

- Art supports young people's participation in art activities.
- Conservation sponsors a wild

flower project along community highways, litter prevention, and yard of the month.

• Education supports the New Opportunity School for Women and educational scholarships.

• Home Life promotes women's health awareness, including cancer, heart disease, osteoporosis, pain management, etc.

• Public Affairs supports awareness of local, state and national issues, voter participation, crime prevention, family violence, home safety, and highway safety.

• International Affairs sponsors world food days and cultural exchanges.

The next meeting will be at the Viola Bailey Community Center on October 16. The program will be on voter participation.

Highlands Regional Medical Center

September 18: A son, Imran Syed, to Asmina and Ilyas Ikramuddin of Prestonsburg.

September 19: A son, Seth Addison, to Crystal and Adam Lafferty of Martin; a son, Seth Logan, to Raymond and Heather Ratliff of Honaker; a daughter, Isabella Gabrielle McCarty, to Tiffany Walters of Boons Camp.

September 20: A daughter, Tonya Renee, to James and Melissa Campbell of Garner; a daughter, Sonya Nicole, to James and Melissa Campbell of Garner; a daughter, Whitney LeShea, to Rodney and Patricia Jean Stone of Staffordsville.

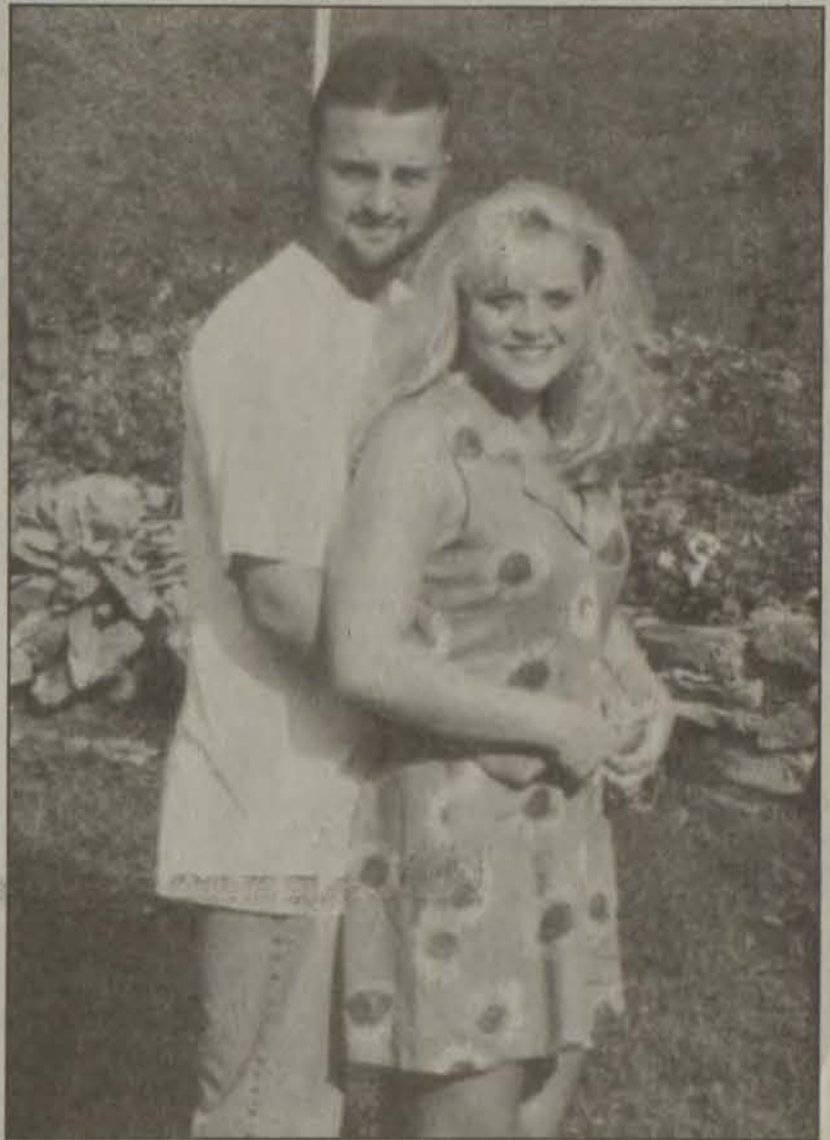
September 22: A daughter, Sierra Elizabeth Mildred, to Geniva and Charles O'Toole of Salyersville; a daughter, Samantha Joe, to Kimberly and Martin Howard of Prestonsburg; a daughter, Lorna Elizabeth Ann, to Michelle and Mark Swiger of Betsy Layne; a daughter, Carrie LaShay McCarty, to Kathleen Coffey of Salyersville; a son, Chalmer Jordan Salyer, to Dana Caudill and Rodney Salyer of Salyersville.

September 24: A daughter, Katlyn Alexandria Turner, to Rhonda Williams of Paintsville.

September 27: A son, Jordan Tyler, to Dixie Michelle and Dennis Perkins of Thelma; a son, Christopher Charles, to Charles and Melissa Stephens Pennington of Hazel Green.

September 28: A daughter, Sarah Kelsey Jude, to Lisa Ann and Larry Douglas Vanover of Prestonsburg; a son, Thomas Boyce David, to Angela and Brian Howell of Inez.

ANNIVERSARIES



Anniversary marked

Kristel and Todd Meadows celebrated their first wedding anniversary on September 29, 2000. They were married last year by their pastor, J.M. Sloce, at Praise Assembly of God. The bride is the daughter of Judy and Glenn Floyd of Martin, and the groom is the son of Anita Bradford of Prestonsburg.

Yesterdays

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the courthouse, delivered an attack on the Republicans, generally, and Vice-President Nixon in particular...Work was begun last week on a nine-hole golf course at Dewey Lake State Park as one of the several improvements planned there...Born: to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Moore, of Hi Hat, a daughter, Beverly Jo, last week at Our Lady of the Way Hospital, Martin...There died: Beriah Magoffin Spurlock, 96, pioneer banker and businessman, last Thursday at Prestonsburg General Hospital; Frank Conley, 60, Monday at his home at East Point; Mrs. Caroline Cain, 69, last Thursday at her home at Topmost; John Clark, Jr., 38, of Grethel, Sunday at home; J. H. Williams, 80, of Wayland, Wednesday at McDowell Memorial Hospital; James L. Tussey, 74, last Thursday at home at Dock.

Jean Martin, of McDowell, and Mr. Harold James Stumbo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stumbo, of Minnie, were married September 28...There died: Mrs. Dollie Banks Phillips, 44, native of Prestonsburg, at a Pikeville hospital...Lois Anderson, six-year-old daughter of Leonard and Gladys Patton Anderson, at her home at McDowell, Saturday.

Sixty Years Ago (October 10, 1940)

Prestonsburg's old fire truck, the town's most ancient piece of machinery and its No. 1 slap-stick comedy character, is on its way to where the woodbine twineth not. The City Council Monday evening contracted to purchase a new fire truck...Next weekend, for the second consecutive year, Floyd County stops and turns its attention to its county fair...In observance of a Jewish holiday, Yom Kippur, the Leader and Glazer's will be closed Saturday, October 12...Chalmer Frazier, Prestonsburg, was elected president of the Floyd County Sunday School Association, Saturday afternoon...A local Parent Teachers association will be organized Tuesday evening, Oct. 15, at a meeting to be held in the new grade school building...Mrs. Woodrow Allen, nee Miss Mabel Wells, was honored Friday evening with a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Moles at Auxier...There died: George W. Elliott, 86, of Beaver, Friday at a Martin hospital; Mrs. Opal Porter, 22, of Wheelwright, Wednesday; Mrs. Taylor Fitzpatrick, 40, of the Middle Creek Road, at a Prestonsburg hospital; Edward L. Osborne, 51, of Osborne, Tuesday in a Huntington, West Virginia hospital; Jeff Burke, 70, of Riceville, Monday at his home.

Fifty Years Ago (October 12, 1950)

Although no definite promise was made at Tuesday's meeting of the Floyd Fiscal Court, those attending gained the impression that the U.S. Corps of Engineers will agree to lift the conservation pool level of Dewey Lake five feet...Highways Commissioner John A. Keck authorized Tuesday the Division of Traffic to erect new KY 80 markers, making the route a through-numbered highway from the "Breaks of Sandy to the Mississippi"...The first step toward possible draft of medical doctors, dentists and veterinarians for service with the armed forces will be taken Monday, October 16, at Draft Board 25...Nineteen draft selectees from this county will enter service October 26...

Prestonsburg's Blackcats chalked up their 5th straight victory Friday night, winning 39-13 over the Jenkins Cavaliers...Miss Pluma

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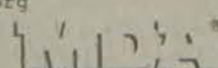
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BUSINESS professions

Memo...

JWSRP employee recognized

Bob Webb of Jenny Wiley State Resort Park has been awarded a Certificate of Merit Award from the state Department of Parks. Webb was recognized for his outstanding service and dedication. He illustrates an ongoing commitment to the daily operations of the dining room and is instrumental in providing quality service to other employees and guests who depend on him. The presentation was a part of the park system's RARE program — Rewards, Awards and Recognition for Employees. The program was developed in 1994 to honor the accomplishments of exceptional department employees.

Meece completes continuing ed

Fred E. Meece, DMD, completed the Continuum Level V course of

study at the Pankey Institute of Advanced Dental Education in Key Biscayne, Florida, on September 15. The Prestonsburg dentist earned 49 Continuing Education credits in an interactive class designed for dental professionals wishing to achieve excellence in complex interdisciplinary considerations involving perio-prosthesis.

KCTCS Leadership

Two people from the local area are slated to attend the President's Leadership Seminar, sponsored by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System, October 9-12, in Louisville. From Prestonsburg Community College is Dr. Thomas Orf, and from Mayo Technical College is Mark A. Wells. The seminar is a key element of the KCTCS New Horizon initiative, which focuses on developing leadership, service and support among

system employees.

Area mayor to head League

Robin T. Cooper, mayor of Paintsville, was elected president of the Kentucky League of Cities during the organization's annual convention September 27-30 in Louisville. Other officers are Mayor Thomas E. Holochoer of Fort Mitchell, first vice president, and Mayor Bill Nighbert, second vice president.

BB&T offers business card

BB&T Corp. has introduced its BB&T Business Check Card, a payment product designed for small businesses. The card is accepted at 18 million VISA point-of-sale locations, eliminating the time-consuming process of tracking and writing checks, and the need to carry large sums of cash. Tied to a business checking account, the card can be used to buy supplies, entertain clients and cover daily business expenses. It can also be used to withdraw cash from more than 1,000 BB&T 24 ATMs and at any VISA, PLUS or STAR ATM worldwide.

Professional meetings slated for Louisville

Two educational associations have slated annual conferences in Louisville in November. The Kentucky Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance will meet November 3-4 at the Galt House. The conference, which includes a trade show with 35 exhibitors, is expected to draw 700 delegates. The Kentucky Association of Elementary School Principals will convene on November 12-14 at the Radisson Hotel. About 225 delegates are expected to attend, with 50 exhibitors in the trade show.

New officer named

A 27-year veteran in US Fish and Wildlife Service law enforcement, Thomas M. Riley, has been selected as the new assistant regional director for law enforcement in the service's Southeast region, which includes Kentucky, and is headquartered in Atlanta.

Merger in the offing

Firststar Corporation has announced that it has signed a definitive agreement to merge with US Bancorp through an exchange of shares valued at about \$21.2 billion. The combination would become the eighth largest bank holding company in the US, with assets of more than \$160 billion, deposits of \$107 billion, assets under management of \$145 billion and a pro forma market capitalization of about \$40 billion. The franchise will span 24 Midwestern and Western states with 2200 branches, including the local area.

Chamber Notes

by REGINA BECKNELL
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
FLOYD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Community generosity

Generosity cannot come close to the support the Floyd County Chamber of Commerce has received from the local community for our annual Fall Classic Golf Tournament, Thursday, October 12, at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park Golf Course.

Jenny Wiley has been gracious to host this event every year and provide a hot grilled lunch for the players and volunteers.

This year, we are especially glad to announce that Nordin Eye Center and Commonwealth Eye Surgery is donating a free Lasik eye surgery for the Hole-In-One Prize. A Lasik in Situ Keratomileusis is the laser eye surgery, which corrects nearsightedness, astigmatism and farsightedness to allow a person, who previously had to wear glasses or contact lenses to see clearly in the distance.

Many famous athletes, including Tiger Wood, have successfully undergone Lasik with tremendous results. Dr. Mark Nordin, co-owner of Nordin Eye Center, underwent Lasik six months ago after wearing glasses and contact lenses for more than 20 years.

"Before my surgery, my vision was 20/400 in each eye and now my vision is better than 20/20. It's unbelievable," said Nordin.

If a golfer is lucky enough to score a Hole-In-One Thursday, he or she will win a free Lasik procedure to be performed at Commonwealth Eye Surgery in Lexington and managed preoperatively and postoperatively by Dr. Nordin in Prestonsburg.

"Our patients actually only need to leave eastern Kentucky one time and that's for the actual Laser Surgery," Nordin said. "All other aspects of Lasik are managed locally in one of our offices by myself or Dr. Kimberly Nordin."

If you have questions regarding Lasik, contact Nordin Eye Center, 831 Northlake Dr., Prestonsburg; phone 606/886-6774.

The Chamber would also like to thank all of the businesses that donated items to the tournament. Our first place sponsor is Jenny Wiley, second place sponsor is S & L ChemDry and third place sponsor is Reno's of Prestonsburg.

Businesses donating items to be raffled include Darrell Patton Insurance, BellSouth, Earl Castle's Jewelry, Brock McVey, Bountiful Baskets, Central Kentucky Blood Center, BellSouth Mobility, BB&T, Papa John's Pizza, Super 8 Motel, Holiday Inn, Comfort Suites, Mountain Arts Center, Dr. Jerald Combs, Community Trust Bank, Citizens National Bank, Firststar Bank, First Commonwealth Bank, Elk Horn Coal, Pin-Zone Bowling, Highlands Regional Medical Center, Pro-Fitness Health and Wellness, Food City, Perry Distributors, Manpower Temporary Services, McDowell ARH, Prestonsburg Tourism and WYMT-TV.

We appreciate all of the business support and generosity. The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce is located at 113 South Central Ave., second floor of the old post office downtown. Please let me know if I can help you or your business, 606-886-0364 or floydchamber@setel.com.

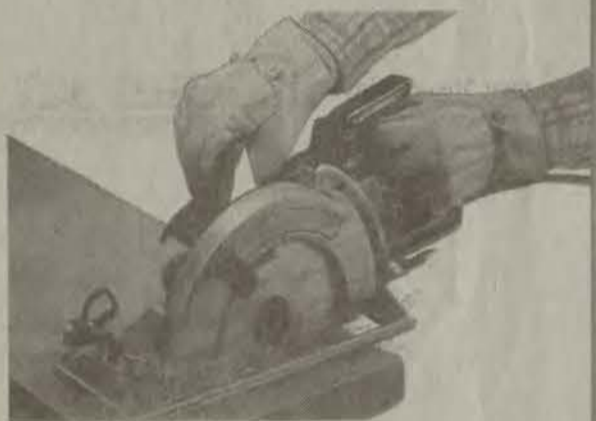
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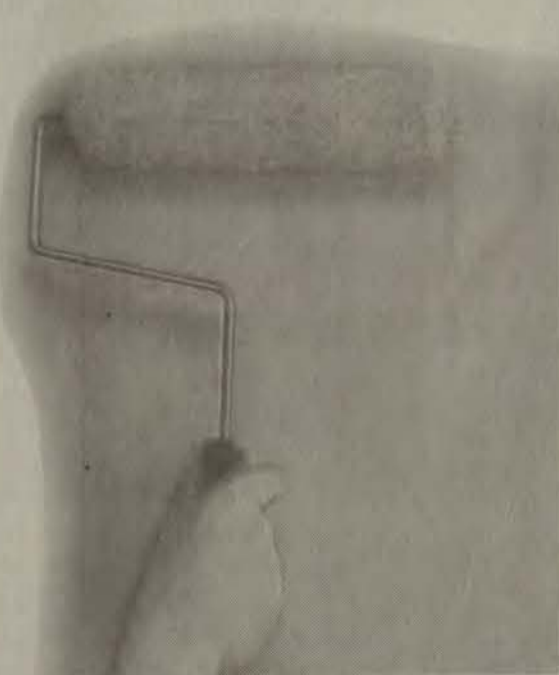
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Whyne, Caterpillar fund scholarships for KCTCS students

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to attend institutions in the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS).

Whyne, a heavy-equipment dealer, and Caterpillar, which manufactures construction and mining equipment, are contributing \$5,000 each to finance scholarships for these KCTCS students:

- Kendall Alexander, South

Portsmouth, Greenup County, is studying construction equipment technology at Ashland Technical College. He is in his first year of the program and will receive a scholarship this year of \$1,000 for tuition and books.

• Adam Evans, Monticello, Wayne County, is starting his first year of the diesel technology program at Somerset Technical College. His scholarship is \$1,000.

• Matthew Norton, Williamsburg, Whitley County, is starting his first year of the diesel technology program at Somerset Technical College. His scholarship is \$1,000.

• Barry Holbrook, Dema,

Knott County, is beginning his second-year of the construction equipment technology program at Hazard Technical College. His scholarship is \$1,000.

• Kyle Lawless, Corbin, Whitley County, has completed two years of studies at Hazard Technical College and now is working toward his associate degree in diesel technology at Hazard Community College. His scholarship is \$1,200.

Dr. Michael B. McCall, president of KCTCS, said the partnership that made the scholarships possible is an example of how the community and technical colleges work with business and industry to change the lives of students.

The program is called WhyneTech-Louis A. Niechter Scholarship. Niechter served as president of Whyne Supply from 1974-84.

A team consisting of representatives of Whyne and the col-

leges selects the scholarship recipients based on academic achievement, character and career potential. The scholarships include aid internships and co-op experience at Whyne Supply facilities, which sell Caterpillar equipment.

The KCTCS Office of Institutional Advancement received the gifts and processed the scholarships on behalf of the colleges that the recipients are attending.

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REDUCED! Owner says sell! Call today to see this 3-bedroom home with a detached garage. With 4 lots, there's room for expansion or to build on. Don't let it pass you by! (M-104488)

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BETSY LAYNE—3 bedrooms, pool, deck, horse barn, riding trail, approximately 2 acres. \$128,000. (104703) Call Dawn.

MARTIN—Close to hospital and schools. 3-bedroom, 1-bath house. Great starter home and a great starter price. \$44,000. (105135) Call Dawn.

RICHMOND HILLS—Great investment property. A 3-bedroom, 2-bedroom duplex, 1.5-bath in each, garage. Great neighborhood. (103707) Call Jo.

MIDDLE CREEK—2-bedroom, 1-bath mobile home—good rental potential. \$32,000 (104999) Call Trent.

BANNER—Move right into this updated ranch, 5 bedrooms, 2 baths, 3 miles on Rt. 1426 to Cecil Branch. (105092) Call Shirley.

COUNTRY LANE—3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Approx. 1,400 sq. ft., large lot, heat pump. \$85,000. (104674) Call Lynette.

Local woman earns certification

Marie Akers-Conn of Tallahassee, Florida, formerly of Harold, has attained certification as a National Certified Counselor (NCC) through the National Board for Certified Counselors Inc. She is among 30,000 persons certified through the NBCC.

Akers-Conn received an MS degree in rehabilitation counseling and Ph.D. in comprehensive vocational education from Florida State University. She is a licensed mental health counselor in Florida.

She has worked with clients who have behavior disorders and victims

of domestic violence. She also presents workshops on women's issues.

She is involved in a national training program with the World Institute of Scottsdale, Arizona, presenting workshops on "The Empowerment of Listening" and "The Possibility of Woman."

A former instructor of nursing at Mayo Technical College, she is the daughter of Walter and Minnie Akers and the wife of Randal Conn, all of Harold.

To receive the NCC credential, Akers-Conn had to fulfill NBCC requirements which include a graduate degree in counseling from a regionally accredited institution, supervised post-master's counseling experience, and a passing score on the National Counselor Examination for Licensure and Certification (NCE).

Bosses Help Ease Boomers' Retirement Woes

Employees Value Benefits, Survey Shows

(NAPSA)—With the oldest Baby Boomers now in their 50s, employers nationwide are beefing up retirement plans in an overall effort to create more competitive benefits packages. A survey of 100 human resources managers reveals that 93% of companies offer retirement plans. No wonder. Employees value 401(k)/retirement plans (53%) and health insurance (94%) above all other benefits.

The survey-sponsored by Assurex International, the world's largest privately held commercial insurance brokerage group-found:

- 87% of HR people rank benefits as very to somewhat effective in attracting and retaining qualified employees.
- 51% of employers have increased benefits over the past 5 years.

Insurance is a popular perk: 97% of companies offer life insurance; 82% long-term disability insurance; 80% short-term disability insurance; 39% executive life insurance; and 24% long-term care insurance. Popular voluntary products: additional life insurance (17%); accidental death and dismemberment coverage (13%); and cancer insurance (11%).

Programs designed to keep employees healthy and productive are popular. Smoking cessation, blood pressure testing, health club memberships, and weight-reduction programs appeal to employees across all industries.

Nontraditional benefits are gaining popularity as well. Today 49% of employers offer some form of flex time; telecommuting (32%); or job sharing (23%).

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REDUCED

3 bedrooms, hardwood floors, must see to appreciate. Cedar Creek Road, Pikeville.

REDUCED

NEED LOTS OF ROOM! Come see this immaculate 3028 sq. ft., 13-room, 4-bdrm, 2-bath home, located close to both Pikeville and Prestonsburg.

3 bedrooms (104-609)

Two-bedroom home, located at 206 Hall Hollow Road, Wheelwright.

BUILDING LOTS

PIKEVILLE—QUAIL RIDGE, 50 AC.	\$28,000.
FLOYD COUNTY	
FRASURE'S CREEK, 100x100	\$9,900.
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NORTH OF ALLEN, KY. 1428	2 LOTS
DANIELS CREEK	2 LOTS

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NEW LISTING

PRESTONSBURG—DOWNTOWN—2 blocks from elementary school, churches, and courthouse. 3-4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, remodeled kitchen. Large covered deck to very private hot tub. Priced to sell, \$94,500. (O-105245)

NEW LISTING

SPURLOCK—1.9 miles from Prestonsburg. Great home, great buy! Use as 4-5 bedroom home with 2 full baths. New appliances, full front porch and much more. A best buy at \$47,500! (H-105256)

NEW LISTING

SPURLOCK—Always wanted an A-frame? Now is your opportunity! 1.9-mile from Prestonsburg. Great starter home. Super cozy! \$49,900. (H-105257)

BETSY LAYNE—Well maintained older home, 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, and a nice fenced yard. House is located between Prestonsburg and Pikeville. (R-105098)

FOR RENT
 FOR RENT—3-bedroom home, 1 mile from Mt. Parkway. Call Ellen, 886-9100 or 874-9558.

LOTS AND LAND
NEW LISTING—Approx. 13 acres on Prater Creek. Several house sites.
REDUCED—LEFT FORK OF OTTER CREEK, \$7,500. B-104661
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U.S. GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE SALE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2000 AT 11:00 AM
AT THE SITE OF THE BELOW DESCRIBED PROPERTY
HOUSE AND LOT
LOCATED AT 1890 STATE ROAD FORK - NEAR PRESTONBURG
IN FLOYD COUNTY, KENTUCKY

This is a three bedroom wood siding home on public water and private sewer. It is well located in a quite neighborhood. It consists of a living room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bath and laundry nook. This property is considered suitable for the Rural Development Program. This would be an excellent buy for an investor interested in rental property or for resale after minor repairs.

The minimum acceptable bid for this property is \$8,110.00

Payment of the current year's property taxes are the responsibility of the purchaser.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that on Thursday, October 19, 2000, at 11:00 a.m., at the property site, at 1890 State Road Fork, near Prestonburg, in Floyd County, Kentucky, in order to raise the sum of \$43,120.29 principal, together with interest credit subsidy granted in the amount of \$20,855.45, plus interest in the amount of \$10,033.73 as of March 27, 2000, and interest thereafter on the principal at \$10.3935 per day from March 27, 2000, until the date of Judgement, plus interest on the Judgement amount (principal plus interest to the date of judgment) at the rate of 6.197% computed daily and compounded annually, until paid in full and for the costs of this action, pursuant to Judgement and Order of Sale, being Civil Action No. 00-38, on the Pikeville Docket of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, entered on May 22, 2000, in the case of United States of America vs. Charles R. Scott, ET AL, the following described property will be sold to the highest and best bidder:

Being lot #1 of the Henry L. Sester Tract located on the North side of State Road Fork, Kentucky Route Number 1427 as shown on Map #729, recorded in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

Being the same property conveyed Deed dated August 16, 1988, recorded in Deed Book 321, Page 208, in the Floyd County Clerk's Office.

TERMS OF SALE: Ten percent (10%) of the bid price (in the form of a Certified Check made payable to the U. S. Marshal) on the day of sale with good and sufficient bond for the balance bearing interest at the rate of 6.197% per annum until paid, due and payable in thirty (30) days and said bond having the effect of a Judgement. Upon a default by the Purchaser, the deposit shall be forfeited and retained by the U. S. Marshal as a part of the proceeds of the sale, and the property shall again be offered for sale subject to confirmation by the Court.

This sale shall be in bar and foreclosure of all right, title, interest, estate claim, demand or equity of redemption of the defendants, and of all persons claiming by, through, under or against them, provided the purchase price is equal to two-thirds of the appraised value. If the purchase price is not equal to two-thirds of the appraised value, the Deed shall contain a lien in favor of the defendant(s), reflecting the right of the defendant(s), to redeem during the period provided by law (KRS 426.530). Under Law, the purchaser is deemed to be on notice of all matters affecting the property of record in the local County Clerk's Office. Inquiries should be directed to:

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