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Fiscal Court approves cleanup expenses

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

A special meeting ended with an "emergency" meeting of the Floyd County Fiscal Court on Friday.

Notice of a special meeting to consider road work and appointments was sent out on Thursday, but on Friday morning, Judge-Executive Paul Hunt Thompson said he learned that additional workers had to be hired if work was to begin "immediately" on a PRIDE funded cleanup on Left Beaver Creek.

To consider anything other than what was on the agenda is prohibited by state law at a special-called meeting, which must

carry 24 hours notice. But because of the urgency to begin the cleanup, Thompson said he opted to call an "emergency" meeting to follow the special meeting.

Contracts have already been let for the work on Left Beaver, which is described as "a massive environmental cleanup and restoration ... as well as providing flood control."

The resolution passed by the commissioners in the emergency meeting allows "independent contractors to enter into agreements with subcontractors who will provide this additional labor component" for the project, which is being funded by PRIDE, through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The immediacy is justified, according to the resolution, because of the "approach of cold weather" and the "constant threat of flooding at the McDowell Elementary School."

Thompson referred to the resolution as "basically a change order."

At the fiscal court's special meeting, approval was given for the resurfacing of roads in the Drift area, following the county's acceptance of a grant from the state for \$264,132.

The roads and their length include

- Old Minnie, 5,280 feet;
- Stumbo Hollow (County Road 1227),

- 12,144 feet;
- Simpson Branch (County Road 1196), two sections of 3,432 each; and
- Huff Road, 1,584 feet.

The court also approved the hiring of Dean Hamilton as customer service representative for the Southern Water and Sewer District. Hamilton is to be paid an annual salary of \$19,300, with no benefits, by the county, which is to be re-imposed by the water district.

The commissioners OK'd two agency appointments. Sam Martin was appointed to replace Donna Sammons on the Floyd County Board of Health, and Eddie Patton was named to replace Sam Martin on the Floyd County Housing Board.

Rowin' on the river...



photo by Steve LeMaster

The Jenny Wiley Pioneer Levisa Cup Race got off to a late start yesterday — more than two hours later than it was originally scheduled. But it probably worked out for the best. The dense, early fog had mostly cleared away, and the temperature had risen considerably. Boaters who started out with heavy wraps stripped to tee shirts by the time they reached Paintsville. About 10 adventurers launched into the Levisa Fork of the Big Sandy River at the boat ramp in downtown Prestonsburg, as part of the Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival.



Support evident for 'bottle bill'

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

There is a "war" against litter being waged across Kentucky and several area residents were present on Thursday evening to voice their opinions on battle strategies.

The Kentucky Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet conducted a meeting at the Wilkinson-Stumbo Convention Center at Jenny Wiley State Resort Park on October 12.

Richard Thomas, deputy secretary of the Cabinet, was present to speak and take suggestions from the public on ways to fight the littering of Kentucky countryside.

He opened his presentation with a video, "Cleaning up KY: Waste Problems and Challenges." Shown in the video was footage, taken throughout the state, of residents filling illegal dumps along hillsides and roadways. The footage was shot by surveillance cameras hidden among the foliage in the targeted areas.

Footage shot in Floyd county was seen in the film, along with several other counties. Floyd Judge-Executive Paul H. Thompson was present at the meeting to view the video.

By using the film as evidence in court, the Cabinet has been able to gain convictions for illegal littering throughout the state. The film enables authorities to identify subjects by sight and by tracing their license plate numbers.

Several of the subjects were shown

(See BOTTLE BILL, page two)

Briefs

Debaters chosen

The two party representatives have been chosen to participate in the presidential debate Tuesday at Prestonsburg Community College.

Charlie Owen of Lexington will represent the Democratic candidate, Vice President Al Gore, and Mike Duncan of Inez will represent the Republican, Texas Gov. George Bush.

Owen heads Al Gore's campaign in Kentucky, and Duncan is Kentucky's National Republican Committee chairman.

The public debate is at 12:30 p.m. in PCC's Pike Auditorium.

After opening statements, the debaters will be questioned by a panel, consisting of Tony Turner of WYMT-TV, Norm Marcum of WOXY radio and Ralph Davis of the Floyd County Times.

Audience members will be invited to ask questions of the party representatives after the formal portion of the event.

A second debate is scheduled that evening at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Mountains School in Paintsville.

The debates are free and open to the public.

Strike is imminent

TIMES STAFF REPORT

A union attorney said yesterday that a strike will likely start at one minute after midnight tonight against Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company, which has significant operations in Floyd County.

Herbert Segal, attorney for the Paper, Allied Industries and Chemical Employees Union (PACE), said the company made a "final offer" Friday night to union negotiators.

He said the union was "ready to give another offer to the company, but the company said 'No,' and negotiations broke off."

Segal said no talks were scheduled between then and the deadline for the strike at 12:01 a.m. on Monday, October

(See STRIKE, page two)

Parade pretty...



photo by Kathy Prater

What's a parade without beauty queens? One of the stars of yesterday's Jenny Wiley Pioneer Festival parade was Megan Grace Smith, Baby Miss Jenny Wiley.

More PRIDE grants aid cleanup efforts

TIMES STAFF REPORT

Two Floyd County organizations have been awarded PRIDE grants totaling more than \$70,000.

The Floyd County Fiscal Court has been awarded a grant for \$34,195 to cover tipping fees for disposal of garbage, brush and debris from roads and streams. The grant will also help the county pay for garbage bags and gloves for community cleanup efforts.

A grant of \$36,500 has been awarded to Prestonsburg Community College and Appalachian Clean Water Partners for a project to help pinpoint waterways that require intensified cleanup work.

The PCC grant will go toward purchase of materials to conduct region-wide testing of streams and rivers.

(See PRIDE, page two)

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Bottle Bill

glancing nervously around as they dumped trash, as if they had a feeling that someone was watching. In these cases, someone was.

The convicted criminals were levied fines in the amounts of \$1,000 to \$1,500 and, in addition,

were ordered to pick up as much as two, four, and in one case, 20 tons of trash. And they were ordered to pay in advance for two years of home garbage service.

But, punishment alone is not enough to solve the litter problem,

Thomas said.

Among the solutions presented to Thomas, by those who took advantage of the forum to speak, were education and support of the "bottle bill." One local educator stressed that putting "money into

trash," as the bottle bill attempts to do through the use of refundable deposits, is the best avenue to take in providing incentives against littering.

Mick McCoy, a schoolteacher from Inez, agreed. He said that he remembers picking up soda pop bottles from along the roadways when he was a child to turn them in for pocket money. He believes that showing support to beverage companies, such as Old Milwaukee beer and Ale 8 soda, which use returnable bottles, is one way to convey a positive message.

He also gave credit to those companies that offer their products in "no-frill" and reusable packaging. Some examples he gave were jellies and popcorn offered in reusable glass containers.

Robin Cooper, mayor of Paintsville, echoed these senti-

ments and said that, as a jogger, he sees up-close on a daily basis that most of the trash along roadways are beverage containers, and that the majority of those are plastic and aluminum, both of which are recyclable.

Cooper also spoke in favor of the bottle bill and stressed the importance of recycling.

The bottle bill whose chief advocate is Rep. Greg Stumbo, House Majority Leader, was rejected by lawmakers in 1998 and again this year, mostly because of sharp opposition from the beverage industry, leaders of which contend that such a bill unfairly targets bottlers and adds to their costs, as well as consumer prices.

The bill asks for refundable deposits on drink containers.

Thomas noted that during the public meeting in western

Kentucky, earlier in the week, none of the people who spoke advocated for the bottle bill.

He said that Gov. Paul Patton has asked the Cabinet to prepare a plan for cleaning up Kentucky to be presented to him by December 1.

Patton has requested a waste plan that will include mandatory garbage collection for each Kentucky household, increased recycling, litter and dump cleanups, and increased education of adults and children alike.

Other public meetings are scheduled throughout this month. On October 17, a meeting will be held in Fort Mitchell at the Drawbridge Inn; on October 24, in Somerset at the Center for Rural Development; and, on October 26, in Owensboro at the Executive Inn Rivermont.

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HUD announces observance

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development is sponsoring its first-ever National Neighborhood Networks Week, October 14-21. Three Neighborhood Network Centers in Prestonsburg will have activities to observe the week.

The theme of the week, "Conquering the Digital Divide: Delivering the Promise of Technology to America's Families," was chosen to highlight the work of the centers in helping residents of HUD housing to become self-sufficient.

Church Housing of Prestonsburg has three established Neighborhood Network Centers — Cliffside, Highland Heights and Highland Terrace. The centers are equipped with computers that are Internet accessible, many educational programs and games.

The centers at Highland Heights and Cliffside also sponsor after-school tutoring programs. GED classes are held at Cliffside on Tuesdays from 5 to 8 p.m.

For more information, call Kay H. Ross at 889-9451 or 886-9860 or Fran Howell at 886-1927.

Strike

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16. Union members are reportedly slated to vote on the strike today.

The most recent round of negotiations started Wednesday morning, he said, adding that the federal negotiator left Friday.

The attorney, who called the Times yesterday from Louisville, said union members believe the "company is attempting to destroy the union," an allegation company officials have denied.

Segal said the company boasted record earnings earlier in the year and then, this summer, announced it was going to reduce the labor force significantly in November.

A projected harsher-than-normal winter and rising prices for natural gas and other fuels further complicate the issue, he said.

Kentucky West Virginia is a part of Equitable Resources, headquartered in Pittsburgh.

Attempts to reach local union officials yesterday were not successful.

Blacksmith course offered at HTC

Hazard Technical College is offering a course in basic blacksmithing, beginning Tuesday, October 17.

The instructor will be Curtis Combs, welding instructor and blacksmithing artisan. Students will learn about shaping metals into chandeliers, candelabras, railings and other artistic ironwork.

In the hands-on class, they will also learn about the anvil, forge, fire, hammer control, twisting, splitting, punching, basic metal and forge welding.

The course is offered through the Kentucky Appalachian Artisan Center. It will meet Tuesdays for 10 weeks, from 6 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$75 per student.

For more information, contact John Back at HTC, 606/435-6101, ext. 8311.

PRIDE

The grants are provided through a competitive grant program offered by the PRIDE office, using federal funds secured for PRIDE by US Congressman Hal Rogers. More than \$6 million in community and education grants have been distributed through the 40-county PRIDE region since the program began in 1997.

"These grants provide a helping hand to communities who need assistance in meeting the challenges of

this massive cleanup effort," Rogers said. "This work is vital to our continued efforts to build our economy, create new jobs and promote tourism."

"By cleaning up illegal dumps, removing trash from our roadsides, and restoring our streams and rivers, we're sending a clear message that our home is a great place to live, to visit and to do business. These grants are critical to the ongoing success of this important program."

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CORRECTION

The ad that appeared in Friday's edition of The Floyd County Times for the Big Sandy Medical Clinic, 889-9200, had also the Big Sandy Health Care logo and the two businesses are not affiliated with each other in any way.

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Carmel Kidd of the Sugarloaf area has raised some giant cushaws this season. Here, he holds one that weighs more than 50 pounds. Now, you could feed a big gathering of hungry people with this one.

Microsoft funds training

It seems like a simple question: People leaving welfare need jobs, and technology companies need workers. The missing element of training has kept the equation unsolved. Until now.

Microsoft Inc. has awarded a \$300,000 grant to the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS) to train people who want to leave welfare, and others in the skills needed to land and keep jobs in Kentucky's technology industry.

KCTCS will work closely with the Kentucky Cabinet for Families and Children (CFC), identify unemployed and underemployed adults who would benefit from the training.

"This grant presents a win-win situation for Kentucky," CFC Secretary Viola P. Miller said. "K-TAP recipients will have access to the training and technology that affords them the opportunity to succeed in an industry paying much higher than average starting salaries. As a result, Kentucky businesses will be able to fill many of their unfilled technology positions."

K-TAP is the Kentucky Transitional Assistance Program, the state's version of the federal welfare reform program known as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families, or TANF.

The community and technical colleges and CFC already cooperate to offer education and training to current and former K-TAP recipients through the Ready-to-Work program.

"This initiative to train welfare recipients for jobs in the technology industry is a perfect example of the partnership that KCTCS and the Cabinet have formed to change the lives of Kentucky," said Dr. Michael B. McCall, KCTCS president. "At KCTCS, a significant part of our mission is to raise the quality of life of Kentuckians. This project moves us toward our goal."

"We knew from the beginning that just getting people off welfare and into jobs would not be enough as long as those minimum-wage jobs don't pay enough to lift these families out of poverty," Miller said. "We have always said our goal for these new workers is 'a job, a better job, a career.' Ready-to-Work

prepares people for the better jobs that pay a living wage. The training available because of the Microsoft grant will prepare people for that highest goal: a career."

So far, CFC has identified five sites around the state to begin offering the training: Perry, Warren, Jefferson and Boyd counties and the northern Kentucky area. The community and technical colleges will work closely with the local office of CFC's Community Based Services to design a training program best suited to the needs of both local workers and local businesses.

The program will be designed to offer several levels of certification, from basic training up to qualifying to enter a technology degree program. Specifically, the grant will allow KCTCS to provide tuition, a computer (which each student will build) and 18 months of Internet access while the student continues training.

The grant covers the training costs for a minimum of 65 economically disadvantaged and low-income students over two years. But the program could expand, depending on other partners and resources KCTCS and CFC bring to the table.

"We hope that local employers will see the benefit of this program in helping them recruit and retain highly qualified employees," Miller said. "Any contribution employers make to this program is an investment in their own success."

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FOR THE RECORD

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Viewpoint

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QUOTE OF THE DAY...

A work that aspires, however humbly, to the condition of art should carry its justification in every line.

—Joseph Conrad

Editorial

Miss America has worn crown well

Heather French's reign as Miss America (officially ended Saturday) ... but the Maysville resident will continue to speak out for the cause she has made the centerpiece of her one year in the national spotlight.

Every woman who has ever served as Miss America has had a cause. For some, it has been literacy. For others, it has been diabetes awareness or AIDS advocacy.

For Heather French, it has been the plight of America's veterans, and it is a cause that has gained her the respect and appreciation of scores of veterans. It is also a cause that has come from the heart of this daughter of a disabled Vietnam veteran.

Traveling some 20,000 miles a month, French spent her year appearing at homeless shelters, speaking to veterans groups and lobbying for better programs for veterans.

Last November, she was saluted for her advocacy by President Clinton during a Veterans Day appearance.

In February, she urged Kentucky lawmakers to seek federal money for her home state's 350,000 veterans, particularly those who are homeless or suffer substance abuse problems.

In March, she called on Congress to devote \$750,000 of the Department of Housing and Urban Development's budget to homeless veterans.

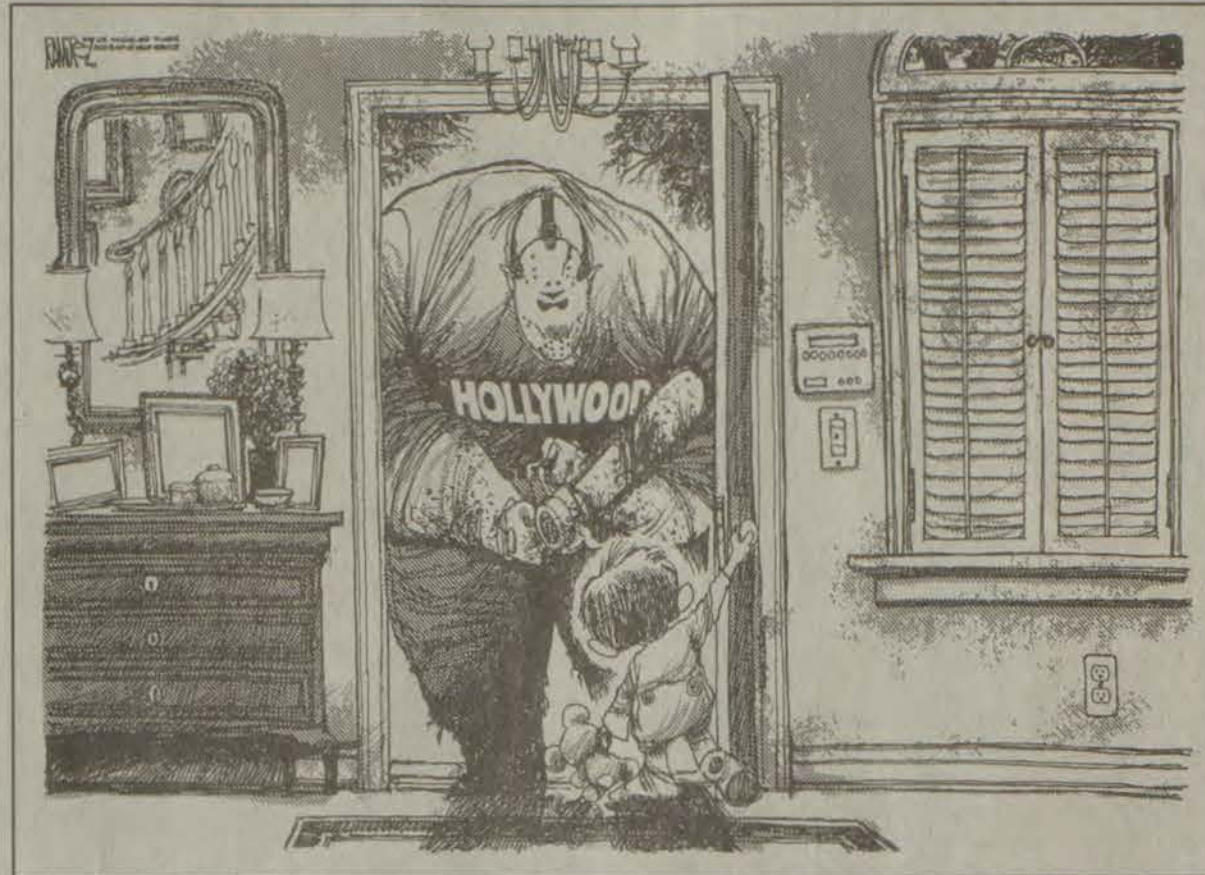
In May, she donned a sleeveless denim jacket and rode on a motorcycle through the streets of Washington, DC, during a "Rolling Thunder" rally by veterans.

Not surprisingly, her advocacy for veterans will continue after her reign. She has signed up to write a weekly column on veterans issues for Stars and Stripes and serve as the publication's ambassador to government agencies and veterans' service organizations.

However, for those of us in Kentucky, her year as Miss America also will be remembered for her romance with Lt. Gov. Steve Henry. The two will wed on October 27.

As the wife of an ambitious politician, French no doubt has hopes of following Phyllis George Brown as a former Miss America, who became Kentucky's First Lady. But whether she is the wife of a governor or just a private citizen, expect Heather French to continue speaking out for veterans.

Regardless of what one might think of the Miss America pageant, French has worn the crown well. Maysville and all of Kentucky can be proud of her. — The Daily Independent, Ashland



Letters to the Editor

Enjoyed visit to area

Editor:

I recently had the opportunity to visit your beautiful area and was delighted. Eastern Kentucky has many beautiful sites to see with the Mountain Home Place and the Mountain Arts Center, and more.

The staff at the Mountain HomePlace were informative, courteous and fun, as well as the staff at the Mountain Arts Center, where my granddaughter, Debbie Scott, is the program director. I enjoyed a tour and a performance while visiting there. Kevin Shannon, executive director of the MAC, went out of his way to make me feel welcome, as well as the rest of his staff.

While watching the staff at work, I soon realized that my treatment there was not isolated. Mr. Shannon and his staff welcome everyone with respect, conver-

sation and good ol' mountain humor.

I would also like to note how Mayor Jerry Fannin of Prestonsburg arranged for me to be presented with a Key to the City, which I cannot wait to share with my family and friends back home in Colorado.

I know the people I met were few, but I think all of these people represent the vast majority in eastern Kentucky, and you all have something to be proud of.

I have also enjoyed the web site for the Floyd County Times and it will certainly help me to keep up with this area. I will share my experience here with others and encourage if they have not visited eastern Kentucky—GO!

Moyné Deaton
Arvada, Colorado

Help during Apple Festival appreciated

Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following people from Prestonsburg Community College—students, staff and faculty, as well as their families and friends—who volunteered their time and energy to work together in seeing that PCC was well-represented at the Kentucky Apple Festival:

Parade Float (PCC's Law Enforcement Club & Community Biology Club, Mike Dixon and John Shiber, Coordinators); Jessika Leedy, Chris Russell, Amanda Lester, Bobby and Beulah Baldrige, Beth Skeens, Rita Ratliff, Melissa Pierson, Becky Russell, Kendra, Nicole, Crystal & Joseph Larkin, John and Charlene Carrell, Jennifer Lawson, Emma Rogers, Peggy Spears, Sherry Mollette and son, Tony Shiber, Amanda Wilson, Mont Bush and wife, Linda Shiber, Michael Castle, Elane Shiber, John Salisbury, Will Holbrook, William Salisbury, Justin Stephens, and, of course, "Chief" Mike Dixon.

City Trash Pickup (PCC Community Biology Club): Karen Fyffe, Charlotte Adkins, Jennifer Lawson, Elaine Shiber, Amanda Wilburn, Rita Ratliff, Victor Okowita, Diana Goble, Renee Osborne, Joe

Snyder, Jared Elswick, Tony Shiber, Zack Rutledge, Shane Newsome, Sylvia Johnson, Chris Newsome, and, most especially, PCC's M&O man, Bill Fitzwater, who worked tirelessly both days to help supervise the operation.

Logistics, float materials, etc.: Della Pack, Alice Thompson, Shirley Thomas, John Herald, Donald Montgomery, Randy LeMaster, Dean Franklin, and other M&O people, Jim Holendollar (Country Boy Farm Supply Store), Stonney Burke (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers-Dewey Lake), Wal-Mart and Food City (Pikeville), and, most especially, Darlene Honeycutt, who was instrumental in our obtaining so many things needed, including food, for our float entry.

Everyone did a superb job and should be congratulated for their community spirit. It was a great expression of teamwork by the PCC family and extended family members. (My apologies if any names of volunteers were missed.) Thank you all very much.

John Shiber
PCC



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Americas Love That Black Gold

by JON COFFEY

The recent sharp rise in oil prices has added an unexpected issue to the race to the White House. Not surprisingly, the major candidates are heaping blame on the other for the crisis. Bush accuses Democrats of inhibiting oil exploration with prohibitive environmental policies, while Gore says the Republicans have allowed oil companies to put profits ahead of the American consumer.

This time, however, I have to say that the real culprit is plain old American consumer greed. We just can't get enough of that black gold, though we sure don't like paying for it.

The oil crisis, which has been picking up steam for the past 18 months, has slowly infiltrated our economy. It doesn't look like we're headed for a recession — but Americans are expected to spend an additional \$115 billion at the gas pump due to higher prices, or about 1 percent of the gross domestic product.

Some folks, like independent truckers, are getting taken to the cleaners, but American consumers seem surprisingly unfazed. Why? Maybe the booming economy which got so many folks into those gleaming, gas-hogging SUVs is also causing some numbness at the gas pump.

Surely, the folks driving those behemoths shouldn't complain about the price of gas. Statistics on auto mileage released recently by the EPA show a combined mileage for SUVs, vans and pickup trucks at around 18 mpg. That compares to 23.6 mpg for nearly 500 cars on the EPA list and 26 mpg for all vehicles in the late 1980s, when fuel efficiency was at its best.

Of course, neither candidate is going to whoop up on consumers' oil-hogging ways. Jimmy Carter made that mistake in the 1980 election and was duly booted out of office.

But that's the real problem, folks. Americans are just plain wasteful and don't care to bear the burden of that fact. Rather than bite the bullet and try to conserve, we'd much rather demand a government fix, such as releasing oil from the strategic oil reserve, rolling back energy taxes, or applying pressure on oil-producing countries to get with our program.

America consumes about a quarter of the world's oil yet only possesses about four percent of the world's reserves, which makes dependence on foreign oil a fact of our existence. We don't have any other true alternatives: plans to develop other sources of energy on a grand scale are still far in the future, and attempts to find oil nearby are fraught with environmental consequences.

So it looks like we're just going to have to shut up and pay up. Any candidate who tells you different is only telling you what you want to hear.

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AAA-hotel survey

Cleanliness isn't just important—it is the number one feature that travelers look for when deciding where to stay, according to a AAA survey. The survey, conducted by AAA

Market Research, named the top five factors in choosing an accommodation. Those identified factors are:

- **Cleanliness**—Guests want

rooms and common areas to be thoroughly cleaned and well maintained with all equipment in good working order.

■ **Price/value**—The cost should reflect guest expectations in terms of amenities and decor. Quoted rates should match advertised discounts and benefits.

■ **Location**—Proximity to busi-

ness or leisure-related activities is highly valued.

■ **Room amenities**—Movies, coffee maker, hair dryer, and iron and ironing board were mentioned most often by survey respondents.

■ **Professional, friendly service**—Housekeeping needs should be provided on request, and the staff should have a neat appearance, operating professionally and ethically.

Survey respondents stayed in AAA Diamond Rated accommodations an average of 3.3 times in the last 12 months and 84 percent of them used AAA's popular TourBook guides to choose those accommodations. Additionally, 95 percent agreed with the assigned AAA

Rating. "This says a lot about the significance of AAA's Diamond Rating System to the public," said Alan Borne, managing director, AAA Publishing. "It is evident that respondents trust the rating system and the accommodations to provide exactly what the TourBook says they will."

As North America's largest motoring and leisure travel organization, AAA provides its 43 million members with travel, insurance, financial and automotive-related services. Since 1902, the not-for-profit AAA has been a leader and advocate for the safety and security of all travelers.

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License plates help purchase 10,000 acres

Drivers with Kentucky nature license plates have helped purchase and preserve more than 10,000 acres of natural areas, wildlife habitat and recreational areas across the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

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into a grant fund for the purchase, protection and management of forests and other sites that are valuable for their natural conditions.

Environmental fines and the state portion of the unmined minerals tax are also added to the grant fund. Grant money is available to state agencies, county and local

governments, and state colleges and universities.

The fund recently reached an important point in its history by providing for the protection of its 10,000th acre. Dr. William H. Martin, chair of the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board, the entity that awards this funding, says the program has greatly exceeded his expectations in the five years since the first grant was awarded.

"The board is proud to have reached this milestone of protecting 10,000 acres in such a short time," Martin said. "The Kentucky Legislature had the foresight to pass legislation that allowed this to happen. Their support, and the support of individuals who have purchased the nature license plate, have led to this success."

Three nature license plates, featuring the Kentucky warbler, the cardinal, and the bobcat, are available at county clerk's offices. These plates only cost an additional \$10 over the cost of the normal \$15 registration fee. The extra cost is tax-deductible and averages out to less than \$1 per month.

To purchase a nature license plate, see your county clerk. For more information on the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board, contact Mary Jean Eddins at 502/564-2184.

National business college has Fall registration

The Pikeville campus of National Business College will begin registration of students for its December term on October 17, and will continue through December 1. Classes will begin on Monday, December 4.

For the convenience of its students, National Business College operates its classes year round. This enables students to complete their programs in a timely manner by attending four quarters per year. Students may begin their programs at any of the eight starting dates during the year.

The college offers one-year diploma programs and two-year associate degree programs available through day and evening classes. Diplomas can be earned in the following areas: administra-

tive office specialist, business administration, medical secretarial, medical transcription, and medical billing and coding. Associate of arts or an associate of science degree can be earned in the following majors: accounting, business management, executive secretarial, medical assisting, and computer applications.

New student registration is being held by appointment in the Admissions Office at 288 South Mayo Trail, Suite 2, Pikeville, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. A full range of financial assistance programs are available for those who qualify.

For information or to make an appointment, contact an Admissions Representative at 606/432-5477.

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Fourth marketer approved to participate in Columbia Gas customer CHOICE™ program

A fourth natural gas marketer has been approved to participate in the Columbia Gas of Kentucky Customer CHOICE Program.

Kentucky Natural Gas Service, headquartered in Versailles, may now sell natural gas to Columbia Gas of Kentucky residential and small commercial customers.

"This approval opens the door for Kentucky Natural Gas Service to begin marketing to our residential and small commercial customers," said Stephen R. Byars, director of external affairs for Columbia Gas of Kentucky.

The CHOICE Program, which became available on September 18, allows residential and small commercial customers to have some control over the natural gas cost of their monthly bill by purchasing the commodity from a third-party supplier, or "marker," and potentially lowering the bill.

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

Marketers have more flexibility in their pricing and can offer special

pricing options, which may mean savings for residential customers. There is no deadline for marketers to apply to participate in the program. Others may enter the program at a later date. Likewise, there is no deadline for customers to enroll with a marketer.

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

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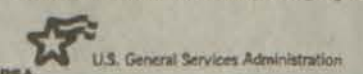
Kentucky will continue to supply and deliver their natural gas, just as it does now.

Kentucky Natural Gas Service (KNG) can be reached toll-free at 866/330-0679. Other marketers currently approved to participate in the Customer CHOICE Program in Kentucky are: IGS Energy, 877-444-7427; Nicole Energy Services Inc., 800-651-8927; Stand Energy Corporation, 800-598-2046.

Columbia Gas of Kentucky customers may contact the company at 800-866-4GAS with questions about the Customer CHOICE Program. Program information is also available on the company's web site at www.columbiagas.com.

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Regional Obituaries

Pike County

Danny Gene "Coach" Coleman Sr., 48, died Wednesday, October 11, at his home. He is survived by his wife, Emma Jean Coleman. Funeral services were conducted

Saturday, October 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Bobby Charles Ratliff, 70, of Pikeville, died Tuesday, October 10, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 13, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Stella Mae Mullins, 77, of Dorton, died Wednesday, October 11, at her home. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 14, under the direction of R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home.

Lillian Wolford, 58, of Beech Creek, West Virginia, died Thursday, October 12, at Good Shepherd Community Nursing Center. She is survived by her husband, Drewey Wolford. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 14, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Justin David Hall, 18, of Hatfield, died Wednesday, October 11, at Hatfield, the result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 14, under the direction of Rogers Funeral Home.

Nora Webb Butcher

Nora Webb Butcher, 82, of Van Lear, died Friday, October 13, 2000, at the Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center, Paintsville.

Born on December 31, 1917, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late Alex Webb and Mandy Butcher Webb.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ashley Butcher, and a daughter, Jewell Sue Butcher.

Survivors include eight sons, Harold Butcher, Chester Butcher, Gene Butcher, Randall Butcher, Darrell Butcher, Foley Butcher, Sheldon Butcher and Charles Butcher, all of Van Lear; three daughters, Lorene Hall of Wabash, Indiana, Marie Herrera of Van Lear, and Norina Hackworth of Prestonsburg; 29 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday, October 15, 2 p.m., at the Jones-Preston Funeral Chapel, with David Mollette officiating.

Burial will be in the Butcher Cemetery, Van Lear, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Goldie Akers

Goldie Akers, 73, of Dana, died Wednesday, October 11, 2000, at the Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg, following a long illness.

Born on November 23, 1926, in Dana, she was the daughter of the late Fred M. Akers and Josie Boyd Akers. She was a member of the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, at Dana.

Her husband, Richard Akers, preceded her in death.

Survivors include two sons, Wade Akers of Danville, McKinley Akers of Dana; one daughter, Pam Akers of Roseville, Michigan; one brother, Francis Akers of Stamping Ground; one sister, Gladys Williams of Seneca, West Virginia, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 14, at 11 a.m., at the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, at Dana, with the Old Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Akers family cemetery, Boyd Branch, Dana, under the direction of the Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Philemon "Toot" Hughes

Philemon "Toot" Hughes, 72, of Martin, died Tuesday, October 10, 2000, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville, following an extended illness.

Born on June 12, 1928, in Martin, he was the son of the late Joe and Maza Crisp Hughes. He was disabled, and was a member of the Mormon Church.

Survivors include three brothers, William R. Hughes of Auxier, Freeman Hughes of Beaver Creek, Ohio, Ernest "Butch" Hughes of Tarpon Springs, Florida; two sisters, Mary M. Hayes of Eastern, and Joan McGauley of Jackson, Michigan.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, October 13, at 11 a.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, with an elder of the Mormon Church officiating.

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

Stella Mae Mullins

Stella Mae Mullins, 77, of Dorton, died Wednesday, October 11, 2000, at her residence.

Born on March 7, 1923, in Dot, Virginia, she was the daughter of the late Curtis and Ida Mae Childress. She was of the Baptist faith.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James Mullins.

Survivors include five sons, Buford Mullins of Avilla, Indiana, Roger Mullins of Columbia City, Indiana, Clarence Mullins of Elwood, Gary Mullins of Prestonsburg, Marvin Mullins of Dorton; two daughters, Phyllis Little of Indianapolis, Indiana, Judy Style of Dorton; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, October 14, at 11 a.m. at the R.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, with Carson Wright, Jason Lowery, Harvey Estep and others officiating.

Burial was in the Osborne Cemetery, Dorton, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

Vivian W. Bayes

Vivian W. Bayes, 79, of Witten, died Wednesday, October 11, 2000, at the Paul B. Hall Medical Center, Paintsville.

Born on February 3, 1921, in Johnson County, she was the daughter of the late Argales Witten and Minnie Emily Rice.

Her husband, Hershel Bayes, preceded her in death.

Survivors include one sister, Edith Sadler of Harold.

Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, October 14, at the Jones-Preston Funeral Home Chapel, Paintsville, with Dick Vanhous officiating.

Burial will be in the Witten family cemetery, Witten, under the direction of Jones-Preston Funeral Home.

Goldie Conn Lewis

Goldie Conn Lewis, 105, of Stanville, died Friday, October 13, 2000, at her residence.

She was born June 15, 1895, at Banner, the daughter of the late Alex and Neeley Branham Conn. She was of the Freewill Baptist faith.

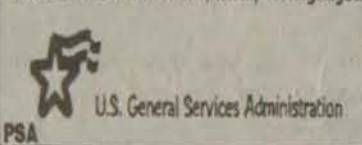
She was preceded in death by her husband, William Clyde Lewis.

Surviving are four sons, Woodrow Lewis of Norfolk, Ohio, Sam Lewis of Republic, Ohio, J.C. Lewis of Stanton, and William Smith of Pikeville; two daughters, Lorene Shull of Maple Heights, Ohio, and Myrtle Smith, Stanville; 37 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Monday, October 16, at 1 p.m. at the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. James Elkins officiating. Burial will follow in the Daniels Cemetery at Spring Branch of Hurricane Creek in Pike County, under the direction of Floyd Funeral Home of Prestonsburg.

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The "Word for the Week" Covenant love

by DR. DENNIS J. PRUTOW
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Covenants are agreements. Sometimes they are one way streets. When you buy property, you agree to applicable covenants. This may mean you cannot build a store, drill a well, put up a fence, or sell water from a stream on the property.

God's arrangement with us is a covenant. First, God loves His people. "The Lord did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the Lord loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers." (Deuteronomy 7:7-8).

Second, God desires the response of love from His people. "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." (Deuteronomy 6:5).

Third, God gives His people a way to display their love. "He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform, that is, the Ten Commandments" (Deuteronomy 4:13).

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Community Calendar

Calendar items will be printed as space permits

Editor's note: As a service to the many clubs and committees that meet in our community, The Floyd County Times' Community Calendar will post meeting and public service announcements. Articles for the Community Calendar must be submitted in writing to The Times no later than 5 p.m. Monday for Wednesday's publication, 5 p.m. Wednesday for Friday's publication, or 5 p.m. Thursday for Sunday's publication. These cannot be taken over the telephone.

Highlands Regional Medical Center "Living Well with diabetes"

Highlands Regional Medical Center Living Well with Diabetes, session six: Happy Holidays, October 26. Menu suggestions for Thanksgiving and Christmas with recipes, holiday ideas and samples. Floyd Room, 5 to 6 p.m.; 606/886-8511, ext. 7353.

Blood drive at OLW

Central Kentucky Blood Center and Our Lady of The Way will sponsor a blood drive on Friday, October 20, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the front entrance of the hospital.

By donating a pint of blood you could save the life of a leukemia patient, a burn or shock victim, or possibly help restore vitality to an accident victim. A pint of blood can be separated into three different components, which can aid up to three different patients. Donating blood takes less than an hour. You must be at least 17 years old and weigh 100 pounds or more.

For more information, call Dawn Wheeler at 606/432-4979.

Volunteers needed

The smiling individuals dressed in maroon vests who greet you in the lobby, take your ticket, show you to your seat and provide you with assistance during the performance at the Mountain Arts Center are all members of the MAC volunteer program. Although volunteers are frequently seen during performances ushering and working in the coat check room, in reality, volunteers are involved in all phases of the Center. Prior to a show, volun-

teers stuff playbills, and once the crowds are gone, they assist with cleaning the theater. On non-performance days, there is still work to be done at the MAC. Quite simply, without the dedication and continuing support of our volunteer staff, the Center could not function. If you are looking for something to do, or if you would like to be a part of this service opportunity, then we are interested in talking to you. Call 606/886-2623 and ask for Loretta.

Singing and dinner

The monthly singing and pot luck dinner at New Beginning Outreach Church in Garrett, will be Saturday, October 21, at 6 p.m.

Haunted House at Martin

The Martin City Fire Department will be hosting its eighth annual drive-through Haunted House on October 31 from 6-9 p.m. Visitors may drive through in their own vehicle or opt to travel through by way of a hay wagon that will be on site. Fire Chief William Petry promises that there will be ghosts and goblins galore to frighten young and old alike. Cost of admission is one non-perishable food item per car load. The food collected will be used to fill Christmas baskets that will be given to needy families in the area.

Auxier center offers genealogy

A class in genealogy is being offered at the Auxier Lifetime Learning Center. Bobby Wells is the instructor for a class, set for Thursdays, beginning October 19.

The class runs for six weeks from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The fee is \$15.

For information, write ALLC, PO Box 135, Auxier, KY 41602, or call 606/886-0709. The ALLC is located in the old Auxier School.

Election

The By-Laws of the Big Sandy Area Community Action Program, Inc. require that an election be held each year to appoint low-income representatives to serve on the agency's Board of Directors. These elections are held in each of five counties served by Big Sandy Area C.A.P. Inc. To be eligible to nominate candidates and to vote in this election, you must meet the 100 percent poverty income guidelines. The representatives do not neces-

sarily have to be low-income themselves, but will serve as a voice for the low-income residents in their county.

Floyd County's low-income representative election will be held on Friday, October 20, 2000, at 8:30 a.m., in local Big Sandy Area C.A.P. Inc. office located at the Floyd County Courthouse Annex, Prestonsburg. All low-income residents of Floyd County are encouraged to attend.

Seeking members

The McDowell ARH Hospital is seeking individuals who are interested in joining the hospital's Auxiliary program. Members of the Hospital Auxiliary assist in the operations of the gift shop, participate in fundraising activities and help with hospital and community projects. For more information, contact the hospital's Auxiliary Coordinator at 606/377-3401.

Social Security rep to visit Mud Creek clinic

A Social Security representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of October.

The representative will be in the clinic to assist people in filing Social Security claims and appeals.

People can also apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Black Lung and Social Security numbers. You can also pick up booklets on Social Security, and get questions answered.

Pikeville Methodist Hospital

October 17—Epidural Class, 7 p.m., Education Center, Wallen & Cornette Building. Pre-register by calling 218-3525.

October 21 & 22—Advanced Cardiac Life Support, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at the Education Center, Wallen & Cornette Building.

October 25—Community CPR, 9 a.m. until noon, Education Center, Wallen and Cornette Building. Call 606/437-3525.

October 27—AIDS Update, presented by Dr. Mary Fox, 6-8 p.m., Education Center, Wallen & Cornette Building. Call 606/437-3525.

October 27—US TOO! Prostate Support Group, 6:30 p.m., Pikeville United Methodist Church Annex. 606/218-4992.

October 30—The Diabetes Support Group, 6 p.m., Food City, Town and Country Shopping Center for a grocery tour.

Fibromyalgia support group meetings

The monthly meetings of Fibromyalgia Support Group are being held in the Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building. These meetings are scheduled on the first Tuesday of every month.

The Betsy Layne Senior Citizens Building is located up the Pike-Floyd Hollow (The Betsy Layne Fire Department stands at the front of the hollow marking the entrance), the senior citizens building is about 1/4 mile up the hollow on the right. It is a white metal building.

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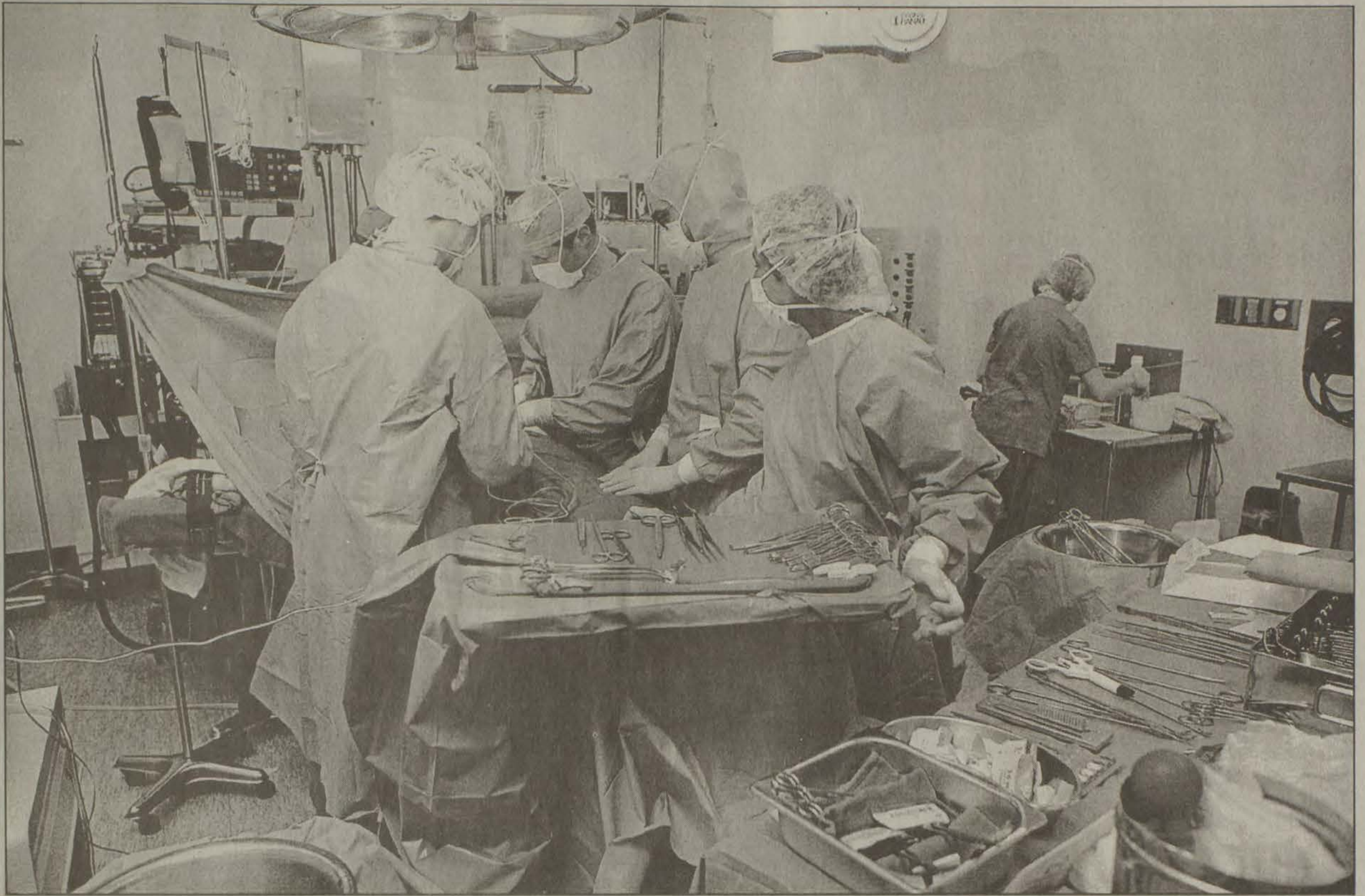
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Prestonsburg seniors Brooke Coleman and Stephanie Adams were named Co-MVP's of the 15th District volleyball tournament

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A Look at Sports

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■ The 15th district volleyball tournament ended as expected — but did it! At the start of the season, no one figured the Betsy Layne Ladycats would even be close to a championship with the difficulty they had in getting the program off the ground.

Well, no one but Betsy Layne coach Larry Wilson. Larry told me at the onset of the season his team would take their lumps early, but he thought they would be competitive around district tournament time.

Like a prophet, that is exactly what happened as the Ladycats defeated Allen Central and a good Paintsville team to advance to the championship game Thursday night. His team had won six straight games (counting the final two regular season games).

In my book, Larry Wilson is Coach of the Year in county volleyball because of the great, great job he did with a bunch of players who worked hard all season long to improve.

But, in reality, Prestonsburg coach Russell Shepherd was named the 15th District's Coach of the Year after his Volleysquad squad remained unbeaten at 32-0, winning the district championship for the second straight year. Great job, Russell.

Both Prestonsburg and Betsy Layne will advance to the regional tournament this week at Pike County Central.

■ Could a state record have been set with two co-MVP's from the same team?

■ Again, Prestonsburg did a great job of hosting the tournament.

■ Look for the naming of our Floyd County Times All-County Girls Volleyball team coming soon.

■ UK got on the basketball court for practice and Midnight Madness Friday night. The Cats will be without freshman Erik Daniels for the next two weeks after he had surgery on his knee.

Tubby seems to feel his UK team will be competitive this season, despite the feelings of the pollsters who think they are not a top 25 team.

It is going to be a long haul for the Cats, but the talent is there for a good showing this basketball season.

■ The Cincinnati Reds will interview Bob Boone for the head manager position. I think Boone will be named the new Reds manager, by-passing the likes of Ken Griffey Sr. and Ron Oester.

Boone has also interviewed for the same position with the Philadelphia Phillies. The one-time Kansas City manager did not do a good job then, and I doubt he would do anything with the Reds.

I nominate GM Jim Bowden as field manager!

QUESTIONS

■ Is there an answer for the Cincinnati Bengals?

■ Are the Baltimore Ravens (former Cleveland Browns) for real?

■ Can C.M. Newton really solve Rick Pitino's problems at Boston?

■ Is it possible that Ralph Hacker and Sam Bowie will not return to the mike as play-by-play announcers for Kentucky basketball?

■ Will Louisville coach Denny Crum's foreign legion make the Cardinals a winner?

■ What will be Kentucky football coach Hal Mumme's excuse next week for the Wildcats demise?

ANSWERS

- No.
- Yes.
- Maybe.
- Hopefully.
- Doubtful.
- Execution.

Until Wednesday, good sports, everyone, and be good sports! See you in church today!



photo by Steve LeMaster

South Floyd's B.J. Bryant (2) had quite a night against Allen Central, scoring on three touchdowns, one a 95-yarder.

Raiders roll over Rebels in Red, White and Blue Bowl

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

The host South Floyd Raiders were powered by senior B.J. Bryant's three-touchdown offensive showing in Friday night's Red, White and Blue Bowl at Wheelwright. Bryant had touchdown runs of 40, 10 and 95 yards.

Over on defense, the senior standout recorded an interception to end the first half and came up with a sack of Allen Central quarterback Brandon Sizemore in the second half.

Allen Central won the toss, but deferred to receive the ball to begin the second half.

The South Floyd Raiders sputtered coming out of the shoots, fumbling the ball to the Rebels on their own 18-yard line.

Jerry Bailey made the initial hit of quarterback Josh Johnson, and teammate Patrick Martin made the fumble recovery. The Rebels went to work on their own 18, with fullback D.J. Hoover playing the role of workhorse.

The Rebel offense could only manage

a Patrick Martin field goal attempt. The snap was low, forcing Allen Central holder Alex Patton to try a last resort pass attempt out to Martin. The broken play was stopped cold and the Raiders took over on their own 16 yard line.

South Floyd hit pay dirt at the 5:30 mark in the first quarter on a B.J. Bryant 40-yard scamper. Matt Tackett added the two-point conversion run and the Raiders led 8-0.

Bryant found the end zone one more

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Volleycats defeat Ladycats for district championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
 SPORTS WRITER

32 and counting!

The Prestonsburg Volleycats volleyball team is now 32-0 on the season, following a district tournament championship win over the upstart Betsy Layne Ladycats.

The Prestonsburg Volleycats made short work of Betsy Layne in the first game, cruising to a 15-5 win.

The closest Betsy Layne got to a lead in game one was a 3-2 Prestonsburg advantage. From there the Volleycats picked Betsy Layne apart.

Senior leadership often makes the difference on any playing court or playing field. The sport of volleyball isn't any different.

Prestonsburg seniors Amelia Conley and Brooke Coleman had a total of 13 kills between them in the game one win.

Game two saw Larry Wilson's Ladycats jump out a minuscule 2-1 lead. The Volleycats regrouped

and went on a roll.

Senior Brooke Coleman came on to serve with her team leading 7-3.

After seeing Coleman post an ace for point number eight, Betsy Layne Coach Larry Wilson called a time-out hoping to try to get his team playing on the same page. However, Prestonsburg proved to be too much for the weary Ladycats, who were playing their third game of the evening.

Seasoned senior Brooke Coleman served up seven straight winning points for her team before serving into the net on a game point-match point serve.

Betsy Layne's Brittany Bartley served into the net with her team trailing 14-3, thus turning the ball back over to Prestonsburg.

Senior Volleycat Angela Howell came on to serve up an ace for the game point, match point and 15th district championship.

Both Betsy Layne and Prestonsburg are playing

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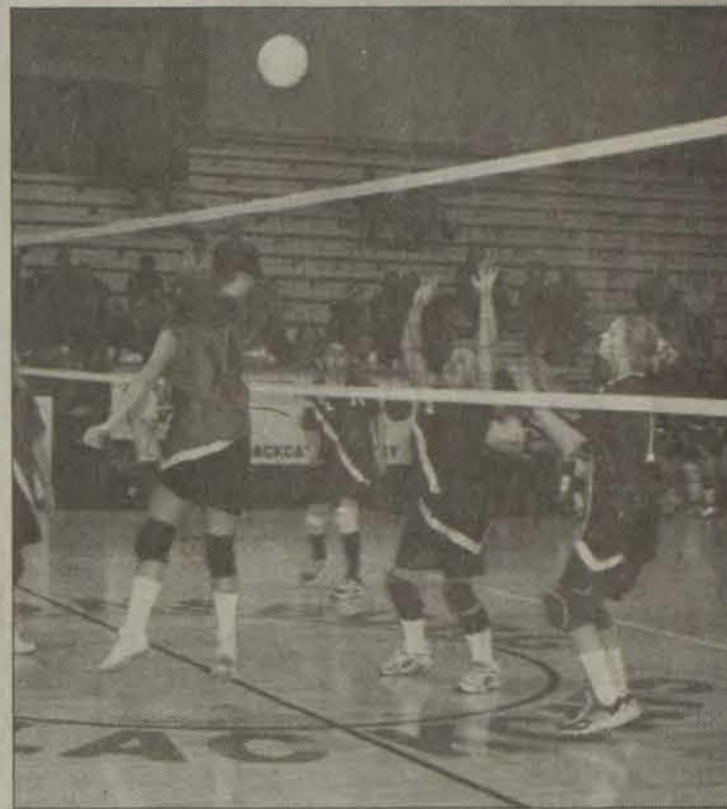


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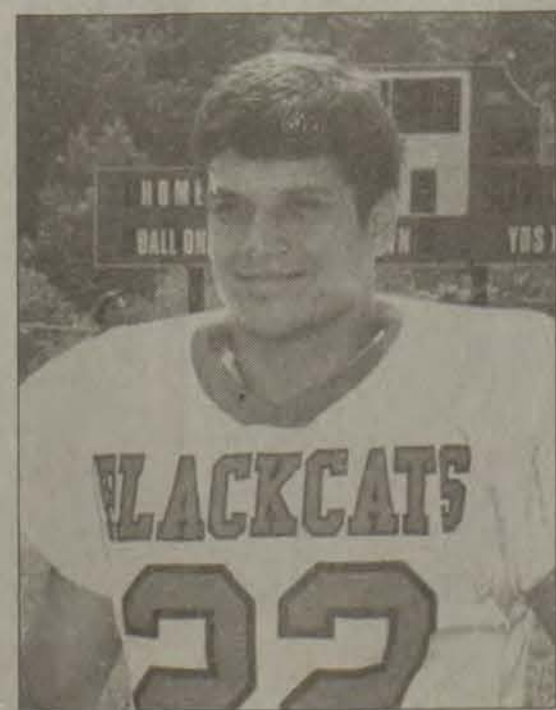
Prestonsburg senior Brooke Coleman hits a kill over the net as teammates Angela Howell and Amelia Conley look on.

32 and counting....



photo by Steve LeMaster

The Prestonsburg Volleycats captured the 15th District volleyball championship by defeating the Betsy Layne Ladycats. Members of this year's team (in no particular order) are Chrissy Nelson, Brooke Coleman, Amelia Conley, Cheresh Shepherd, Stephanie Adams, Angela Howell, Megan Hyden, Amanda Webb, Stephanie Webb, Rachel Johnson and Taryn Harris. The Volleycats are coached by Russell Shepherd.



■ Matt Slone

Hawks share first place with win over Prestonsburg

defense stifles Blackcats 21-7

by ED TAYLOR
 SPORTS EDITOR

"Central, Central, Central!"

The Pike County Central football Hawks may have been outnumbered Friday night at the Prestonsburg Stadium, but they were a vocal group as they had much to cheer about.

The Hawks threw the District 8 race into a three-team affair with a solid 21-7

win over previously unbeaten Prestonsburg Friday night. The Blackcats were atop the district standings with a perfect 4-0 record. The Hawks spoiled Prestonsburg's celebrating a district championship with the upset.

Had Prestonsburg pulled out the win they would have had the top seed in the district and home field advantage throughout the playoffs.

Mistakes proved costly for Prestonsburg with six turnovers. Quarterback Joey Willis got little protection from the front line, being sacked six times. The Hawks came in with a game plan and executed it to the letter, as their defense nearly stopped the

running game of Prestonsburg's.

Prestonsburg's feature back Matt Slone found very few holes to run through, totaling only 63 yards on 11 carries. He did not play the fourth quarter and sparingly in the third.

Willis completed four passes for only 64 yards passing. However, with the six sacks he had minus 46-yards. He had a total of minus 54-yards for the game, thrown for a loss on two other carries.

Prestonsburg fumbled the ball away four times and Willis was intercepted twice.

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The Scoreboard

H.S. FOOTBALL

Allen Co. 14	Bowling Green 0	Danville 34	Harrodsburg 6
Apollo 48	Henderson Co. 14	Paul Dunbar 62	Woodford Co. 7
Sheldon Clark 48	Ashland 0	Bardstown 61	Frankfort 8
Belfry 13	Whitesburg 8	South Laurel 56	Perry Co. Cent. 14
Johnson Cent. 20	Clay County 14	Shelby Valley 14	Betsy Layne 6
Pike Central 21	Prestonsburg 7	Manual 37	Fairdale 7
South Floyd 42	Allen Central 0	Somerset 44	Metcalfe Co. 8
Williamsburg 80	Cumberland 14	Taylor Co. 22	Casey Co. 15
Pikeville 31	Fleming-Neon 21	Bryan Station 30	Boone Co. 7
Tates Creek 34	Clark County 24	Madison Cent. 42	Lafayette 10
Western Hills 42	Franklin Co. 20	Madisonville 14	Graves Co. 10
Mayfield 7	Murray 6	Mason Co. 49	Lewis Co. 0
Boyle Co. 68	Henry Co. 0	Rowan Co. 35	Magoffin Co. 0
Greenup Co. 18	Lawrence Co. 0	Ryle 24	Scott Co. 21

Louis and the ladies...

Girls' Basketball — Kentucky's No. 1 Fan

by LOUIS MEADOWS

It is early October and the official start of practice is right around the corner. Most teams are already doing some conditioning. In the world of the female athlete, it is the season of volleyball, soccer, golf, and cross-country. But getting some discussion going about basketball is never out of season in Kentucky.

The questions always come up this time of year. Who are the best teams going to be? Give me your top 10. Who will win the state? I get those questions a lot since I have the reputation of seeing more teams than any other one person.

But it is all just talk. The players are going to eventually answer all those questions on the floor. If you take yourself too seriously when answering those questions, sooner or later, you are in for a let-down. A lot of intangibles come together on a given night when two particular teams play: the moods of the players, the preparation, the jealousy factor that pops up when a teammate gets to handle the ball more than someone else or gets more publicity. Just so many things.

But having said that, it is still fun to predict. Just so you don't take it too seriously.

When I wrote down my list of teams that I wanted to consider for my top 25, I ended up with 35. So I decided to keep all 35. After all, that is an average of just two teams per region. Some regions have more, some less.

Furthermore, I am going to put each team in one of four levels, level 1 being the very best. These 25 teams I am discussing now all are in level 4. I will save levels 1-3 for my next edition.

I see the teams in level 4 as being pretty much even with each other. In a 10-game series with each other, they would pretty much split 5 and 5. I think my level 3 teams could beat my level 4 teams in a 10-game series about seven times.

Some coaches did not respond to my request for information about their teams. Most did. So I did the best I could. Here they are in alphabetical order.

TIE FOR NUMBER 11

Allen Co.: "We have a chance to win three in a row, if everyone can stay healthy," says Coach Gary DeWitt. "The 4th region is always tough from top to bottom." Led by Erin Brown (5-11, sr.), point guard Cammie Campbell (5-6, jr.), and all-state candidate, pivot Stacy Felchner (5-11, Sr.), Allen Co. could be a handful for any team on a given night and is definitely, in my opinion, the top contender in the 4th region.

Assumption: Coach Tom Creamer has a freshman point guard in Tricia Todd, the youngest of the Todd sisters, that is tough as nails and is for real. Guard Stephanie Pieper (5-7, jr.) has picked up her perimeter game over the summer. Jenny Webb (5-9, jr.) is back and hustles. If Sarah Todd (transfer from Manual), whom a lot of fans considered to be the best freshman in the state last year, gets to play any part of the season, look for Assumption to make some noise at the end of the year. But Assumption is in that tough 7th region.

Bishop Brossart: "We expect to contend for the 10th region title as well as the Class A state championship," says Coach Ray Kues. And well he and his team know the Class A. They won the whole thing two years ago and played Somerset, in the championship game, even until the last quarter last year. Miss Basketball candidate and MVP of those last two "A" championship games, Katie Schwegmann (5-10, sr.) leads the way. Katie, recovering from a torn ACL against Estill Co. in the 10th regional semi-finals last year, was just released by doctors a couple of weeks ago to go all-out in her physical activities and should be ready by the beginning of the season. Carrie Clift (5-8, sr.) and Courtney Clark (5-5, jr.) will be Katie's main help.

Boone Co.: With an all-state candidate in guard Ciara Henderson (5-9, sr.) and an all-regional candidate in transfer from Highlands, point guard Christian Stefanopoulos (5-6, jr.), Boone Co. can make some noise on a given night. Coach Nell Fookes says, "Ciara has had a great three years and wants to top it off by having an outstanding senior year and winning a 9th region title. She and I think alike." The guards have some solid support players, both offensively and defensively.

Bryan Station: Don't count Coach Jackie Williams' team out. With guard Sharia Young (5-7, jr.) and Tracy Harbut (5-11, soph.) at guard/forward, Station is capable of beating you on a given night. Tracy is another of last year's freshmen who had her supporters as best freshman in the state.

Central Hardin: I saw Central at the UL July camp, and was very impressed. Sarah Risner (6-0, jr.) and Amanda Miller (5-11, fr.) are going to cause most teams headaches in the middle. Point guard Lauren Stein (5-4, jr.) seems plenty capable of getting the big girls the ball.

Clay Co.: This is one team I am putting in my top 35 just on other people's say-so. I have not seen Clay Co. in a couple of years. I know they beat Jackson Co. once during the regular season last year and played them within two points in the 13th regional finals. And I have heard several people say they have a lot of talent back. I could not connect with the coaching staff to get any information.

Dunbar: Dunbar has all the physical ingredients to put the perfect team on the floor. They have three big girls in Elizabeth Gillespie (6-1,

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SportsBoard

SPORTS CALENDAR

GOLF

Jerry Bell golf tournament set for Oct. 20
Oct. 20-The second annual Jerry Bell golf tournament will be held Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. at Connemara Golf Course on Nicholasville Road in Lexington. An auction will also be held. Proceeds will benefit Bell, the ex-UK defensive tackle who received a head injury in a gun accident. For more information call Joey Couch at (606) 263-9042 or Freddie Maggard at (606) 528-3903.

HUNTING

KDWFR looking for a few good dogs
The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is searching for a few good dogs for K-9 patrol. Dogs must be retriever breeds between 14 and 24 months old with no medical problems. No previous training is required. For more information on donating or selling a dog to the KDWFR call 1-800-858-1549 and ask to speak to the Law Enforcement Division.

BASKETBALL

YMCA Youth Basketball Leagues
Registration for the Pikeville YMCA youth basketball leagues for boys and girls age 3-18 is now underway and will run through Nov. 6. Registration fee is \$25 for YMCA members or \$45 for non-members. For more information, contact the YMCA at (606) 433-9622.

RUNNING

OLOTW 5K Autumn Run
Oct. 21-Our lady of the Way Hospital 5K Autumn Run, 1-Mile Fun Run and The fastest Kid in Town race. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. To pre-register, contact Neva Francis, (606) 285-5181, ext. 3420.

GYM RENTALS

Learning Center taking reservations for gym rentals
The Auxier Lifetime Learning Center is still accepting reservations for rentals of their gym. For more information on available times call (606) 886-0709.

FOOTBALL

Pikeville College Football Games Tapes
The Pikeville College football team is offering videotapes of its games for sale to the public. Single-game tapes are available for \$7.50, or \$50 for the entire season. For more information, contact Assistant Coach Alan Hall at (606) 437-3485.

NFL Standings

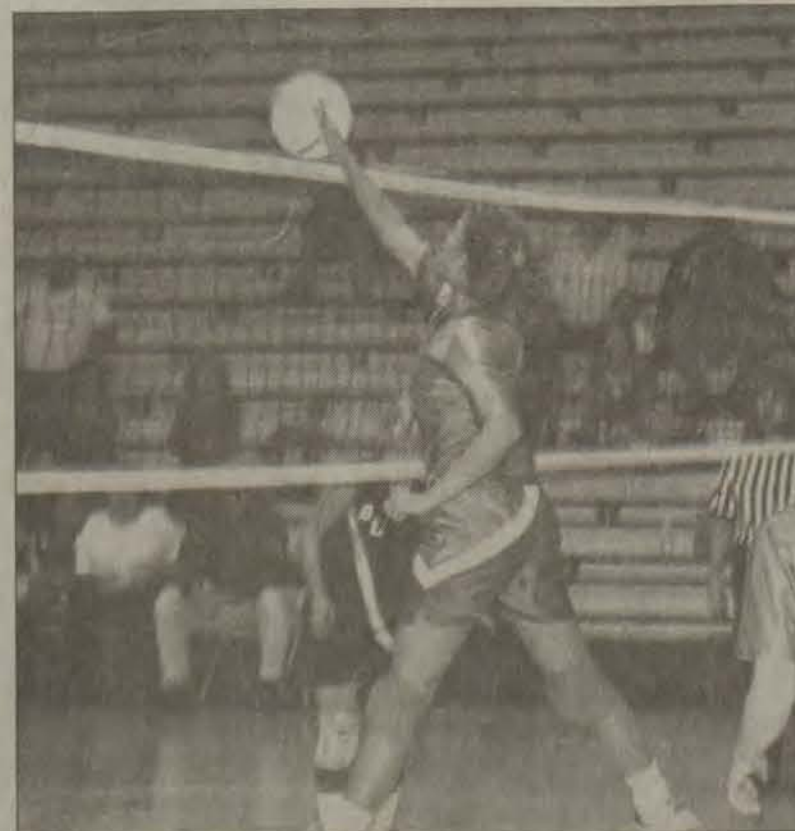
AFC East		NFC East	
W	L	W	L
Miami 5	1	N.Y. Giants 4	2
N.Y. Jets 4	1	Washington 4	2
Ind. Colts 3	2	Philadelphia 3	3
Buffalo 2	3	Dallas 2	3
N. England 2	4	Arizona 2	3

AFC Central		NFC Central	
W	L	W	L
Baltimore 5	1	Minnesota 5	0
Tennessee 4	1	Detroit 4	2
Pittsburgh 2	3	Tampa Bay 3	3
Jacksonville 2	4	Green Bay 2	4
Cleveland 2	4	Chicago 1	5
Cincinnati 0	5		

AFC West		NFC West	
W	L	W	L
Oakland 4	1	St. Louis 5	0
Kansas City 3	2	San Fran. 2	3
Denver 3	3	Carolina 3	3
Seattle 2	4	Atlanta 2	4
San Diego 0	6	New Orleans 2	4



Prestonsburg seniors Brooke Coleman and Stephanie Adams were named Co-MVP's of the 15th District volleyball tournament.



Over the net...

Sports Briefs...

Football

UK-GEORGIA START TIME MOVED

The starting time for the Kentucky-Georgia game Oct. 21 has been changed, because it will be televised. The game will start at 12:30 p.m. and will be telecast by Jefferson-Pilot (Channel 27 in Lexington).

GEORGIA'S STORIED HEDGES DAMAGED

The storied hedges that have surrounded Georgia's Sanford Stadium since it opened in 1929 were cut back this week after being trampled in last week's Georgia win over Tennessee. The damaged shrubs will be pruned so they can grow back in time for next season. In the meantime an unsightly chain-link fence that used to be hidden from view will provide a barrier between fans and the field.

GEORGETOWN'S STEELE MSC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Tony Steele, a junior defensive lineman at Georgetown College, has been named Mid-South Conference Defensive Player of the Week. Steele led the Tigers in their win over Cumberland College with five unassisted tackles, four for loss, 3.5 sacks and a quarterback hurry. He is a Hamilton, Ohio, native.

MARSHALL REPORTS MINOR VIOLATIONS TO NCAA

Marshall's athletic department has reported to the NCAA some violations involving three newspaper advertisements that included photos of Herd football players. The ads ran over the past three weeks in The Herald-Dispatch of Huntington. One promoted the television broadcast of a Marshall game and the others promoted subscriptions to the newspaper. The violation is not considered serious.

EAGLES STALEY OUT FOR THE SEASON

Philadelphia Eagles running back Duce Staley had foot surgery this past week and will be forced to miss the rest of the NFL season. Staley suffered the injury in a 38-10 win over the Falcons on Oct. 1. No word on if he will be able to return should the Eagles make the playoffs.

BALTIMORE OFF TO IMPRESSIVE 5-1 START

The NFL's Baltimore Ravens are off to a very impressive 5-1 start. The strong-legged Matt Stover has provided the Ravens with several timely field goals this season. Baltimore's stingy defense seems to step up beginning each game. The Ravens are at Washington today. Washington is favored by a field goal.

Basketball

HOME-SCHOOLED PROSPECT COMMITS TO OLE MISS

Jonathan Loe, the college basketball prospect who had been home-schooled since the sixth grade, has committed to Ole Miss. He had also considered Tennessee Tech. Loe returned to public school this year to help prepare himself for college life.

ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION FUNDRAISER SET FOR NOV. 10

Former UK players Ralph Beard, Jeff Brassow, Leroy Byrd, Ed Davender, Travis Ford, Cedric Jenkins, James Lee and Kenny Walker will help the Arthritis Foundation stage a fund-raising event on Nov. 10. Tickets are \$100 each and can be ordered by calling Arthritis Foundation Director Eileen Daugherty at 859/514-6015.

FELTON TAKES NBA SCOUT JOB

George Felton, a very successful college basketball recruiter for the UK Wildcats has accepted a job with the NBA's Indiana Pacers. Indiana Pacers' president Donnie Walsh, an assistant coach when Felton played for the South Carolina Gamecocks.

Etc.

PARK NAMED FOR DIMAGGIO

People will soon be able to play ball at Joe Dimaggio North Beach Playground. The wedge-shaped park will be formally dedicated to honor the late Yankees center fielder after the city of San Francisco reached an agreement with his estate after a protracted dispute.

Auto Racing

TURNER GETS NASCAR WEB RIGHTS

Turner Sports has acquired NASCAR's Internet rights and will take over production of its Web site on Jan. 1. Turner Sports plans to add features such as video streaming of race highlights, expanded garage cameras and photo galleries, archives of past races, live and taped audio, and NASCAR fantasy leagues, Turner Sports President Mark Lazarus said.

State agencies re-issue Ohio River advisories

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky departments for Public Health, Environmental Protection, and Fish and Wildlife Resources have reissued fish consumption advisories for the Ohio River bordering Kentucky. These advisories continue, with minor changes, the ones issued in 1999 for some

fish species caught in the Ohio River. These advisories are based on the agencies' review of fish contamination information provided mainly by the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO). The data used are from the years 1995-1999 for all listed species, except paddlefish, which were sampled in 1991, 1998 and 1999.

Fish were collected by various methods from diverse areas of the river, including lock chambers. Composites of fillets from each species were tested for organic chemical contaminants, such as PCBs, chlordane and, in limited areas, dioxin, and heavy metals (mercury, cadmium and lead).

"PCBs and mercury remain the main contaminants of concern from a public health perspective," said Rice Leach, MD, Commissioner of the Department of Public Health. "The levels of contaminants have decreased to the point that many kinds of fish are now safe to eat at

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Girl's Basketball

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sr.), Debbie Kosieniak (6-0, sr.), and Melanie Anderson (6-1, jr.). They also have two athletic forwards in Brooke Johnson (5-9, sr.) and Erin Greene (5-9, sr.); one of the best perimeter shooters in the state in Neeley Thomas (5-8, sr.); an aggressive point guard in Brooke Marnitz (5-7, soph.), and a mobile guard in Katie Boaz (5-7, sr.). Dunbar has the talent that, if they develop in the right way, could make a lot of noise come regional and state tournament time.

Estill Co.: Runner-up to Harrison Co. in the 10th region last year, this year graduated four seniors and lost transfer 6-4 senior Jessica Mays to Jackson County. But they have three starters back in Kristi Cole (6-1, sr.), Jamie Beeler (5-3, sr.), and Jessica Puckett (5-6, jr.) and are hungry to prove themselves. Look for Estill Co. to challenge Bishop Brossart for the 10th regional crown this year.

Graves Co.: This is another team with which I was impressed at the UL July camp. They were very mobile and played an up tempo game. All starters, four of them seniors, are between 5-8 and 5-10. I know they swarm you like a wolf pack and force you into mistakes. Some of the instigators that cause all of this havoc are Lindsey Downing, Amy Scroggins, Bethany Flowers, Erica Allred, and Jamie Bennett. According to Coach Steve Jaco, "Marshall Co., Lone Oak, and we should have a three-team race in region 1 this year."

Hart Co.: With four starters returning from a team that lost only four games and from the only team that beat West Carter last year (championship game of the Lady Invitational of the South), Hart Co. is still to be respected. With all-state candidate, point guard Laura Shelton (5-5, jr.) and supporting cast Krystal Gardner (6-2, jr.), Clarissa Payton (5-10, sr.), and Stephanie Issacs (6-0, sr.), Coach Tommy Adams says, "Our goal is to win the 5th region. That is first and foremost. But right now, we are in search of an offense." Henderson

Co: Coach Jeff Haile has returning Brooke Fisher, a hot-shooting forward and one of the quickest point guards around in Princess Wimsatt. Henderson should contend for the region 2 crown.

Henry Clay: Coach Scott Cromwell has returning two all-state candidates in point guard Nastassia Alcius (5-6, jr.) and very mobile pivot Fredricka Emby (5-11, sr.). Top support will come from Katie Columbus (5-8, jr.). This team has the talent to make it hard on anybody any given night.

Highlands: With the loss of point guard Christian Stefanopoulos to Boone Co., the chances that Highlands will make it back to the state tournament have been lowered from overpowering to about even. Highlands still has two all-state candidates in Stephanie Ripberger (6-0, sr.) and Tara Boothe (6-0, jr.). They will get support from Katie Winkler (5-8, sr.). This summer in the AAU Tourney, Stephanie bought the ball down the floor, passed off, and then hustled underneath. But an observer could tell that the fatigue factor was taking its toll because she was having to do it all.

Lincoln Co.: All-state candidate, senior point guard Cassandra Peek is enough to make this team dangerous. Cassandra is one of the main reasons, this summer, the junior all stars were leading the Kentucky All-stars by 17 points at one time in the first half. She was popping three-pointers over the All-stars' zone at will. She soon brought the All-stars out of their zone. But Cassandra has good support from the rest of her team. In the AAU Tournament this summer, Lincoln Co. was leading West Carter by double figures at one time in the second half. (West Carter pulled it out in the last four minutes).

Lone Oak: Twin towers Guion Johnstone (6-2, sr.) and powerful, but agile all-state candidate Heidi Seltzer (6-2, sr.) say enough to make this team a region 1 contender. Add them to them agile

point guard Jessica Pace (5-9, jr.) to get them the ball. Lone Oak played both West Carter and Highlands even in this summer's AAU Tourney. Heidi has already verbally committed to Evansville.

Male: With three starters back this year, including all-state candidate guard Connie Neal (5-11, jr.), Male proved this summer in the Blue Chip Tournament that they will have to be contended with when regular season rolls around. Speaking of Connie, she was one of the big instigators, last year in the LIT, when Male took apart, at that time, No. 1 Hart County. It was one of those nights, like I mentioned before, when Hart Co. could do absolutely nothing right and Male could do no wrong. It all depends on what night it is, folks.

Marshall Co.: This team has the talent to repeat as region 1 champs. Starters returning from a team that lost only two games last year (Assumption in finals of LIT and Jackson Co. in state) are Ashley Harper (5-10, sr.) and guard Emily Stone (5-4, sr.). Moving from the bench to a starting position is one of my favorite players in the state in point guard Kala Morton (5-4, jr.). Kala is ready to make her move into that realm of all-state candidate and even Miss Basketball 2002 candidate. As they say folks, "She can fill it up," anywhere from 22 feet on in.

Mercy: Coach Mark Evans has one of the most active teams in the state; always pressing and forcing opponents into mistakes, similar to another team I previously mentioned that is like a hungry wolf pack after your hide. They beat Shelby Co. and Sacred Heart, all in a matter of a couple of hours, in the UL July camp tourney. Liz Ulanowski (6-0, sr.) runs the pivot (if there is a pivot) and guards Kelly Berding (5-5, sr.) and Becca Vierling (5-8, sr.) do a good job of keeping the ball moving.

North Hardin: North has the privilege of having two all-regional candidates returning in Alexis Brown (5-11, jr.) and point guard

Rhonda Brown (5-2, jr.), no kin to Alexis. Both are super quick. Look for North to make some noise by tournament time.

Oldham Co.: Pivot/guard (yes, she does both) all-state candidate Brandi Miller (5-10, sr.) by herself is enough to make this team dangerous. Add to her point guard Rebecca Husband (5-10, jr.) and forward Sarah Hadley (5-9, sr.) plus a whole bunch of effective young players and you have a team that can beat you. Says Coach Todd Gilley, "Team defense should be a strength. We will be aggressive and quick. We should contend for region 8."

Perry Central: From what I saw in the state tournament last year, guard Kristie Miller (5-8, sr.) along with some nice young players could make Randy Napier's squad the team to beat in the 14th again this year.

Presentation: All-state candidate Joleen Phillips (5-9, sr.) is enough to make this team a contender for its third straight 6th regional title. Her main support will come from Sarah Nash (5-7, sr.) and Dominique Derrick (5-8, soph.). Says Coach Joe Voelker, "I believe our team will be very strong by March again this year."

Scott Co.: Guard/forward Stacey Tackett (5-10, sr.) and all-state candidate, point guard L'erin Scott (5-4, sr.) have enough of a punch to make this team formidable on any given night. These two have plenty of support from teammates including Stacey Stakelin (5-7, sr.) and Lakeisha Washington (5-6, sr.). Says Coach Steve Helton, "An exciting style of basketball, founded on hard work, is how we approach every practice and every game."

Somerset: Who is the only team not from Olive Hill that has a girls' state basketball trophy from the year 2000 in its trophy case? We are talking about them right here. Of course, I am referring to the Class A State Championship trophy that Somerset won in Richmond in January. Coach Judie Mason grad-

uated three senior starters off that team, but the table is not bare in Somerset this year. Somerset will still be formidable with all-regional candidate, sharp shooting forward Jacinda Randolph (5-6, sr.) and all-state candidate, point guard Miranda Ray (5-7, Sr.). This team still took third in this year's AAU Tourney and proved they are not down for the count yet. Says Coach Mason, "I look for this team to be very competitive by the time Class A rolls around. I think we will surprise a lot of people this year."

There you have it. Twenty-five teams tied for number 11 in the LRM ratings. But I am satisfied with that. I don't pretend to have the insight to tell one team they are number 11 and tell another team they are number 35.

Next issue, the top three levels (the top 10 teams) including level 1, which includes only one team; a team that, if it does not self-destruct, has the talent to go undefeated against Kentucky competition this year.

VISIT TO A SMALL TOWN

Let's take an e-mail visit to Olive Hill, hometown of West Carter High School. Unless you were out of universe last year, you know West Carter is our defending state champions.

If you are familiar with Coach Hop Brown, you know he is one of those people you would like to have for an uncle or a neighbor. He never takes himself too seriously. Hop always brings that down home way of saying things to the discussion. He is just real pleasant to be around. But he has a certain glow, like every coach who has ever won the state. They have a strut that says I might not ever do it again, but I did it once, and you can't take that away from me.

LRM QUESTION: What is the enrollment of West Carter High? How big is Olive Hill? **HOP:** The enrollment at WC is 530. Olive Hill has two traffic lights, 17 cows, 22 dogs (21 still living) and 2100 of the greatest people in the world.

LRM: What has the state championship meant to Olive Hill and the school?

HOP: We have replaced Tom T. Hall as Olive Hill's greatest celebrity. The townspeople and students, as well as the faculty and staff at WCHS, are very proud of these young ladies. Our principal, Jim Webb, is a huge Lady Comet fan. Webb (who is a big Andy Griffith fan) has enjoyed this moment more than watching the

"Andy Griffith Show".

LRM: Have a lot of townspeople come out to look at the trophy? **HOP:** There have been hundreds of people to come out and look at the trophy. More people than attend our city council meetings.

LRM TO DANA SMITH, WC ASSISTANT COACH: Is Hop as easy to get along with as it seems?

DANA: Hop Brown is one of a kind and he is really easy to get along with. There will never be a more humble guy because he's been on both sides of winning and losing.

LRM (back to Hop): What is your outlook for this coming season? Do you think it will be a blessing or curse to have to defend your title this year, knowing everyone wants to add your feather to their cap?

HOP: The window of opportunity is still open. Some people may think we have gotten fat and happy. Well, they had better think again. Everyone wants a piece of the state champions. We think it is a blessing because that is the goal of all 277 schools every year - to be the champions.

LRM TO SHARON (HOP'S WIFE): Do you notice any change in living in the same household with Hop since March as opposed to before March?

SHARON: The only difference is that Hop became extremely popular. He and Kandi received hundreds of phone calls/letters of congratulations. It couldn't have happened to two nicer or more deserving people. I am extremely proud of them.

ONE FINAL QUESTION FOR HOP: What has reaching the ultimate in coaching basketball meant in your personal life?

HOP: No change in my personal/professional life, other than now I am often asked to speak at meetings, etc. I always knew that one day we would win a state championship. As you said, Louis, this is the ultimate for high school coaches, to win a state championship and I will cherish it for a lifetime.

Thanks Hop, Sharon, and Dana for sharing your warm personalities with us.

And good luck to West Carter and all teams as the official start of practice is here. May everyone stay away from the injury bug. I will see everyone in two weeks. The ladies and I bid you a fond farewell.

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2000 15th District All-Tournament Team

photo by Steve LeMaster



photo by Steve LeMaster

Members of this year's Betsy Layne Ladycats volleyball team (in no particular order) are Denise Jones, Sabrina Hughes, Heather Hunter, Rachael Parsons, Erica Pena, Latoya Lee, Amy Barton, Tasha Rice, Candice Hamilton, Brittany Bartley, Courtney Thomas, Stephanie Ousley, Charlie Mullins, Natalie Newsome, Keisha Newman and Ashley Conn. The Ladycats are coached by Larry Wilson, assisted by his wife Karen Wilson.

Volleycats

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good volleyball heading into this week's regional tournament.

"Our performance in the regional tournament depends on the draw," said Coach Larry Wilson. "We're coming on right now, we need to keep the intensity up heading into the region. I'm really proud of how the girls came on and how well they played at the end of the season."

Following the district championship, Prestonsburg mentor Russell Shepherd was somewhat optimistic about his team's chances in the upcoming regional volleyball tournament.

"Everybody is playing really well right now," said Shepherd. "We're getting good sets, good kills and good net play from every-

one. I think if we stay focused that we'll do well in the regional tournament."

GAME NOTES

• Prestonsburg senior Amelia Conley dominated play around the net in both the first game and the second game.

• Volleycat Cheresh Shepherd could be the most improved player in the entire region.

• Betsy Layne Coach Larry Wilson took a team that finished last in the Floyd County Volleyball Conference and finished as 15th District Runners-up.

The regional volleyball tournament will begin Monday, October 16, at Pike Central High School.

Raiders

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time in the first frame on a 10-yard scoring run. A Matt Tackett extra point kick made it a 15-0 South Floyd lead with 1:53 remaining in the first quarter.

The Rebels saw good field position just before the half when a face mask call on a kick-off return put the ball on their own 49-yard line. However, a fumbled snap recovered by John Spears gave the ball back to South Floyd.

The Raiders' offense started a scoring two-minute drive capped off by a 30-yard Matt Tackett touchdown run. Tackett's extra point kick made it a 22-0 South Floyd lead with 9:59 remaining in the half.

South Floyd tacked on another score before the half. Senior Joe Platkus found the end zone and made it a 28-0 Raider lead going into homecoming festivities at the half.

Allen Central received the ball to begin the second half with senior Brandon Sizemore calling the signals.

The Rebels found themselves deep in Raider territory on three separate occasions in the second half, but failed to get a score on the board.

South Floyd added two scores in the second half en route to a 42-0 Red, White and Blue Bowl win.

The South Floyd Raiders are now even on the season at 4-4. The Raiders host the Paintsville Tigers next Friday night. Coach David LeMaster's Tigers scored a big 36-6 win over the Hazard Bulldogs this past Friday night.

Allen Central is back at home this week when they host Beth Haven.

GAME NOTES

• Senior quarterback Brandon Sizemore saw his first action of the 2000 high school grid season after a stellar season last year.

• Allen Central's James Prater and Jonathan Ellis were both held out of the South Floyd game.

• South Floyd defensive lineman Ryan Hall pressured the Allen Central backfield all night long.

• South Floyd's Jeremy Tackett hauled in a 20-yard touchdown pass from P.J. Cox at the 2:18 mark in the third quarter.

• South Floyd rookie coach Nathan Jones now has a career high school football coaching record of 4 wins and 4 losses.

15th District Volleyball...

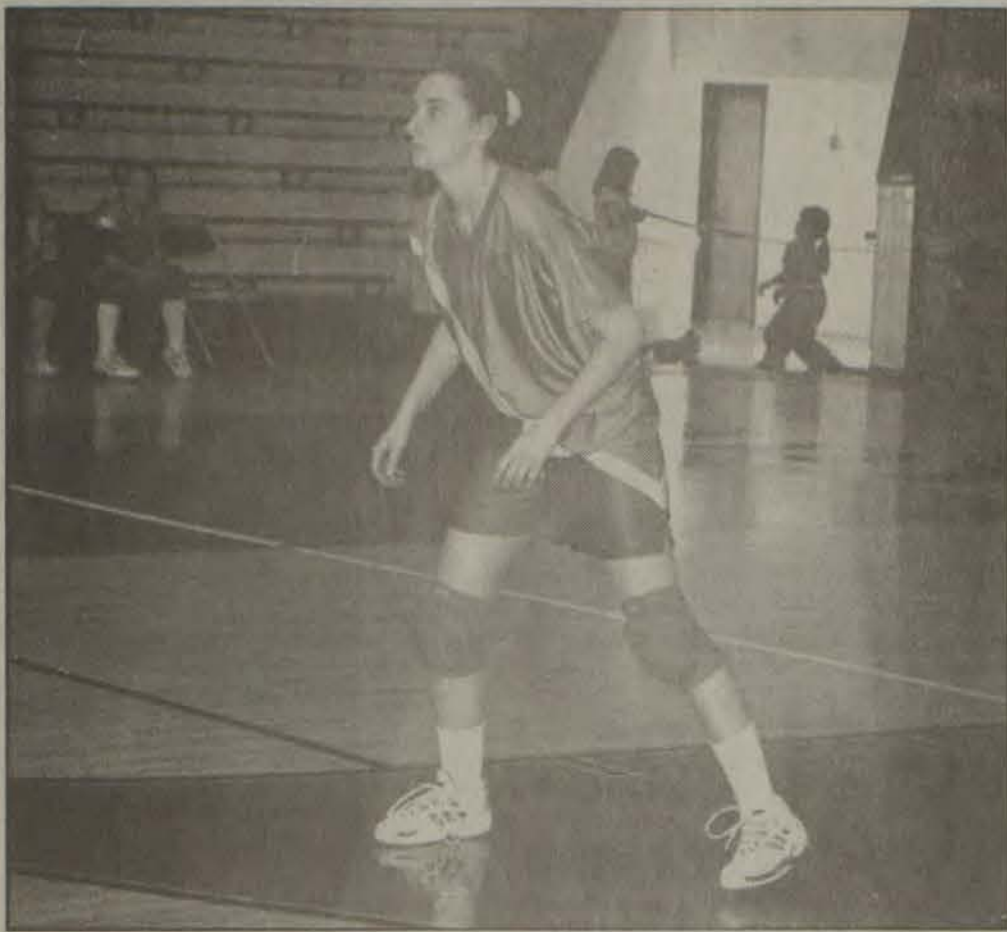


photo by Steve LeMaster
Allen Central's Becky Smith had an outstanding district tournament, capped off by being named to the all-tournament team.

Ladycats beat Lady Rebels; advance to meet Paintsville

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Betsy Layne Ladycats upended the Allen Central Lady Rebels in semifinal district volleyball tournament action, and in the process advanced to a semifinal game with Paintsville.

Betsy Layne, coached by Larry Wilson, went into Thursday's opening semifinal game with an 8-13 record on the season, while the Lady Rebels, coached by Larry Maynard, came in with a season mark of 14-17.

Allen Central jumped out to a commanding 6-0

lead in game one. Lady Rebel Amanda Potter served up the first six points of the game. Seniors Becky Smith and Shannon Sizemore teamed up for several sets and kills throughout the early six-point scoring barrage.

The Allen Rebels had another six-point lead midway through the game, leading 9-3. Several Lady Rebel miscues culminated with Betsy Layne battling back to tie the game at 10.

The Lady Rebels took the lead from the Ladycats twice late in the game. But in the end it would be the Betsy Layne Ladycats taking the lead for good with the help of senior Denise Jones' strong serving efforts. Jones served up the Ladycats final three points. Rachael Parsons tapped a timely kill over the net and Allen Central returned a Ladycat serve into the net to preserve the 15-12 game one win.

Game two would feature an identical final score, as Coach Larry Wilson's Ladycats fought off an Allen Central charge to post a 15-2 game two win.

An upset was in the record books as Betsy Layne won the right to face Paintsville in the all-important semifinal game.

The winner of the Betsy Layne-Paintsville game would go on to Monday's regional tournament at Pike Central High School.

Lady Rebels turn back Lady Cards

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Allen Central Lady Rebels took a two-set volleyball match away from the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals on Wednesday night in quarterfinal action of the 15th District volleyball tournament.

The young, inexperienced Lady Cardinals have shown signs of vast improvement for much of the second half of the high school volleyball season.

A complete team effort was turned in by every Allen Central Lady Rebel who took to the floor against Sheldon

Clark.

Allen Central jumped out to an 8-3 win in game one lead. The Lady Rebels turned back a late Sheldon Clark rally and went on to post a 15-9 game one win, after Lady Card Amanda Potter served up an ace to seal the win.

Game two was equally as impressive for the Lady Rebels. Back and forth volleying gave way to an Allen Central scoring spurt late in the game. The Lady Rebels put another 15-9 win in the record books. The Allen Central win eliminated the Sheldon Clark Lady Cardinals from the district tournament.

The win improved Coach Larry Maynard's Lady Rebels' record to 14-17.

Upset-Minded Ladycats claw Lady Tigers; advance to district championship

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Betsy Layne Ladycats volleyball team began the 2000 high school volleyball season without a coach.

The Ladycat volleyball team struggled through to mid-season, before turning it on late to win their last three regular season games. They went into the district tournament with only seven regular season wins.

The Ladycats persevered and now find themselves in the regional volleyball tournament, thanks to a win over the Paintsville Tigers, one of many teams the Ladycats struggled against this season.

Hard work does pay off.

It took the Betsy Layne Ladycats three games, but they did it. They defeated Paintsville and won a shot at the undefeated Prestonsburg Volleys. More importantly, a win over Paintsville gave the Ladycats a ticket to next week's regional tournament at Pike Central High School.

Betsy Layne jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first game of the Paintsville match. Lady Tiger Samantha Coleman served her team up to a tie, before the Ladycats went ahead and stayed ahead, winning game one 15-5.

Game two was literally a totally different game for Betsy Layne. The Ladycats dropped their first game of the

day, falling to defeat and falling hard 15-2. The second game of the Paintsville match was by far the Ladycats' worst played game of the tournament.

Betsy Layne rebounded to win the third game 15-4 and take the match.

GAME NOTES

- The quartet of Hillary Bryant, Sabrina Hughes, Rachael Parsons and Denise Jones all played big parts in the game three win.

- Senior captain Denise Jones had her usual stellar performance.

- Betsy Layne's Latoya Lee came off the bench and provided some successful serves late in the contest.

Lady Bobcats score mild upset over Lady Raiders

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

The Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats, led by Senior Denise Jones, scored a big victory over a young South Floyd team, Wednesday night. South Floyd boasts one senior, Minnie Tackett.

The Lady Raiders began the first game of the third session of the 15th District volleyball tournament by jumping out to an 8-5 lead over the Lady Bobcats.

The Lady Bobcats fought back, powered by three straight winning serves, courtesy of Rachael Parsons. Betsy Layne took the lead when South Floyd's Becky Isaac returned a Parsons-served ball for a side out, giving the ball back to the Lady Bobcats.

Betsy Layne senior Denise Jones came on to serve with her team leading 10-8, following a sideout.

Jones took the game on her stout shoulders and propelled the Lady Bobcats to victory. The Betsy Layne senior recorded two aces and had two sets in a five-point Betsy Layne scoring sequence.

Betsy Layne went on to win the first game over the Lady Raiders by a final of 15-8.

The Lady Bobcats found themselves in somewhat unfamiliar territory as they headed into the second game of the district volleyball semifinal tournament with a game one victory in the record books.

Game two began with Lady raider Minnie Tackett serving the ball out of bounds.

Denise Jones started game two picking up where she had left off in game one, by serving up an ace past the Lady Raider defense.

Betsy Layne got out to a 4-1 win. Lady Bobcat Sabrina Hughes put a kill over the net to put Betsy Layne up 7-1. Not to be outdone, teammate Keisha Newman blasted a kill over the net forcing South Floyd Coach Jackie McKinney to call for a time-out with her team trailing 8-1.

Betsy Layne was their own worst enemy following the time-out. The

Lady Bobcats played lax for two straight South Floyd points, but regained composure enough to allow them to cruise to post the match win with a 15-9 game two victory.

Betsy Layne Bobcat Brandy Johnson served up the match point. Betsy Layne returned a South Floyd

volley and saw it fall in for the all important match point.

With the win, the Betsy Layne Lady Bobcats won the right to face the winner of Allen Central-Sheldon Clark game. Allen Central pulled out a two-set win, setting up a Betsy Layne-Allen Central semifinal game.

Hawks

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Pike Central controlled the tempo of the game from the onset, led by running back Joe Waugh who finished with 87 yards on 23 carries. Prestonsburg fumbled the football away on the first possession of the game with David Branham coming up with the loose ball for the Hawks.

Pike Central moved the football at will, but from the 3-yard line, the drive stalled out when Jeremy Blackburn fumbled the football and Prestonsburg fell on it in the end zone.

On a second down play, the Blackcats returned the favor with a turnover of their own when Brandon Stanley stepped in front of Chris Spriggs to pick off a Willis pass. Prestonsburg's defense held the Hawks and got the ball back with 4:25 to play in the first period. But on a third and long play, Willis was intercepted the second time when Jordan Blackburn hauled in a Willis pass to Austin Clark.

This time Pike Central turned the turnover into seven points when Justin McCurry hit Benny Grigsby with a 30-yard touchdown pass, and Kyle Wood added the extra point for a 7-0 lead.

As the first quarter ended, Prestonsburg had the football, but on the first play into the second period, the Blackcats fumbled with the Hawks, coming away with the loose ball.

From that point, Pike Central got one break after another as they marched from their own 25-yard line on 15 plays with the drive concluding on a scoring pass from

McCurry to Waugh. The touchdown pass was for four yards. The PAT gave the Hawks a 14-0 advantage.

Prestonsburg managed to get on the scoreboard late in the second period as they trailed 14-7 at the half. The Cats took over the football with just 39 seconds left in the first half. Despite a 10-yard holding penalty against Prestonsburg, Willis hit Chris Spriggs with a 39-yard touchdown pass, and Stone added the extra point with 23 seconds left. Prestonsburg got very little on the ground in the second half, totaling only 14 yards rushing. Willis completed two passes for 12 yards for a total of only 26 second half yards.

The Hawks' final score came with 2:22 to play when Jeremy Blackburn scored on a three-yard run and the extra point made it 21-7.

Prestonsburg evened their overall record to 4-4 on the season and falls to 4-1 in the district.

The Cats have one district game remaining, that being against Shelby Valley next Friday night. They will close out the season with a home date against Harrison County.

Pike Central goes to 4-1 in the district, as well, and with a 13-6 Belfry win over Whitesburg Friday night, the three teams are deadlocked at the top of the heap. Central, after an off date this Friday night, will close their season at home against Whitesburg. Belfry has one district game remaining and that is against Shelby Valley at home.

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Advisory

the advised frequency."

Paddlefish were formerly listed as do not eat. However, paddlefish eggs and flesh had considerably lower levels of PCBs in the 1998 and 1999 samples than in 1991. Because of this, the advisory for paddlefish has been modified to allow limited consumption.

In April 2000, a statewide mercury advisory was issued for all freshwater fish from Kentucky waters, including the Ohio River. Women of childbearing age and children 6 years and younger should eat no more than one meal per week of any freshwater fish.

Chlordane has been removed as a contaminant of concern. Levels in the Kentucky portion of the river have decreased over the years since the advisory was first issued.

People who frequently eat fish, women of childbearing age and children are particularly susceptible to contaminants that build up in the body (such as PCBs and mercury). For this reason, childbearing-age women and children should follow the special population advisory. Women beyond their childbearing years and men face fewer health risks from contaminants.

However, those persons should follow the general population advisory to reduce their total exposure and be especially careful to space out meals over time. Spacing out meals helps prevent contaminants from building up to harmful levels in the body.

Proper cleaning, skinning, trimming and cooking

can reduce contaminant levels in the fish. Eat only skinless, boneless fillets with as much fat as possible removed. Do not eat the skin, which can contain higher levels of fat. Eggs should be discarded. Roasting, baking or broiling have been found to reduce levels of PCBs and chlordane more than other cooking methods.

Cooking does not destroy contaminants nor does it lower their toxicity. The heat melts some of the fat in the fish, removing some of the contaminants at the same time. Do not eat or reuse the fat and juices that cook out of the fish. Cooking will not reduce mercury levels possibly found in fish.

Advisories before 1998 were based on contaminant levels, particularly PCBs, mercury and chlordane, exceeding U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) "action level" guidelines. Those guidelines were originally developed for seafood in the market. They were then adapted for sport fish advisories by many states.

Over the past few years, most states have moved away from using FDA action levels for their sport fish consumption advisories. The USEPA has developed risk-based guidelines for many contaminants, including mercury.

This action is being taken to inform the public about the possible risks of eating unrestricted amounts of some fish from the Ohio River. The monitoring of tissue residue levels in fish from the Ohio River is an ongoing program of the state agencies in cooperation with ORSANCO.

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PostScript

by Pam Shingler
 Editor



Short shakers

On a woven trivet in the middle of my kitchen table are two small plastic containers for salt and pepper, with not-so-designer Kroger labels, billed as a picnic pack. Hardly how I see myself (but perhaps closer to reality than I want to believe).

It's embarrassing to be of a certain age and not have a decent set of salt and pepper shakers. I ask myself how I got to this point. After all, everyone has salt and pepper shakers, sometimes in multiples.

Oh, I've had shakers — all kinds — over the years. I've had plastic ones that turned yellow and, consequently, unappetizing. I've had other plastic shakers that stayed too long on the stove top, warping into something entirely different.

Another plastic set fell victim to a conspiracy between a cat and a dog — the cat rolling a shaker off the table and the dog mistaking it for a chew toy before she realized her error.

I've had glass sets in which one broke and I — foolishly in retrospect — threw the other one away. Nowadays, the decorators sanction mismatches.

I've had metal shakers that rested on the stove in the line of skillet and pasta pot fire to the point that throwing them away was more prudent than trying to clean them. (I'm obviously a card-carrying member of the disposable society.)

Over my last two moves, I resolved to rid my household of as many tacky things as I could part with. I admit to only a modicum of success.

Out to yard sales or garbage bins have gone several salt and pepper shakers — ceramic, metal, plastic, glass — all meeting my definition of tacky.

I kept one set and fully expected to keep it for the rest of my days. The shakers were lovely, tiny, deep blue, glass containers with metal lids. They were a gift from my aunt, a couple of years ago, when she was giving me stuff she wanted to make sure her stepdaughters didn't get. She'd had the set for a long time, probably long enough for them to be considered antiques.

My house has been particularly moist this year — I was forced to buy a dehumidifier. A month or so ago, when I needed to refill the little blue shakers, I discovered the cap of the salt shaker was rusted shut. No matter what I tried, I couldn't get it off, and I ended up throwing the pair away.

Last weekend, I bought two, large, colorful, flowered ceramic shakers, very trendy looking. I washed them and gave them a couple of days to dry thoroughly and then filled them with salt and pepper, along with rice to soak up moisture.

Time came to use the salt, and out poured the rice along with the salt. The holes are too big. These shakers apparently are just for looks, beautiful on the table but definitely not functional.

I'm back to the Kroger plastics. The search goes on.

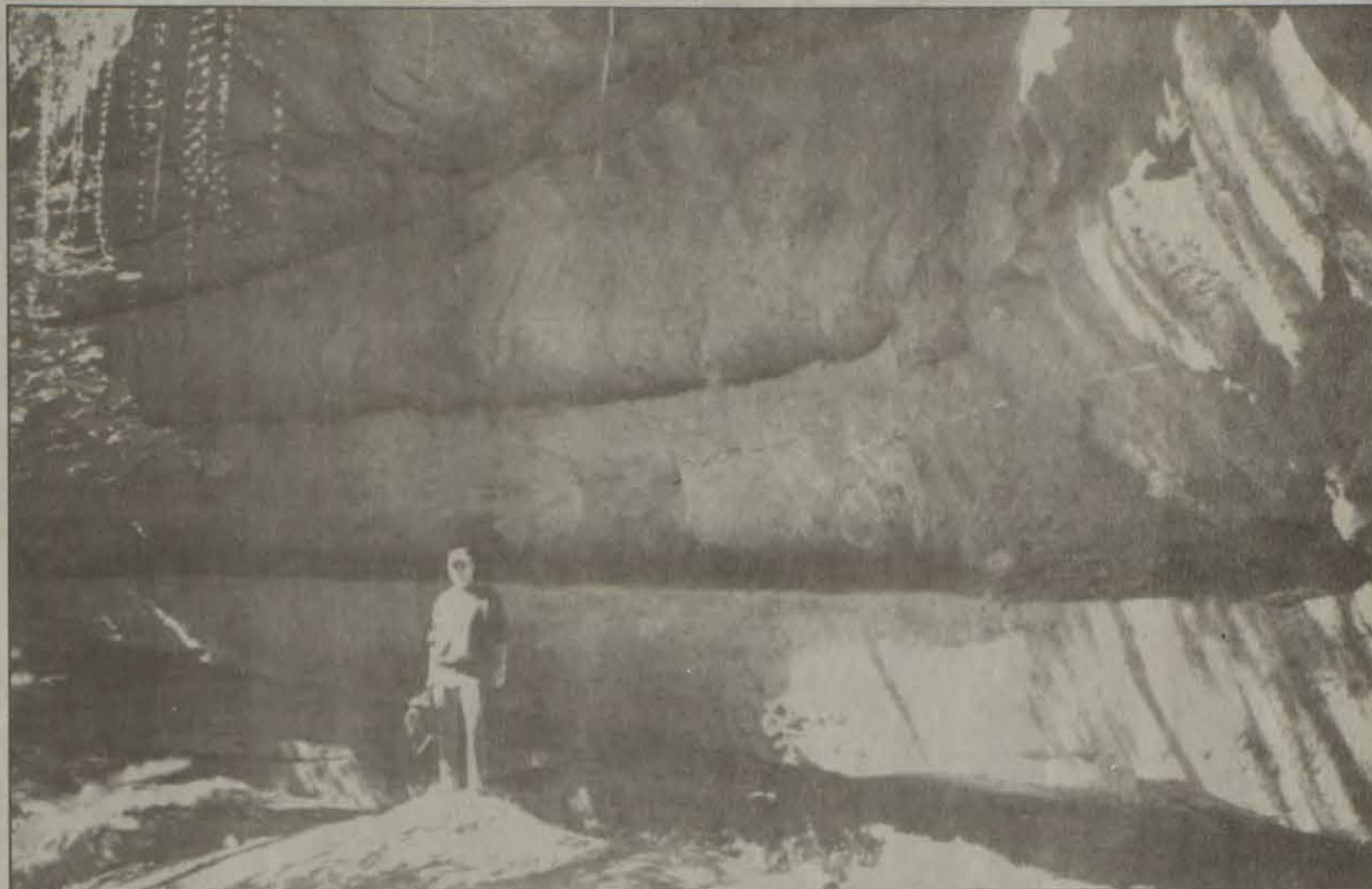
 Last week, I promoted the new organization SNOOP — Spay and Neuter Organization Of Prestonsburg. I mentioned that the next meeting is November 6 at the First Presbyterian Church. I neglected to give the time. It's 7 p.m.

Thanks, Melissa Conn, for sharing our interest in animals.

 Greetings to subscriber Francis A. Akers of Stamping Ground. Thanks for reading the Times.

A HIDDEN WORLD

Cave where Jenny Wiley was held captive is nearby



Self-styled "Jenny Wiley activist" Ronnie Blair stands under the overhang that forms the cave where the local heroine was held captive by the Indians.

STORY AND PHOTOS
 by PAM SHINGLER
 LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Ronnie Blair says it "looks like God took a knife and cut a gash in the rock."

That's a fitting description in one way, but you also get the sense that nothing about the scene was rough or hasty.

Rather, the landscape at what is known as the Jenny Wiley Cave in Johnson County is the work of a master artist, carved carefully with infinite patience, sculpted and shaped, spun and indented over time.

You can't help but wonder how Jenny Wiley felt when she camped here. In spite of her captivity, was she awed by the intense, almost unbearable beauty of the place? In spite of being trapped by a steep precipice on one side and a guard on the other, did her cave offer solace and peace? Did being so close to heaven, so far removed from other human beings feed her spiritual hunger?

Blair, who grew up in Van Lear and lived for a couple of decades in California, is the unpaid and unappointed guardian of the cave where pioneer heroine Jenny Wiley is believed to have been held by the Indians.

"I have planted my feet. This is my little piece of ground," the actor, musician and videographer declares.

He was introduced to the gorge and cave area at Little Mud Lick in Staffordsville many years ago by historian Edward Hazelett.

Active with Jenny Wiley Theatre since his return from California, Blair says he wanted to take the theatre cast to the site a couple of years ago to give them an added perspective of the theatre's signature production, "The Legend of Jenny Wiley."

What he found was a garbage dump. "I was ashamed," he says. "It was just awful."

Blair describes himself now as a "Jenny Wiley activist" and that appears an apt appellation. He assessed the situation and organized a cleanup, with Brenda Cockerham, Annette Jackson and "a handful of other volunteers."

They hauled all manner of garbage out of the gorge, including, he says seriously, "a kitchen sink."

Since the cleanup, he regularly conducts his own garbage detail. "I usually carry garbage bags with me when I come out here," he says. Ironically, he finds beer cans, plastic containers, and sometimes full bags of trash tossed out by people



Ronnie Blair will talk about the Jenny Wiley Cave and step into his role of pioneer Matthias Harman at the meeting of the Floyd County Historical Society, Monday, October 16, at 7 p.m. at the Floyd County Public Library.

who have no idea of the history and beauty that is hidden over the side of the hill — or who don't care.

Blair frequently leads tours of school children to the site. This week, he'll take groups through on both Wednesday and Thursday as Johnson County schools celebrate Heritage Days.

He says "tour," but it's actually a production. Blair enlists other actors to play the roles of Jenny Wiley and her Indian captors. The trees, slopes and rock alcoves permit the element of surprise, which thrills the youngsters.

Last year, one group invited him to their school where they and their parents had prepared a dinner of foods from Jenny Wiley's day, including squirrel.

Blair says teachers tell him the experience at the cave site whets the students' curiosity and spurs them to learn more about their history.

Although Jenny Wiley's capture took place more than 200 years ago, without maps and diaries left as a record, Blair is reasonably sure the cave is authentic.

"We know she was here," he says. The most accurate account of her ordeal was recorded by William Elsey Connelley, who interviewed Jenny and Tom Wiley's son, Adam, in the late 1800s. Connelley, a Johnson County native who became a noted historian in Kansas, put the account in a 1910 book, called "The Book of Eastern Kentucky Papers: The Founding of Harman Station and the Wiley Captivity."

The site of where Jenny Wiley was kept for several months after her capture at Walker's Creek, Virginia, was identified by Adam Wiley, based on what his mother told him.

A narrow trail leads from the main road to the spacious overhang where the captive was held. The cave has been a place for respite for others, no doubt, including Colin Turner, a soldier who reportedly deserted the Confederate army during the Civil War and hid out there. He left his name and the year "1864" carved in a stone.

Regardless of its beauty, the cave was a natural prison for Jenny Wiley, who later came back to eastern Kentucky to settle. The one path in was guarded. On the right side of the cave is a steep



Ronnie Blair is dwarfed by the majesty of one of two waterfalls in the gorge under the Jenny Wiley Cave on Little Mud Lick in Johnson County. The area was covered by garbage until Blair and other local volunteers cleaned it up a few years ago.

This Town That World

Editor's Note: For years, Floyd County Times founder and former publisher Norman Allen wrote a weekly column that looked at Floyd County through his eyes. His columns are being reprinted due to request. The following column was written in 1960.

Floyd county will use voting machines this year. But machines do not vote; they are mere vote registers. It takes human beings to make a choice between issues and candidates. Interested human beings, we might add.

THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PICTURE

Have you ever had a desire to leave these hills for other climes, and fallen under the spell of travel literature? Beautiful Hawaii, for instance?—the languorous, romantic life of the islands, palm trees waving as if in invitation, the waves lapping gently on inviting beaches...hula girls... leis... sweet-sad Hawaiian music, and all that?

Don't be a ninny, says Mrs. Jay Hicks Belcher, who is in this beautiful Hawaii with her husband, T/Sgt. Joe Belcher. This is what she writes (subscribing for The Floyd County Times):

"We are on a three-year tour of duty in beautiful Hawaii, but still I like a little of Floyd County coming in each week. When I said, beautiful Hawaii, I was kidding. There is far more beauty in Floyd county alone than there is on this island, and I'm not saying that because I am prejudiced..."

"It's true they have pineapple fields but no corn or tobacco fields. They have a few banana trees but no paw-paws. They have coconuts but no walnuts, hickory nuts or "haze'nuts" as mother called hazel nuts.

"Another thing: the beautiful Hawaiian girls. There aren't any. My husband walked for an hour on Waikiki Beach, trying to find one to make a movie of. No luck. You can see more beauty at the David pool than you will see on this island, unless it's a woman tourist from the States or a service man's wife."

That does it! I'll never waste time again mooning over Waikiki Beach and soft breezes and—oh, what's the use!

ANOTHER FINE RECORD

This column recently noted the perfect Sunday School record of Mrs. Mae Ford Hyden. Now we are equally glad to report that Miss Aileen Branham, of West Prestonsburg, on a recent Sunday received her 17-Year Pin for perfect Sunday School attendance at the First Methodist Church here.

Any more such records? Send them in. We are not afraid of being swamped with such reports.

IN THE WAY

Hents Pinion was forced to leave the Buffalo section of Johns Creek when Dewey Lake covered the area. Now his farm at Blockhouse Bottom may be a part of the Prestonsburg-Paintsville Airport, in which case moving-day may come again. "Looks like I'm always getting in the way of progress," wryly comments Mr. Pinion.

R. T. EQUALS

"RARELY THINNED"

Roland Allen continues to express considerable doubt about any corn-thinning activities in which either Jack Howard or I engaged in our younger days. My reply to such an attack on our veracity is this: I hate spinach so thoroughly that I can't imagine anybody liking the stuff, and this to me explains why this other. Mr. Allen is so skeptical about other folks thinning corn.

Taulbee Leedy, of Stanville, had two problems recently. He wanted to modernize his home but he didn't want to move out while doing the work. He moved, but not away

Things to Ponder

Wonder where the noise went

by MABLE ROWE LINEBERGER, PHD

As we know, indicators of fall are all about us—the crisp morning air and the talk of Halloween. Most importantly the children have returned to school and are either into the swing of the things or problems have begun to raise their ugly heads.

An even greater change for some families is that there are no children anymore in the home—the nest is empty. The family's older adolescents may have been married over the summer, left home to get a job, or have gone off to college. Whatever the circumstances, not having the sound of various activities with their many noises in the house can really create a sense of emptiness. From Granny Grace's viewpoint, it is a time to feel lonely and "then again, it's nice to be quiet."

All of this talk and reaction to not having children around any more has been labeled by developmental psychologists as a typical problem for individuals in the middle adulthood stage of life and is commonly referred to as the "empty nest syndrome." One author (Sandtrocks, 1997) defined the empty nest syndrome as "a time when marital satisfaction decreases because parents derive considerable satisfaction from their children and the children's departure leaves parents with empty feelings."

Some writers think that this syndrome seems to be more likely for those families where the mother stayed home with the children and with parents that are overprotective. This seems to be again one of those instances where normal growth and development is interfered with by parents not allowing children to do as they can with adult supervision. Others write, even though fathers can be affected, the mother is the one who is prone to have the greatest emotional impact, because she tends to take care of the family's daily care giving and whose role changes the most without children.

There can also be several negative influences on parents when the nest becomes empty. The first children and last children leaving may create very emotional times, while the only child leaving can be a double blow. Some marriages can suffer problems when one or both of the spouses suffer from the feelings associated with the empty nest syndrome. Single parents, or those with struggling marriages are likely to be weakened the most by this mid-life transition. As expected, it is not unusual for marriages to fall apart as the kids leave, especially when the individuals have attempted to stick it out "for the kids."

With the children gone, the long-term low simmering difficulties begin boiling over as if to take up the space. Of course, the marriage is more likely to survive these changes, if there is the understanding that their spouse may be experiencing the feelings of loss, depression, and loneliness. Don't be ashamed of feeling down; this tendency to be sad may last for a few months.

Like so many other trials of life, how the now-alone individuals managed other life transitions will help with this new situation. For example, you are likely to have a more emotionally painful time if your move from your parents' home was difficult, you felt sad weaning your baby, felt down by a career change, or were weepy when you left your oldest child for the first day of school. Good health, friendships, and vision for the future have been identified as factors that contribute to the success of changing from several family members at home to the parents being alone.

Other helpful factors are when the woman has had other secure roles, such as wife, friend, or a breadwinner. Another factor to decreasing the stress of the child leaving has to do with parents letting their child become appropriately independent—the parents feeling their child is ready for the world, such as doing their own laundry, making necessary appointments, and managing finances. Also like other situations, discussing what might happen with the changes—scale back or live it up—will be of benefit, especially if there are differences in expectations and negotiations are needed.

Now that the children are finally gone, and the day has finally arrived, what can you do to cope and benefit yourself the most? Hopefully, you have been thinking about this day all along so that it will not be a total, shocking, new experience. Importantly, make specific plans for the first childless days, treat yourself delicately and contact an old friend and reconnect. It is very important that these couples fill their extra time with activities they can do together. As an individual or a couple, take up an old hobby, participate in a sport that you both will enjoy, look into a volunteer organization, and/or take time to travel and go places that you have always wanted to go.

Isn't it hard to believe that those cute little 2-year-olds are finally 18 and considered "adult" by society. How will they survive without their parents and how will some parents survive without children to cluck around?

New Opportunity School taking applications

Applications for the winter session of the New Opportunity School for Women, a free educational and career exploration program, should be requested now.

The upcoming session is scheduled for January 28-February 17, 2001, on the Berea College campus. It is designed for women of low-income who have high school diplomas or GEDs or who are actively working on their GED, but who have not completed college. Applicants must be between the ages of 30 and 55.

The program provides educational opportunities through classes in computer basics, leadership development, Appalachian literature, and writing, in addition to lectures, field trips, and workshops focusing on building self-confidence.

Job skills will be identified and participants will learn to write resumes and practice interview techniques. Those selected to attend will also have internships in a field of interest, either on the Berea College campus or in the community. Lodging and all meals are provided and grants for travel and child care are available.

Requests for applications and additional information should be addressed to Caroline Francis, Executive Director, New Opportunity School for Women, 204 Chestnut St., Berea, KY 40403 or by phoning 859/985-7200.

The school was founded in 1987 by Jane B. Stephenson, a specialist in adult education programs, and 312 women have now graduated from the program.

WIC adds new location

The Floyd County Health Department's Women, Infants and Children Food program (WIC) is also accessible at the new Boone Clinic in David, located at St. Vincent Mission.

The program uses federal money to provide food vouchers and nutrition counseling for eligible pregnant women, breastfeeding

mothers and children younger than age 5. The program has income and medical guidelines.

Vouchers are redeemable at participating grocery stores for infant formula, milk, eggs, cheese, cereal, juices and other nutritious foods. For information and to make an appointment, call the health department at 886-2788, ext. 268.



ANNIVERSARIES



Clarks celebrate 45-year marriage

The Rev. and Mrs. Reeves (Lois) Clark were honored on their 45th wedding anniversary, Saturday, September 16, 2000, at the Circle K Restaurant, Pikeville. Their immediate family, relatives and friends were present, totaling 50 in all.

The Rev. Mark Clark, the couple's oldest son, was master of ceremonies. Accompanying himself on the guitar, he sang "Mama's Song," a tribute to his mother, followed by the song, "My Dad's a Gospel-preaching Man," a tribute to his dad.

Next on the program was a poem written and read by Eleanor Acker, retired Baptist Mid-Missions missionary and former co-worker with Lois Clark.

Following that was a song, "For All My Sin," by the Rev. and Mrs. Don Crisp of Martin with auto harp accompaniment. Rev. Crisp also gave a "verbosity" recital—play on words.

Grethel Baptist Church Pastor

David Tucker sang "Doing It By the Book," and "God Has Been So Good to Me," and accompanied himself on the guitar. He also told two jokes and read a poem, "It Takes a Heap of Livin' to Make a House a Home."

Remarks were made by the Rev. Orlo Fisher and Reeves' brother, Russell Clark. The Rev. Philip Peterson of Nicholasville, retired Baptist Mid-Missions missionary, entertained with several jokes.

Lois Clark has been in Kentucky 50 years. She and Eileen Martin of Grethel arrived September 16, 1950, from New York.

Rev. Clark ministered in Pigeon Roost for seven years and 35 years at Bethana Baptist Church in Cornettsville. Both ministries were in Perry County.

The Clarks spend their summers on Branham's Creek at the Goldie Clark homeplace, Grethel, and their winters at Maranatha Village, Sebring, Florida.

NEW ARRIVALS

Pikeville Methodist Hospital
September 14: A son, Orbie Joe McPeck, to Jeanette Coleman and Randall McPeck; Orbie Joe, to Jeanette Coleman and Randall McPeck.

September 18: A daughter, Alyssa Savannah, to Miranda and Neil Kevin Martin.

September 19: A son, Cameron Tyler Hall, to Brandy Lynn Trump; a son, Austin Ray Cecil, to Lisa Cole; a son, Zachery Scott, to Tonya L. and Richard J. Cook; a daughter, Larisha Lynn, to Rachel and Steven Hamilton; a daughter, Courtney Paige, to Alicia Ann and Billy Shane Brewer; a daughter, Karrison Rhyen, to Danielle and Chris Varney.

September 20: A daughter, Haley Lillian Deshay Dillon, to Chastity June Varney; a son, Austin Zachery Kent Dye, to Brandy Everage and Kent Dye; a son, Danny Paul Arthur, to Lisa and Chris May.

September 21: A son, Try Alexander Jaden, to Amanda Brooke and Michael Anthony Helmsstetter.

September 24: A son, Sebastian O'Bryan, to Toni Slone; Cameron Curtis Dean Wolford, to Stephanie Renee Prater; a son, Roy Marshal Alexander Hall, to Cindy Ann Lawson and Scott Hall.

September 25: A son, Donald Keefe, to Heidi Lynette and Roger McCarty II; a son, Jonas Jeffrey Hamilton, to Marsha Ellen Frazer; a son, James "Jake" Arthur Kehoe II, to Sarah Gray Kehoe and Michael James Kehoe; a daughter, Krista Lashae, to Jody and Chris Collins; a son, Corey Emery, to Michelle and Edward Conn.

September 26: A daughter, Elizabeth Johnston, to Lelia Beth Erma and Adam Lee Gross.

September 27: A son, Kirklain Joseph, to Laura Jean and Alex Joseph Newsome; a daughter, Emily Hope Spears, to Hope Denise Tackett and Jerry Kyle Spears.

September 28: A son, Matthew Ron Michael Ray, to Sherri Dawn Ray and Noah Michael Hall; a son, Cameron Pacey, to Amber Cable and Brandon Rose; a daughter, Haley Nicole, to Melissa Danielle and Roy Neal Bentley; a daughter, Chastity Makae, to Angela Kay and Jody Dean Slone.

September 29: A daughter, Teddi Dawn, to Tara and Gary Young; a son, Corey Darren Stanley, to Tina Renea

and Darren Stanley Kidd; a son, Cameron Chase, to Melissa and Bill Jones.

September 30: A son, Brady Dalton, to Stephanie Lynn and Brad Hall.

October 1: A son, Bradley Keith, to Rebecca Dale and Shane Keith Bowman.

October 2: A son, Corey Austin, to Tammy Michele and Donald Wayne Andrews; a daughter, Sarah Victoria, to Deanna and Anthony Fraley.

October 3: A son, Cameron Chayse, to Misty Dawn and Earl Christopher Walker; a daughter, Lily Chrystin, to Jady Denean and Christopher Case; a daughter, Dale Mikka Hope, to Stephanie and Michael Ratliff; a daughter, Victoria Karen, to Brittany Michelle and Kevin Michael Wright; a son, Noah Jacob Ryan, to Katherine and Daniel Bentley.

October 4: A son, Colby Ryan, to Angel Nicole and Jamie Dewayne Tackett; a daughter, Kaelyn Dalaney, to Sherry and Doug Greene; a son, Benjamin Lee Ruvolo Hurley, to Jonnie Frenette and Benny Hurley; twins, Isaac Shane and Aaron Christopher, to Leslie Ann and Christopher Ryan Easterling; a daughter, Nadia Isabella, to Rhonda Simpson and Jim Holcomb; a daughter, Montana Rose, to Anita Blankenship; a son, Landon Matthew, to Tracy Robinson.

October 5: A daughter, Megan Elizabeth, to Jennifer and Brian Lambert; a daughter, Kaitlyn Michelle, to Misty and Paul David Hyden; a son, Christopher Keith Haney, to Iris Mcallister and Darrell Haney; a son, Joshua Brandon, to Amber Lynn and Lonnie Mullins; a son, Keegan Carl, to Sedrena Carol and David Lee May; a daughter, Erika Paige, to Rebecca and David Skiles.

October 6: A daughter, Madison Elizabeth McKenzie Alexandra Smith, to Kayla Ann Dawnielle Robinette; a son, Marvin Scott, to Nina Faye and Marvin Combs; a son, Dawson Chase, to Teri Lynn and Dennis Crager III.

October 7: A daughter, Emily Ann, to Diana and Matthew Ray; a son, Chase Nathaniel, to Mary and Gary Hale; twins, Ethan Phillip Owens and Megan Grace Owens, to Charlene Cisco Owens and Phillip Eugene Owens.



Family Medicine

John C. Wolf, D.O.
Associate Professor
of Family Medicine



Stomach acid in esophagus a health risk; medications help

Question: I've been taking Prilosec for reflux for about six months. My wife listened to a doctor who said that this was a dangerous drug that no one should take for as long as I have, but my doctor isn't worried. I stopped taking it for a few days, but I got so uncomfortable that I started taking it again. What are your thoughts on taking Prilosec?

Answer: First, I need to explain your "reflux" problem to my readers. The stomach contains strong acid. This acid serves two purposes — not only does it promote digestion, but it also sterilizes the things we swallow. The lining of the stomach is designed to handle this strong acid.

Unfortunately, the esophagus, the tube connecting the mouth with the stomach, isn't as hardy.

The esophagus is designed as a one-way street. A muscular band around the esophagus just above its entrance into the stomach acts as a relatively effective one-way valve. This muscle — called the lower esophageal sphincter (LES) — relaxes when you swallow to allow food to go

down but then contracts to keep stomach acid from coming up.

The job of the LES is made easier by the angle at which the esophagus joins the stomach, and this angle is maintained, in part, by the size of the opening in the diaphragm through which the esophagus must pass.

In reflux, also called reflux esophagitis or gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD), stomach acid leaks out of the stomach and into the esophagus. This usually happens because the LES relaxes at a time other than when food is passing into the stomach or because the pressure within the stomach simply overpowers it.

This can happen because of dietary indiscretions, medicine use, alcohol, anatomical defect such as hiatal hernia, or from obesity.

The consequence of reflux, regardless of the underlying cause, is the same. The strong stomach acid damages the lining of the esophagus and produces a characteristic "heartburn" sensation. A brief episode is annoying but of no long-term health consequence.

Persistent reflux, on the other hand, is uncomfortable and also

increases the risk of several conditions including esophageal cancer, sinusitis, bronchitis and asthma.

Prilosec is the brand name of the medicine omeprazole, and it is in the family of drugs called "proton pump inhibitors." All the members of this group are very effective at reducing the amount of acid produced by the stomach.

This reduced acid is beneficial for healing stomach and duodenal ulcers, reflux esophagitis and several other conditions. It makes your reflux symptoms better but doesn't cure the underlying problem at the LES. Consequently, you are probably going to need this medicine for some time.

The use of proton pump inhibitors usually causes no undesirable consequences. Rash, blood in the urine or dizziness are rare adverse reactions, however. The greatest concern with long-term use is a consequence of having low acid levels in the stomach.

This can increase one's risk of developing infection of the digestive tract from bacteria, viruses and yeast. It can also produce decreased absorption of iron that can eventually lead to anemia.

One additional theoretical problem is an increased risk of stomach cancer. This risk assessment, however, is based on a study of laboratory rats that were fed omeprazole in doses much higher than humans take. Analysis of the data on people who take the recommended dosage levels, fortunately, has not shown an increased cancer risk in humans.

So, I wouldn't be concerned about taking Prilosec if you need it.

On the other hand, you would be better off if you could eliminate your heartburn through lifestyle changes. These changes include getting your weight down to the ideal level, as well as avoiding alcohol, caffeine and irritating food. Doing these things can often reduce reflux to the point that many individuals feel comfortable without taking medication.

"Family Medicine" is a weekly column. To submit questions, write to John C. Wolf, D.O., Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Grosvenor Hall, Athens, Ohio 45701. Past columns are available online at www.fradio.org/fm.

Literary magazine accepts submissions

Appalachian Legacy, a literary magazine, published yearly by Appalachians of America Association (AAA), has set November 1, as its deadline for submissions.

Dr. Parks Lanier Jr., an English professor at Radford University, will continue as poetry editor, and Dr. Jack Justin Turner, who recently retired as a professor at Middle Tennessee State University, is still serving as non-fiction editor. Stephen T. Allen of Danville, a retired social service worker who holds his M.A. degree in English literature from the University of Kentucky, will continue as fiction editor.

M. Ray Allen, founding editor of Appalachian Legacy, said, "This year's edition will feature STARS (Special Theatrical Artists Revue and Showcase) on the cover, and a section of the magazine will be devoted to featuring this troupe of performers that the Virginia Commission for the Arts saw fit to support via a \$5,000 grant that AAA must raise \$2,500 to match."

The magazine pays its writers who are featured in the publication. Poets receive \$10 per poem, and short story writers receive \$25 per short story. Also, writers who submit articles or historical essays are paid \$25 per article or essay.

The publication date has been set for the spring of 2001. Mille Wilson, a vocalist with STARS and the chairperson for Task Force

2000 to Restore the Historic Stonewall Theatre, is serving as design editor.

Submissions should include the writer's name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address in the upper right hand corner of the title sheet. Also, the word count for the short story, essay, or article should be written at the upper left hand corner of the title page. Poets need not include a word count.

Submissions should be mailed to Appalachian Legacy, P.O. Box 613, 510 Main Street, Clifton Forge, VA 24422 and postmarked not later than November 1.

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from home.

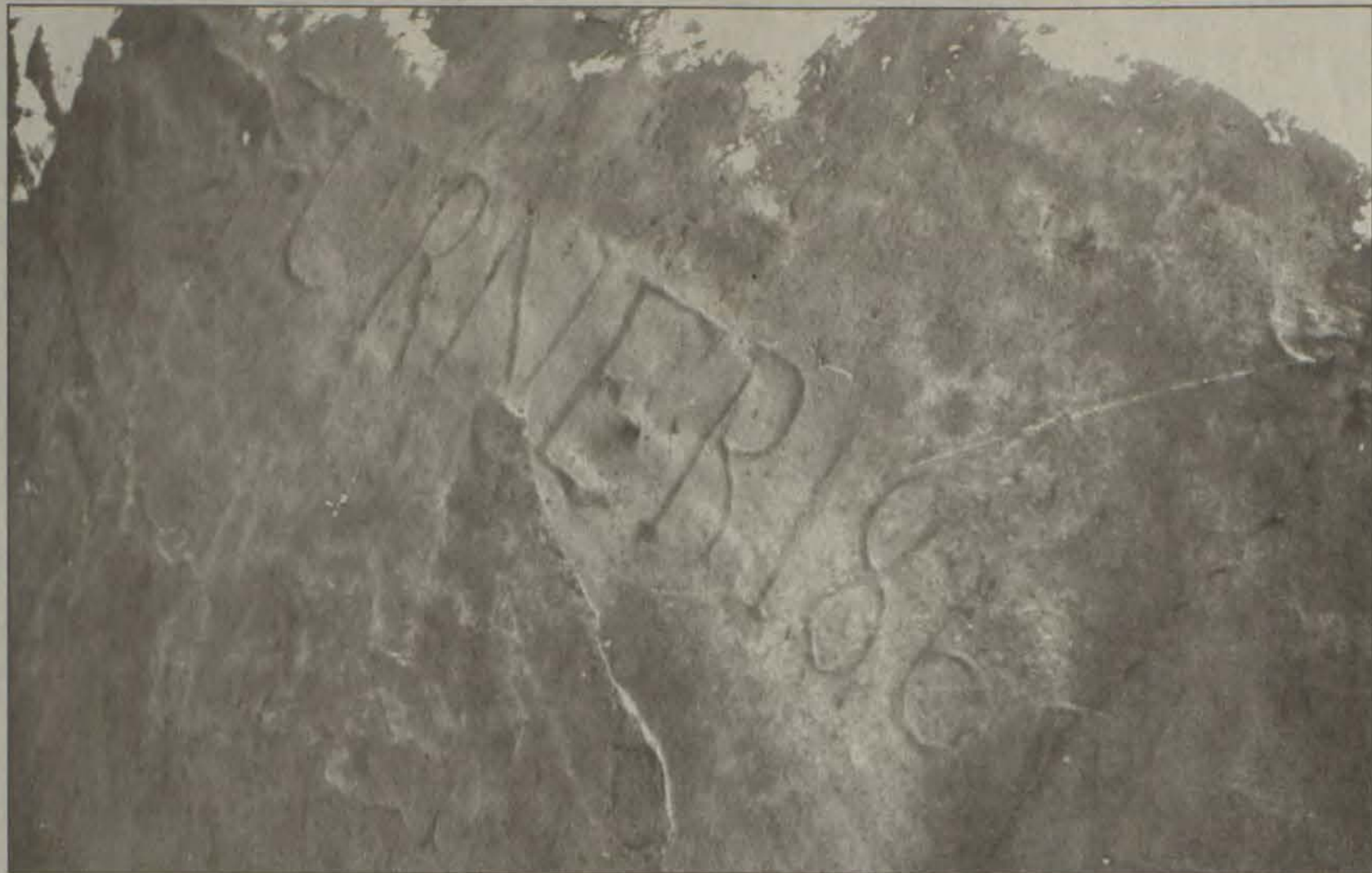
Leedy, a carpenter, moved his furniture about, most of it to the center room of the house. He tore up floors, relaid them a room at a time. When it came to expanding the house by erecting new walls, he shifted furniture again, tore down and replaced the wall to make a wider room or another room.

One day last week he shifted the furniture again—to its permanent position in the house, for the newly modernized home was finished.

Which proves that if you have a hammer and a yen to remodel, you can do it without even moving out of the house.

Hidden

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Colin Turner, believed to have hidden out after deserting the Confederate army, whiled away his time by carving his name and the year in the rock at the Jenny Wiley cave.

drop-off, and on a lower level of the rock hill is a "double decker cave," as Blair calls it, where the Indian warriors camped.

Two waterfalls, one in a multi-level, swirling cut, are at the bottom of the gorge.

What makes the stunning site all the more remarkable is that it is

surrounded by houses with swing sets in the yards and barking dogs in fenced in lots. Yet, within the tree-covered gorge, you feel isolated and cut off from civilization.

The property, while it looks like a park, is not. It is private property, owned by the Rice and O'Brien families. "When I cleaned it up, I

had people in both families thank me," Blair says, adding that the owners do not mind visitors to the area — they just request that visitors do no damage and that they clean up their own mess.

Blair would like to see the site as part of a "package" tour, focusing on Jenny Wiley and the area's

history and tying together other sites in Floyd and Johnson counties.

Blair will talk about the Jenny Wiley Cave and present part of his Matthias Harman characterization during tomorrow night's meeting of the Floyd County Historical Society.

Reunions

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

• Clark Elementary School graduating class of 1988 reunion, October 27. Call 606/886-7955.

• Prestonsburg High School Class of 1965, October 27 & 28, Holiday Inn, \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Rose Price, 235 Woodland Hill, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; 606/886-6486.

• Tussey third annual reunion, descendants of Jonathan and Anna Buchner Tussey, Saturday, November 4, Pines Building, Jenny Wiley State Resort Park, beginning at 11 a.m., with dinner at noon. Bring covered dish, old photos and documents (copier provided).

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

BIRTHDAYS



Soon to be 8
Austin C. Woods will celebrate his eighth birthday on October 23, 2000. He is the son of Steve and Margie Woods of Hueysville and of Dana and Jon Owens of Lancer. His grandparents are Agnes and Clarence Woods of Hippo and Linda and Terry Layne of Somerset, and his great-grandparents are Cleo Woods of Hindman, Louise and Alvin Webb of Wayland, and the late Gorman and Edna Cooley.



Has 3rd birthday
Logan Owens celebrated his third birthday on October 12 at his home at Langley. He is the son of Amy Anderson of Langley and Lance Owens of Water Gap. His grandparents are Freddie and JoAnn Samons of Martin, Ralph Anderson of Michigan, and Johnny and Bonnie Owens of Water Gap. He is the great-grandson of Floyd and Irene Hughes of Martin, Ralph and Thelma Anderson of Michigan, Marcella and Bud Coleman of Water Gap, Vada and Ernest Owens of Lancer and the late Joe Slusher.

Take 'time out' to change youth sports

by FREDERICK M. BARON and PENNY GOLD

ATLA Consumer News

You may have heard or read about the sad and distressing case in Massachusetts involving two fathers whose rage erupted after their sons' youth hockey practice. One man was beaten unconscious and died. The other man was indicted on manslaughter charges.

For many across the country, this case was a wake-up call. It sounded the alarm to acknowledge and take action against an unfortunate trend that's been growing in youth sports—the occurrence of sports rage.

Examples of sports rage from the past year include a Maryland father who kicked a baseball coach; parents who fought one another after a boys soccer tournament in Massachusetts; and a North Carolina mother who attacked a soccer referee.

According to Fred Engh, president of the National Alliance for Youth Sports (NAYS) and author of "Why Johnny Hates Sports," parents behave inappropriately and violently at their children's sporting events, because "no one ever told them they couldn't."

"No parent stands up at a spelling bee and yells, 'That's an easy word—you can't miss it!' Or at a piano recital screams, 'I know you know that note, don't let me down. You're not going to miss this one,'" says Engh.

"Standards must be raised," Engh says. He believes that in order to raise the bar for behavior, youth sports leagues need administrators who will tell people what is and what is not acceptable behavior.

Engh, who founded NAYS in 1981 as an organization to train volunteer coaches, has

expanded the training program to encompass the needs of parents and youth sports administrators who lease park and recreation facilities. According to NAYS, about 90 percent of all volunteer administrators, however, have not received even one minute of training on how to manage, youth sports programs.

Parents who are worried about youth sports violence should go to their local sports league and ask what standards, if any, the league has in place.

"Ask what kind of training the local volunteers have had," says Engh. "Is there a youth sports supervisor who is going to provide training, accountability, and enforcement? That's what you need."

To those who question the notion of a sports supervisor, Engh asks, "If it's important to have a superintendent of schools, why isn't it important to have a supervisor of life-learning?"

Youth sports, Engh believes, is all about life-learning—teamwork, sportsmanship, following rules, discipline, training, and how to win and lose with grace.

Easier said than done? Not so, according to NAYS, which this October launches a national campaign called "Time Out" to promote its training and awareness program for

sports administrators, volunteer coaches, and parents.

The NAYS strategy requires that people who request or apply for field space from the local parks and recreation department go through a training program that promotes sportsmanship and accountability. Coaches go through a certification process and their names are placed in a national data bank. Parents who want their children to play in local sports leagues must attend an orientation session—which includes watching a video about behavior and parental responsibilities—and sign a parents' code of ethics. If the parent does not attend the program and sign the code, the child cannot participate.

According to NAYS the programs for coaches, administrators, and parents are already being used successfully in more than 2,500 cities nationwide. The "Time Out" initiative will encourage other cities to get on board and do the same.

For more information about ending sports rage and keeping youth sports fun, safe, and stress-free, contact the National Alliance for Youth Sports at (800) 688-KIDS, or <http://www.nays.org>.

For more health and safety information and tips, visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" Web site at <http://familysafety.atla.org>.

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Detecting a major cause of heart disease

(NAPSA)-What causes a heart attack? In most cases, the answer is a substance called soft plaque. Soft plaque builds up on the walls of arteries, reducing the amount of blood that can flow through them. The blood, moving through the arteries, can cause the soft plaque to break off and form a blockage, resulting in heart attack.

Fortunately, doctors now have an accurate and just as important for patients-non-invasive method of visualizing the buildup of soft plaque in the arteries, and assessing that patient's risk for future cardiac events such as a heart attack. Before these advances, patients would undergo cardiac catheterization.

The technology, called Multi-Slice Computerized Tomography (CT), lets doctors obtain clear, 3D images by keeping up with the heartbeat. These images may provide detail on even the smallest, most complex cardiac anatomy. Developed by Siemens Medical Systems Inc., the technology works with a new software package called HeartView.

The HeartView package is useful for testing two types of patients: Early detection. Aids in

the identification of people at risk of heart attack by detecting soft plaque buildup.

Other risk factors include a family history of heart disease, high blood pressure or a sedentary lifestyle.

Previous CT technology was only able to identify hard plaque—which in most cases is calcified soft plaque. Hard plaque is thought to be a more stable form of disease than soft plaque. Earlier diagnosis can help prevent, or reduce the severity of, cardiac incidents.

Post evaluation. Many patients are understandably hesitant about follow-up visits because the standard method of evaluation involved invasive catheters. MultiSlice CT and HeartView have potential as an alternative—a non-invasive examination which is relatively quick and inexpensive to provide post-operative information.

With this package, physicians can glimpse what is going on in the heart region—providing additional information on the condition of the heart.

To learn more about HeartView, visit Siemens' website at www.med.siemens.com or call 732-321-3277.



Wins crown

Brooklyn Oneal Addington was crowned Supreme High Point Queen at the Angel Girl Productions Mid-Summer King and Queen Pageant, August 12, at Mayo Auditorium in Paintsville. The supreme winner is awarded to the one contestant with the highest total score of the day in all events. She also won for '70s wear, best dressed and most original and was the photogenic winner. She is the 16-month-old daughter of Remus and Tammy Addington of Garrett. Her grandparents are Dennis and Anna Huff of Drift and Kathy Addington of Hueysville, and the late Wana Addington.

Boxelder bugs a pest for many

by RAY TACKETT COOPERATIVE EXTENSION NEWS

Are you finding little black bugs with red lines, about 1/2 inch long, inside your house or outside on the foundations or sunny walls? Is this your first contact with these insects or is there an invasion nearly every spring and again in fall?

If so, chances are you have a female boxelder tree in your yard or nearby.

Boxelder bugs, as they are called, feed on the seeds and foliage of female trees, and to a lesser extent, on ash and maple. In fall, the bugs move to protected sites where they can overwinter, such as inside or under your house. Boxelder bugs you find in spring are those which survived the winter, perhaps in your house, and will soon die of "old age." In fall, you can probably expect another invasion of the next generation of boxelder bugs.

The good news is that they cause little or no damage to the trees, so tree protection is not needed. You already know the bad news, that the bugs are a nuisance. However, they will not reproduce in the house, nor will they feed on plants or furnishings indoors. They will soon die of old age.

Inside the house, you can vacuum them up periodically, and those that escape will soon die off.

Reduce the numbers that will enter your house in fall by caulking cracks, mending screens, and attaching "sweep strips" to the bottom of doors. These efforts will keep other insects out, as well.

Outside, you can vacuum them with a shop vacuum for a non-toxic method of control. You can also spray them with insecticidal soap that contains pyrethrin. Insecticidal soap is simply a highly refined soap, and is a good least-toxic option. Malathion or longer-residual insecticides applied to foundations and around doors and windows can also be used to manage the outdoor congregations. In fall, you can probably expect another invasion, and can use the same management methods.

If you have a severe problem with boxelder bugs every year, and feel you just don't want to tolerate them, you may want to consider removal of the female box elder trees. Male trees do not attract these bugs, and when boxelder trees are planted, males should be selected.

You can distinguish between male and female trees in spring and fall: In spring, both have blos-

soms, but blossoms of male trees are corymbs (upright, small, with a branching effect similar to that of an umbrella); blossoms of female trees are racemes (long and slender, hanging down). In fall, only the female trees produce seeds, the type called samara or keys, similar in appearance to the paired "whirlybird" seeds of maple. The clusters of seeds on female trees remain attached in winter.

Birthdays?

Put your little one in the news. Let the Times help you celebrate your child or grandchild's birthday. We'll print the youngster's picture and birthday information — free. Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue, Prestonsburg; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email fctimes@eastky.net.

Middle school math program offers college scholarships

This fall, Kentucky students in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades will have the opportunity to participate in MATHCOUNTS, a nationwide math coaching and competition sponsored by the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers.

Additional support comes from companies, institutions, individuals, and organizations, including the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville, both of which donate four-year, full-tuition scholarships to MATHCOUNTS each year.

Organized in the manner of a school sports event, "mathletes" train individually and in teams throughout the school year, often under the tutelage of their own math teacher. The curriculum includes, but is not limited to, estimation and approximation, statistics, probability, equations and inequalities, geometry, algebra, consumer math, logic, measurements, and number theory.

Students are asked to solve questions, sometimes in a matter of seconds, such as, "In computer jargon, 1 nibble = 1/2 byte, 1024 bytes = 1 kilobyte, and 1024 kilobytes = 1 megabyte. Expressed as a power of 2, how many nibbles are in 1 megabyte?" (Answer = 221.)

Students have the opportunity to compete in three arduous phases of competition (chapter, state, and national competitions) that require a profound competency for advanced mathematics, as well as the ability to provide leadership and teamwork skills. Among other things, students compete for college scholarships, trophies, and travel opportunities.

Historically, Kentucky students have been tops in the third and final phase of competition—the National MATHCOUNTS Competition. Just last year, for instance, the Kentucky team placed ninth in the nation with 57 teams competing. With 228 of the nation's brightest mathletes vying for scholarships and other awards at the national competition, Kentucky students placed in ninth place and in 12th place in the overall 2000 National MATHCOUNTS Competition in May.

Building the math skills of our students is a national priority. MATHCOUNTS is critical, because it targets middle school students, who are at a critical age in sustaining and developing their math interest and ability. In Kentucky, more than 6,000 students—possibly as many as 9,000 students—participated in the program last year, either through official competitions or through classroom activities that utilized the study guides provided free by MATHCOUNTS.

There were 131 Kentucky schools (524 official competitors) that registered for MATHCOUNTS last year. That number could double this year as a result of a national program expansion that increases the number of eligible students from four per school to eight per school. Nationally, more than 500,000 students participated in MATHCOUNTS last year. More than five million students have been involved since the program began in 1983.

Each year, members of the Kentucky Society of Professional Engineers provide the organizational and administrative support for the Kentucky MATHCOUNTS program. Estimates are that more than 500 professional engineers from 13 Kentucky chapters (regions) provide time, resources, and money to grow the program. Nationwide, there are about 17,000 volunteers.

Financial support for the Kentucky program is also provided by KFC Corporation, Ashland Foundation Inc., ALCOA Foundation, Kentucky Consulting Engineers Council, and the Kentucky Association of Transportation Engineers, to name a few.

MATHCOUNTS' founding sponsors are CNA, the National Society of Professional Engineers, and the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. National sponsors are The Dow Chemical Company Foundation, General Motors Foundation, Phillips Petroleum Company, Texas Instruments Incorporated, 3M Foundation, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

For details about Kentucky's MATHCOUNTS program and registration information, contact: Connie Davis, State Coordinator, 160 Democrat Dr., Frankfort, KY 40601. Phone: 800-455-5573 or 502/695-5680; email: connie@KyEngCenter.org. View the MATHCOUNTS web sites at: www.KyEngCenter.org or http://mathcounts.org.

The registration deadline for MATHCOUNTS is November 1. Registrations will not be accepted after December 15.

Live animal show at PCC

The Prestonsburg Community College Community Biology Club will host its annual live animal show on Friday evening, October 20, at 6 p.m. in Pike Auditorium. Admission is free, although donations to defray expenses will be appreciated.

This year, the visiting creatures are all nocturnal. That is, they are active by night. A naturalist from the Natural History Educational Company, out of Cadiz, will bring the animals and explain how they conduct their lives while most of us are fast asleep.

He will also talk about how animals like these should be protected and preserved, and in what ways they are important to our environment.

"This is a very popular activity," says Dr. John Shiber, coordinator of the Community Biology Club. "We usually have a full-to-overflowing house. Kids just love these shows, and they learn a lot."

For information, contact Shiber at 606/886-3863, ext. 302. Light refreshments will be served following the hour program.

Starlab program for teachers

The Highlands Museum & Discovery announces registration for a free professional development workshop for teachers at the museum, October 21, from 9-11:30 p.m.

The Snyder's of Berlin STARLAB is a portable planetarium system with cylinders for study in astronomy, weather patterns, Greek, and Native American constellation. STARLAB is available for rental on a weekly basis.

To rent the system, schools and organizations must have a certified adult who has attended training at the Highlands. The session will be led by Dr. Patsy Gilmore, principal at Hatcher Elementary in Ashland.

There is no charge but seating is limited. Call 606/329-8888 to make a reservation, or for more information.

Local student wins scholarship

A Langley man has been awarded a scholarship by the Kentucky Crushed Stone Association.

Joseph Ryan Owens of Langley is the winner of a \$1,500 scholarship, awarded by the association for the 2000-01 school year. His was part of a \$17,500 allocation to students across the state.

Owens is a biology and sociology major at the University of Kentucky, with a goal of becoming a pediatrician. He has been nominated for the highly competitive endoscopy program at the UK Medical Center.

The scholarships are offered to students who have a family member employed by a member company of KCSA or related association. Owens' father, Joseph Owens, works at Whyne Supply.

Youth News

Johnson Central, Johns Creek win first meets

Johnson Central-Black and Johns Creek-Varsity were the overall winners at the first Eastern Kentucky Academic Conference meets held on September 23 and 30.

In the high school division, Johnson Central-Black accumulated 37 points to capture first place. Pikeville-Maroon finished a close second with 36.33 points, Betsy Layne was third with 36 points, and Pike Central placed fourth with 35.17 points.

In the middle school division, Johns Creek-Varsity totaled 50 points for first place. Paintsville-Blue finished second with 44 points, Johnson County 8 was third with 40 points, and Pikeville-Maroon placed fourth with 32.5 points.

In the high school division, the following students finished first through fourth in these written assessment categories:

Mathematics: 1. Josh Allen of Betsy Layne; 2. Justin Shofner of Pikeville-Maroon; 3. Tie between James Mullins of Pike Central and Swathi Rao of Johnson Central-Black.

Science: 1. Josh Daniel of Johnson Central-Gold; 2. David Campbell of Johnson Central-Black; 3. James Stambaugh of Johnson Central-Black; 4. Tie among Pavan Bhattraju of Pikeville-Maroon and Bobbi Jo Mullins and

Shawn Reynolds, both of Pike Central.

Social Studies: 1. Pradeep Mettu of Pikeville-Maroon; 2. Eddie Gilliam of Pike Central; 3. Tie among Richie Duncan of Belfry, Justin Howard of Pike Central, and Brandon Newsome of Betsy Layne.

Language Arts: 1. Billy Newsome of Betsy Layne; 2. Laura Wells of Johnson Central-Black; 3. Chris Wells of Johnson Central-Gold; 4. Tie between Rao and Julie Shubinski of Paintsville.

General Knowledge: 1. John Layne of Piarist; 2. Tie among Duncan, Gilliam, and Scott Martin of Belfry.

In quick recall competition, three teams finished with perfect records: Pikeville-Maroon finished with a 5-0 record, while Betsy Layne and Johnson Central-Black had 4-0 records. Johnson Central-Gold and Pike Central both finished with 4-1 records. Individual honors went to the following: 1. Duncan; 2. Billy Newsome; 3. Mettu; 4. Tie between Shubinski and David Simpson of Johnson Central-Black.

In the middle school division, the following students finished first through fourth in these written assessment categories:

Mathematics: 1. Chase Childers of Pikeville-Maroon; 2. Tie between Amanda

Creech of Paintsville-Blue and Nathan Mills of Johns Creek-Varsity; 4. Faraz Ahmed of Pikeville-Maroon.

Science: 1. Kelly Crislip of Johnson County 8; 2. Tie among Brandon Coleman and Cameron Harding, both of Johns Creek-Varsity, and John Compton of Paintsville-Blue.

Social Studies: 1. Jonathan Scott of Paintsville-Blue; 2. Tie between Jordan Atkinson of Johns Creek-Varsity and Jeffrey Collett of Paintsville-Blue; 4. Dustin Woods of Paintsville-Blue.

Language Arts: 1. Renee Thompson of Johns Creek-Varsity; 2. Tie between Jon Hale and Carrie Wells, both of Johnson County 8; 4. Kelli Vanhoose of Johnson County 8.

General Knowledge: 1. Thompson; 2. Harding; 3. Woods; 4. Tie between Kris Olson of Pikeville-Maroon and Emily Sloan of Johnson County 7.

Four teams finished with perfect 5-0 records in quick recall competition: Johns Creek-Varsity, Johnson County 7, Johnson County 8, and Paintsville-Blue.

The next high school regular season meet is scheduled for October 21, and the next middle school regular season meet will be held on November 7, both at Paintsville.



Help in preparing for college

Free packets of higher education planning materials and student financial aid information have been mailed to the homes of more than 209,500 Kentucky students in grades 9-12 to help them prepare for college or technical training.

More than 53,800 brochures were mailed to public and private school counselors for distribution to eighth graders.

"Success Through Educational Planning (STEP)" publications are also available on KHEAA's Web site www.kheaa.com and are specifically designed for each grade level. Each contains information and activities to help students prepare for college or technical school, including student financial aid programs and facts about Kentucky Educational Excellence Scholarship (KEES)—the program that rewards students for the good grades they earn in high school and maintain in college.

These publications are provided by the Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA), the state agency that administers several student aid programs—grants, scholarships, work-study, savings, and Federal Family Education Loans—to help families meet higher education expenses.

In survey after survey, high school counselors consistently rate KHEAA publications excellent sources of information about higher education opportunities and student financial aid.

For more information or to request a free copy, write to Success Through Educational Planning, Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority, 1050 US 127 S, Frankfort, KY 40601-4323; call (800) 928-8926, extension 7377; visit www.kheaa.com; fax 502/696-7373; or e-mail gblair@kheaa.com.

Stumbo speaks at SFHS

On Friday, September 15, as part of America's State Legislators Back to School Day, South Floyd High School hosted Greg Stumbo, State Representative. This program was designed to inform students that their ideas count.

In his presentation, he stressed to students that they should realize the importance of voting and how the U.S. Constitution is there to protect everyone's rights, and to notice how much smarter parents become after students finish college. Rep. Stumbo spoke to 120 juniors from all the U.S. history classes at South Floyd High School. He spoke of his support of the Bottle Bill in the Kentucky General Assembly, and other subjects related to young people today.

—submitted by Amy Morgan, Becky Isaac & Tabitha Berger

Mountain Christian Academy's seventh annual Grandparents and Friend Day was Tuesday, October 3, with a record number in attendance. This year's highlights included a photo session with guests, classroom observation and participation, and a performance by the students. A Troll Book Fair was also available for guests and students to visit. The day was topped off with lunch prepared by the MCA kitchen staff.

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Please send resumé to:
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 Appalachian Regional Healthcare is a not-for-profit system of hospitals, clinics and home health agencies, serving the beautiful Appalachian Mountain areas of Kentucky and West Virginia. Resumes are being accepted for the position of Director of Nursing at McDowell Appalachian Regional Hospital, a 60-bed acute care facility, located in McDowell, KY. As Director of Nursing, you will be responsible for the overall administration of the department in order to meet the objectives of the hospital, through planning, organizing, executing and evaluating the nursing care provided for patients. You will participate as a member of the key management hospital team. Requirements for the Director of Nursing position include graduation from an accredited school of nursing and current non-limited KY RN licensure. A Bachelor's degree is preferred along with a minimum of five (5) years experience in nursing supervision and/or administration, with formal training and/or experience in effective management techniques. Demonstrated leadership skills and ability to motivate and work cooperatively with individuals and groups are necessary attributes for this position. Please send resume with cover letter to: Marilyn Hamblin, Personnel Placement Associate, ARH System Center, P.O. Box 8086, Lexington, KY 40533; Fax: 859-226-2586; e-mail: mhamblin@arh.org
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UNDERGROUND AND PREPARATION PLANT POSITIONS

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Kentucky May Mining Company and Kentucky May Coal Company (wholly owned subsidiaries of Electric Fuels Corporation) are seeking qualified applicants with proven, acceptable team-oriented work performance records and experience to staff several positions at its two company deep mines and preparation plant. One deep mine is located near Carr Fork Lake and the other mine and preparation plant are located at Arnold Fork in Knott County near Kite. Underground positions are for experienced equipment operators for Joy continuous miners, Joy shuttle cars and Fletcher double-head roof bolters only. Plant positions are for welder/pipe fitter, electrician and plant operator. MET, foreman certification and/or electrician certifications are a plus. Both of these companies have the potential to offer long-term job security.

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Applications will be taken at the Mountain Outreach Center, Jenkins, Kentucky. The center is located on New US 23 near Raven Rock Golf Course. Take the Childs Branch Industrial Park turn. Bear left down the hill to the Mountain Outreach Center.
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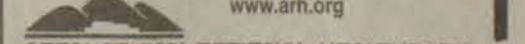
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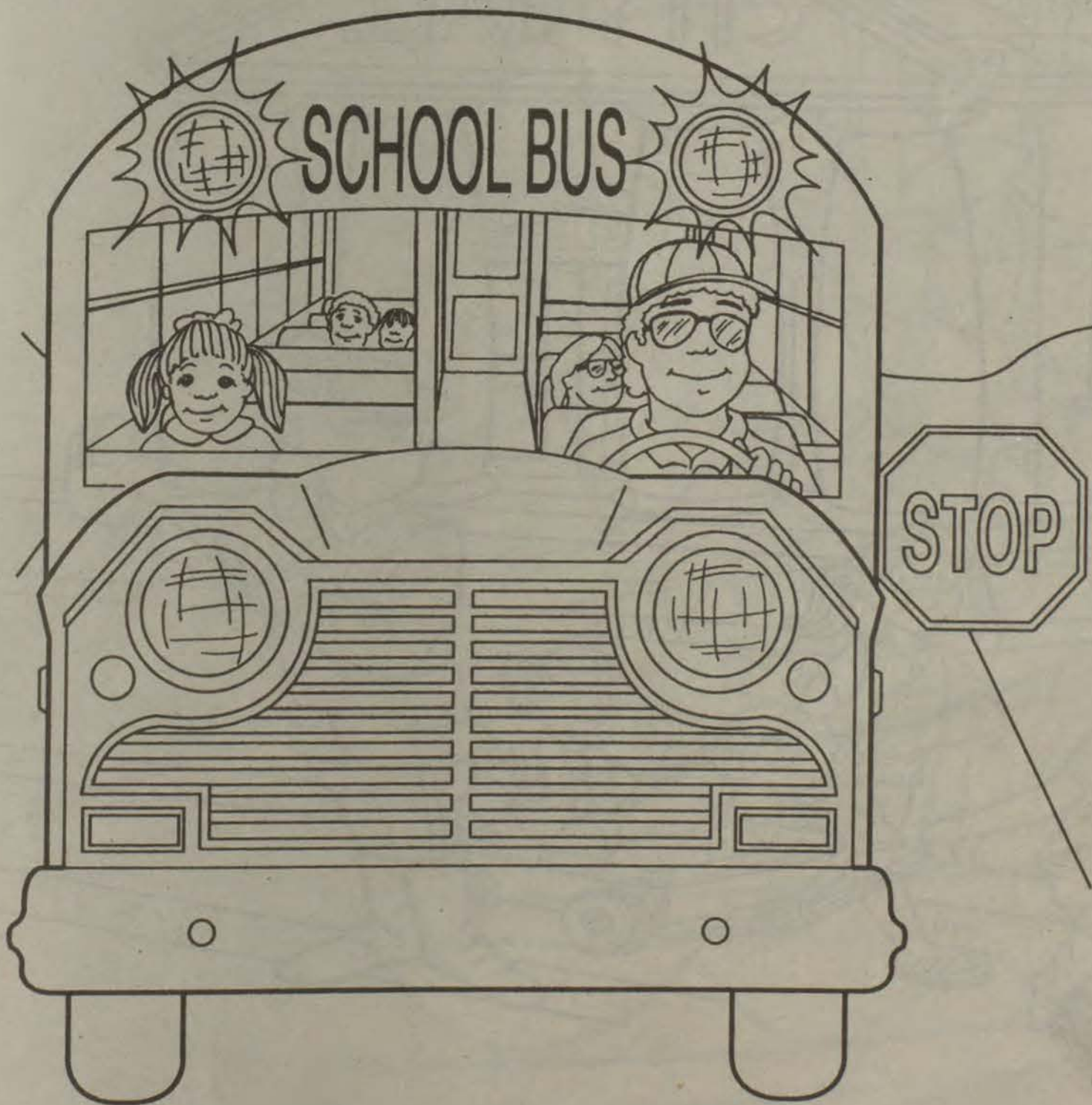
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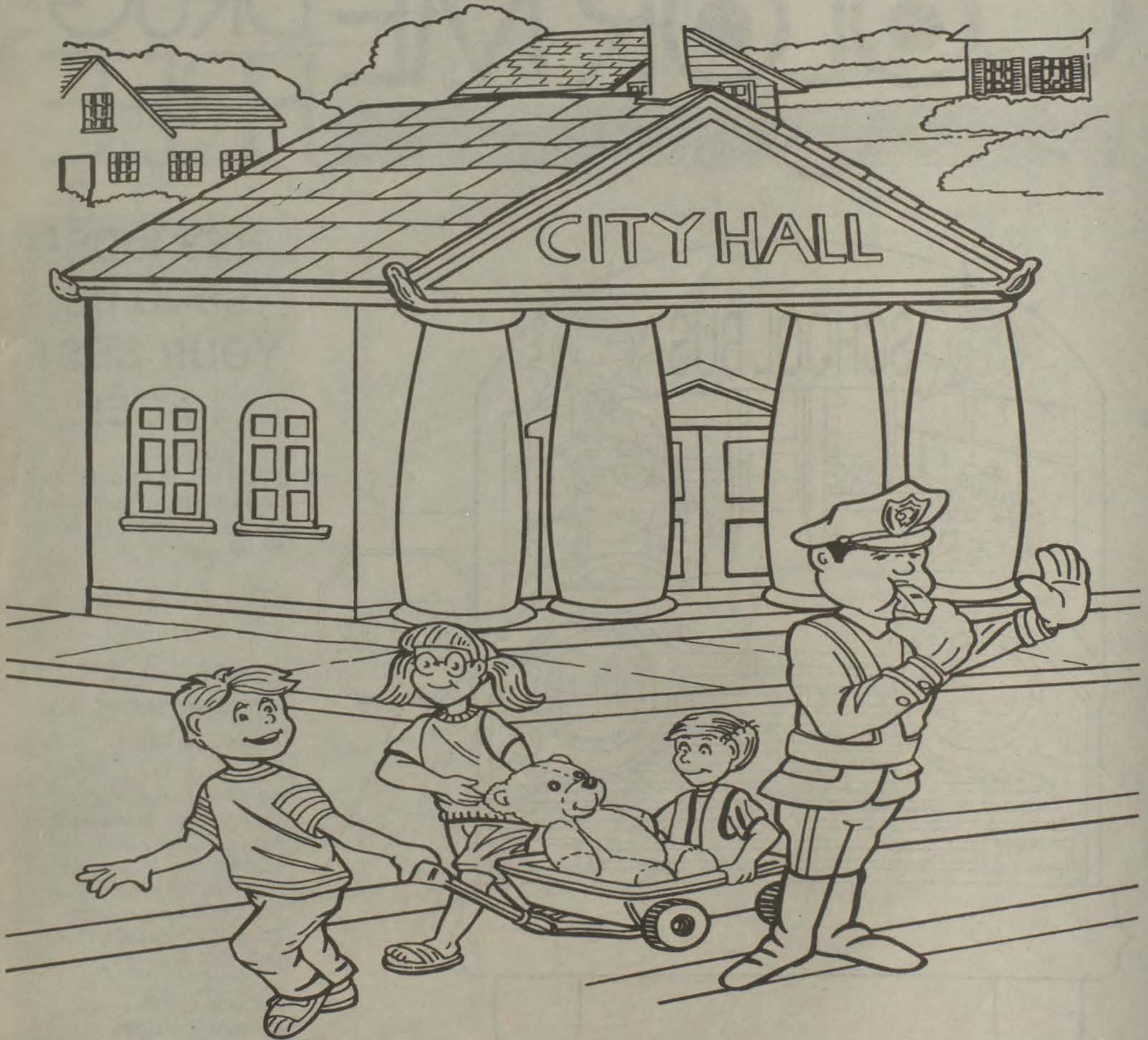
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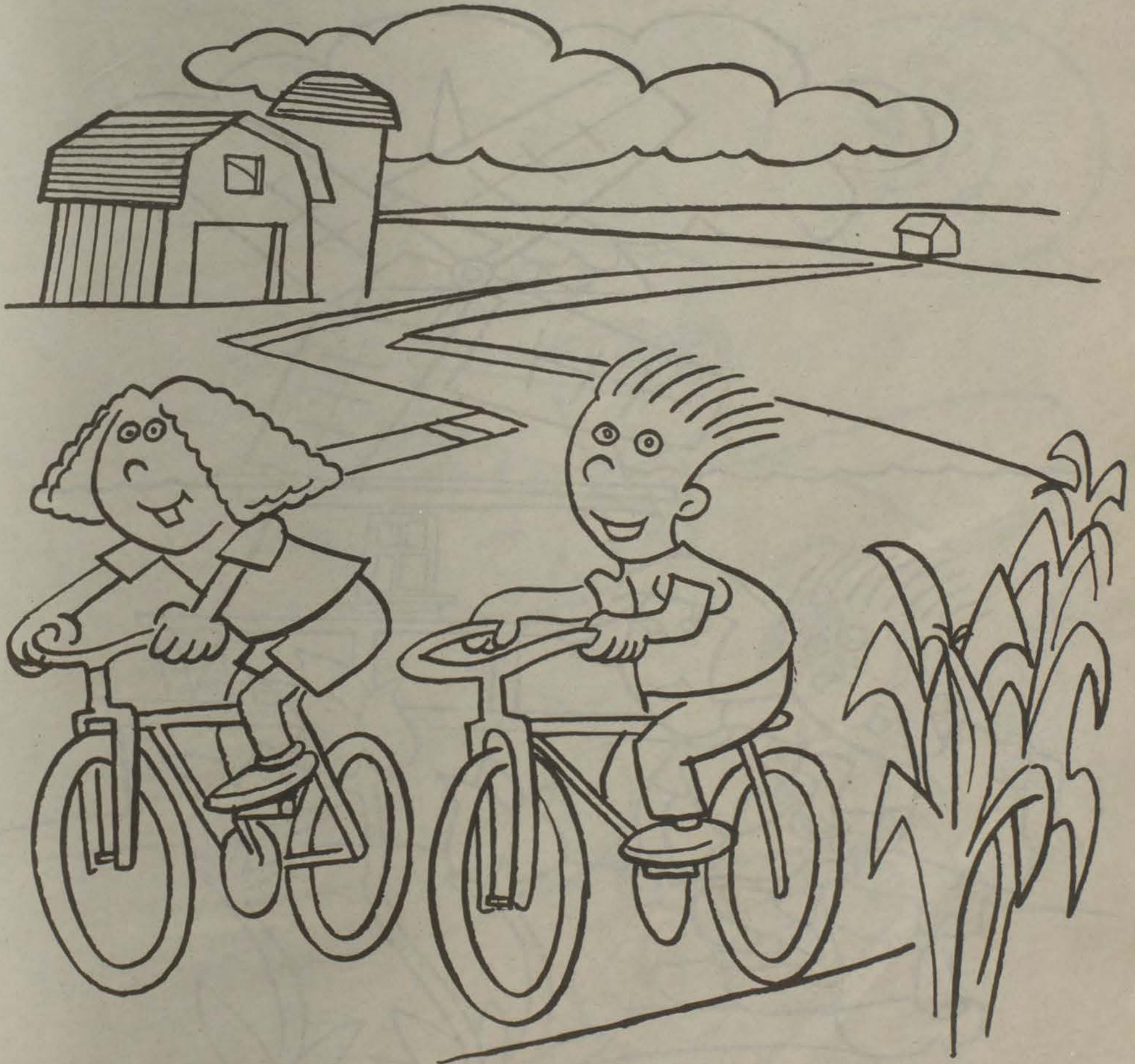


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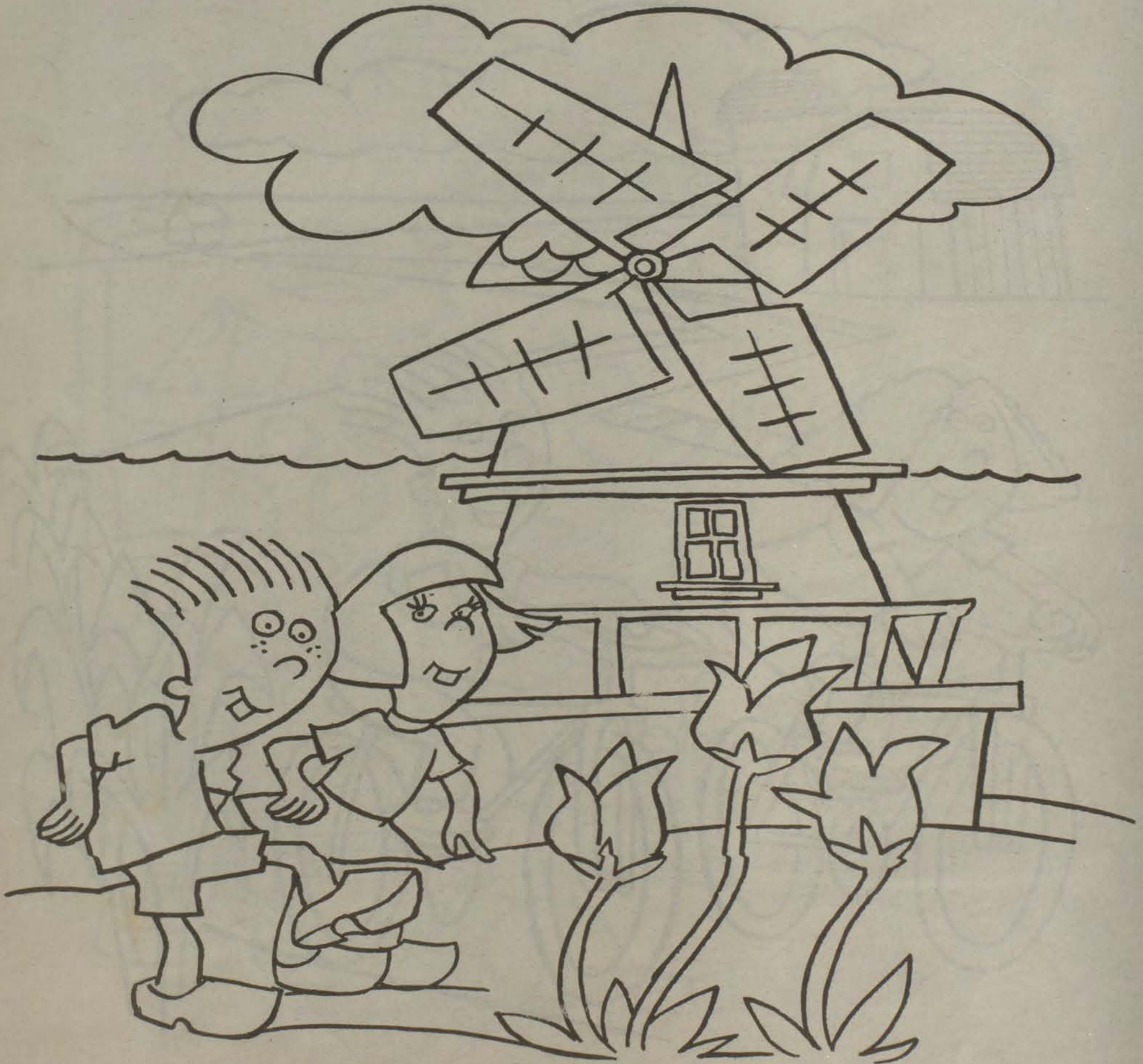
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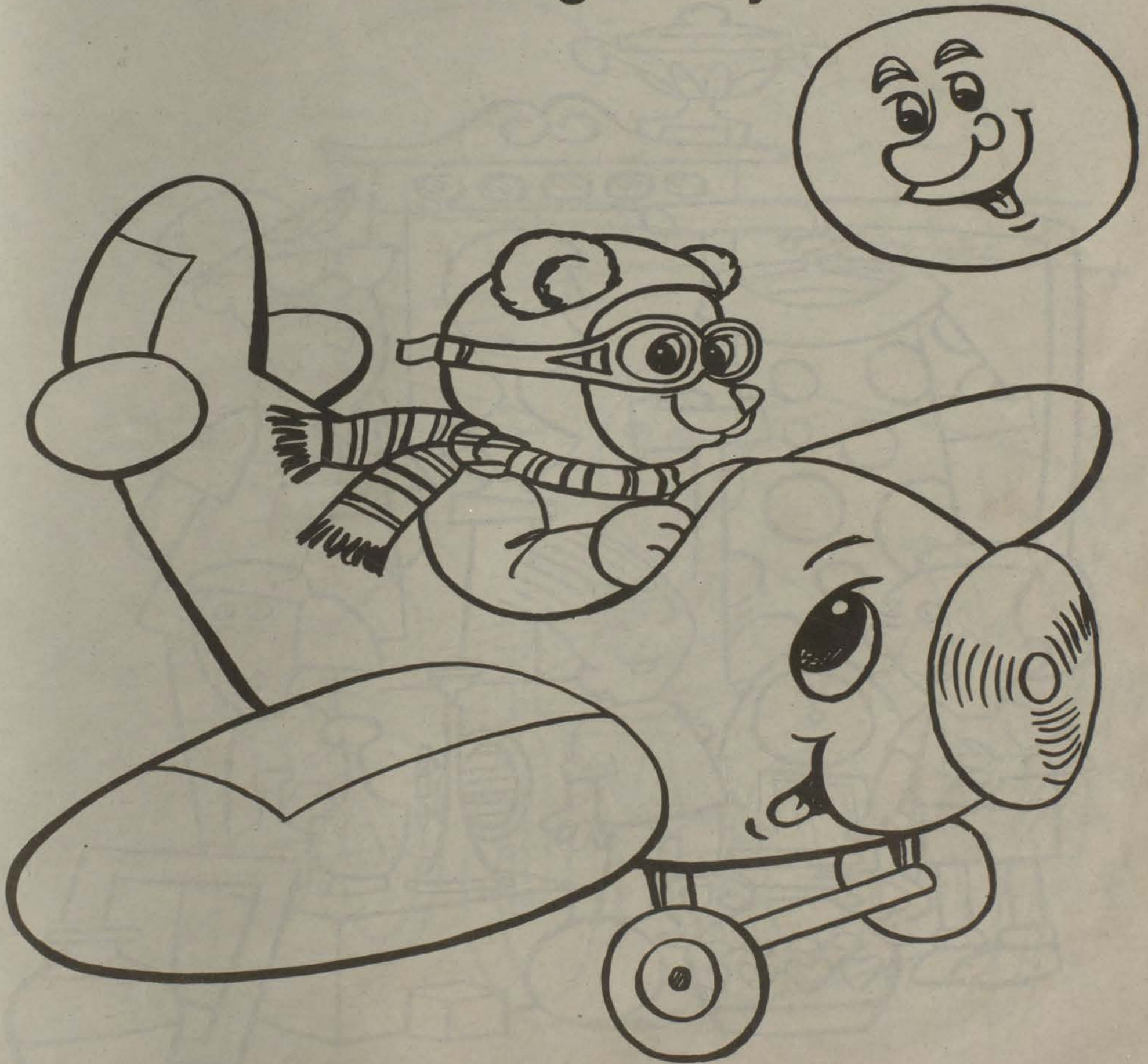
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