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**Briefs**

## Martin native arrested for going AWOL

A man wanted for desertion by the U.S. Armed Forces was apprehended in Prestonsburg recently.

Edmond Jasper Slone, 21, of Powell, Tennessee, was reported as away without leave (AWOL) by his commanding officer, Major Read G. Harris on March 14.

Slone had been stationed at Fort Knox. He is ranked as a private, second class, in the United States Army.

The armed forces report issued in conjunction with Slone's disappearance, listed Slone as an "escape risk." He had previously been reported as AWOL on March 6.

Slone was arrested by William Petry, of the Prestonsburg Police Department, on October 24 at 2:28 p.m. Slone was discovered at the Department for Social Services office on Rt. 321.

Slone is a native of Martin. He was taken to the Floyd County Detention Center where he was to be held without bond pending notice from the U.S. Army.

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# Bush — new president?

## Voters scrap commission government



FLOYD COUNTY'S COMMISSIONERS won their effort to return the fiscal court to a magisterial form.

Presidential Race		
Floyd County	Gore, 65.53%	Bush, 32.92%
Kentucky	Bush, 56.38%	Gore, 41.34%
Nation	Bush, 48.4%	Gore, 48%

County Question	
Magistrates, 57.38%	Commissioners, 42.62%



George W. Bush

ALSO: Robinson wins Martin mayoral race; only four incumbents returned to Prestonsburg city council.

## Race may come down to recount

### Rogers wins re-election to House seat easily

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

In the closest race in 40 years by popular vote and in 112 years by the electoral vote, Republican Texas Gov. George W. Bush appears to have beat Democratic Vice President Al Gore to become the nation's 43rd president.

But the victory, if it holds, has not come easily to Bush, son of former president George Bush, as the race remained up in the air because of a potential recount.

The state of Florida, where Bush and Gore

(See BUSH, page three)

## Voters choose magistrates in reversal of '96

by RALPH B. DAVIS  
MANAGING EDITOR

Four years after Floyd Countians voted to experiment with a commissioner form of government for the county's fiscal court, the commissioner system is dead.

The results of Tuesday's election on the county government question were an almost complete reversal of the vote in 1996. Consider:

■ In 1996, 6,962 voters elected to go with the commissioner system. Four years later,

(See QUESTIONS, page six)

## 3 schools spotlighted

by PAM SHINGLER  
SENIOR EDITOR

Personnel from three elementary schools made presentations to two members of the Floyd County Board of Education Monday evening.

The board scheduled the special-called meeting to hear reports from site-based decision-making councils at Prestonsburg, Clark and Osborne elementary schools.

With only two board members — chairman Terry Dotson and vice

(See BOARD, page three)



The Auxier Historical Society building saw a good bit of traffic yesterday as voters filed in to cast their ballots. Despite intermittent drizzle and having to step over pools of water, they came to vote.

## Mullins upset in BOE contest

Two incumbent Floyd County Board of Education members will retain their seats, but one has been replaced, as a result of yesterday's election.

Jody Mullins, who represents District 5, was defeated by Glenna H. Slone, who came out ahead in the three-way race. Slone bested

(See UPSET, page three)

## Municipal races: Upsets and questions

by PAM SHINGLER  
SENIOR EDITOR

All of Floyd County's five incorporated municipalities were affected by yesterday's election, with some long-time office holders ousted and one slate still undecided.

In a Prestonsburg City Council race that was the most heated in recent years, two veteran councilmen — Trent

Nairn and Gorman Collins Jr. — were defeated, and four new members will sit behind the desk in the new year.

Thomas Hereford, who retired last year as regional head of the Kentucky Department for Employment Services, won his first bid for elective office, drawing the highest number of votes cast

(See CITIES, page five)



Left to right, Greg Horn, union president of PACE 5-512, Merlin SESCO, and Jim Goble review press releases and answer phone calls Tuesday afternoon at the union hall located in Allen.

## Union rejects gas company's latest offer

by KATHY J. PRATER  
STAFF WRITER

Negotiations to end the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Company strike failed this week, as company representatives and members of the negotiating committee of Local 5-512 of the Paper, Allied Industrial and Chemical Employees Union could not come to agreement.

The two factions met for five full days of talks that began on October 30 and lasted until 5:30 p.m. on November 3. According to

Merlin SESCO, a 27-year veteran employee of Kentucky West, the negotiations were broken off by the company representatives.

"We were willing to continue talks" for as long as it might take to reach an agreement, said SESCO.

Kathleen Helm, a Kentucky West representative from Pittsburgh, attorney Tom Giotto, also from Pittsburgh, and Lloyd Justice, a former president of union local 5-512, were in attendance to negoti-

(See UNION, page five)

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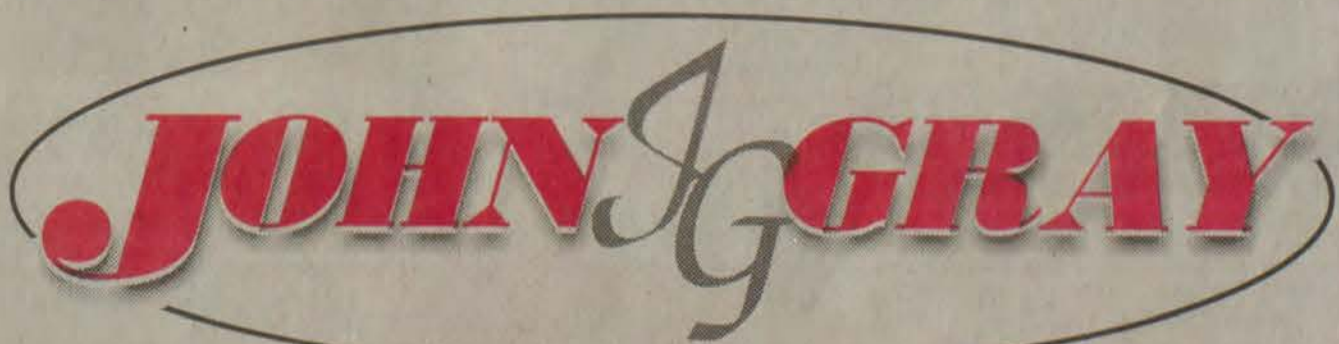
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chair Johnnie Ross — in attendance, the meeting lacked a quorum, but Dotson said the reports could go ahead as scheduled. He said videotapes of the meeting would be furnished to board members Jody Mullins, Carol Stumbo and Jeff Stumbo, who were absent.

The presentations are part of an ongoing effort to allow school representatives to provide an overview of the school, to inform the board of the council's plan to improve student performance, and to let the board know what the school needs.

At a special-called board meeting on October 30, presentations were made by Duff and McDowell elementary schools.

Principal Gwen Harmon of Prestonsburg Elementary pointed out that the school, which was built in the 1930s, is the oldest in the system and in serious need of repairs and renovations. Poor drainage has led to damaging water problems at the school, Harmon

**Bush**

struggled neck and neck all night, will ultimately decide the race. Because of a razor-thin margin, the Florida tally will likely be recounted.

In the popular vote, Bush led Gore by 44,380,312 votes to 43,885,119 — a margin of less than one-half of 1 percent — with 88 percent of ballots counted.

The race in the Electoral College was even tighter. With Wisconsin and Oregon still too close to call at press time, if his Florida victory continues to hold, Bush has received 271 votes — just one more than needed for victory — to Gore's 249.

Some Democrats quickly pointed the finger at Green Party candidate Ralph Nader in searching for blame in their potential loss. Nader's nearly 90,000 votes in Florida would have likely gone to Gore, giving him a certain win instead.

Nationwide, Nader received 2,319,397 votes for 2.5 percent of the total. Reform Party candidate trailed far behind with 404,541

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said. Ross and Dotson said they will check with the city about what might be done to divert the water.

Harmon also cited the lack of parking spaces as a deterrent to more parent involvement, but the board members said there is nothing they can do now to relieve the problem.

Wayne Combs, principal at Clark, was asked how he explains his students' performance on standardized tests. The school had the best scores in the county in every category of the recently revealed CATS testing.

"I can't put my finger on one specific thing," Combs said.

Ross, whose district encompasses Clark, said he has observed that the school has "wonderful parents." He added that success occurs "when a team of administrators, parents and teachers comes together."

Osborne students showed the most dramatic improvement in test scores, registering double digit jumps in four of

six categories. Principal Paul Tackett said he talked with students, faculty and parents about the need for improvement. He said he told them he knew they could do better.

The most important thing, he said, is to "listen to your teachers. They will guide you."

Asked what the board could do to help them, all of the principals agreed that more money would help. Increased funding would allow them to keep the student-faculty ratio low, to upgrade technology, and to improve facilities.

**Upset**

Mullins 1,068 votes to 872. Teresa Hall garnered 526 votes to come in third.

Jeff Stumbo, who was recently appointed to the District 3 seat, won over Jimmy Osborne for the elected

position. Stumbo tallied 1,773 votes to Osborne's 748.

Carol Stumbo ran unopposed for the District 4 board position. Still, 1,676 votes were cast on her behalf.

Board chairman Terry Dotson, District 2, and vice chairman Johnnie Ross, District 1, were not up for election this year.

better-than-expected 12 percent, while Libertarian Joe Novak only managed to bring in one-half of 1 percent.

In the first district, incumbent Republican Ed Whitfield defeated Democratic challenger Brian Roy, who many Democrats considered the state's best chance to increase their party's ranks in Washington, by 57.9 percent to 42.1.

In the second district, Republican incumbent Ron Lewis easily outpaced Brian Pedigo, 67.7 to 31.4.

In the third district, another candidate who had inspired Democrats was also defeated, as Republican incumbent Anne Northup defeated Democrat Eleanor Jordan 52.7 to 44.3. Libertarian Donna Walker Mancini also posted 2.9 percent in that race.

As before, Kentucky's only Democratic representative in Congress will be from the state's fourth district, as first-term incumbent Democrat Ken Lucas held on to his seat by defeating Republican Don Bell 54.3 to 43.5. Green Party candidate Ken Sain tallied 1.6 percent of the vote in that race, while Libertarian Alan Handleman walked away with 0.6 percent.

votes, while Libertarian candidate Harry Browne, Natural Law Party candidate John Hagelin and Constitution Party candidate Howard Phillips totaled even fewer votes collectively.

In both Floyd County and the state of Kentucky, the results were nowhere near as close, although each had different results.

Locally, voters expressed a preference for Gore by a 2-1 margin, casting 10,088 ballots for the vice president and 5,058 for Bush.

Among the other candidates on the ballot, Nader was the clear third choice, racking up 129 votes. Buchanan finished a distant fourth with 37 votes, followed closely by Hagelin and Browne with 29 each and Phillips with 14.

But while Gore won handily in Floyd County, such success was scarcely found throughout the rest of the state.

Bush handily won Kentucky's popular vote, as well as its eight electoral votes by outdistancing Gore by a 56 to 41 percent margin. With 99.1 percent of the votes counted statewide, Bush defeated Gore in Kentucky 874,769 to 641,420.

Running third in Kentucky, as in Floyd County and nationwide, was Ralph Nader, who accumulated 25,564 votes for 1.6 percent of the total. The remaining four candidates tallied less than one percent collectively, with Buchanan receiving 4,381, Browne getting 3,047, Hagelin tallying 1,558 and Phillips not even breaking 1,000 votes with 931.

The only other federal race on the ballot in Floyd County was nowhere near as close as Republican U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers easily walked away from his opponent with 73.5 percent of the vote across the fifth congressional district.

Rogers defeated Floyd County resident and children's hospital crusader Sidney Jane Bailey 145,727 to 52,471.

Bailey posted a more respectable showing in Floyd County and actually won a few precincts. Bailey won 41 percent of the vote in Floyd County by receiving 5,875 votes to Rogers' 8,476.

Across the state, Republicans continued their hold on the state's congressional seats as all incumbents retained their seats.

About the only surprise in state congressional races came in the sixth district, where first-term incumbent Republican Rep. Ernie Fletcher defeated the former occupant of his office, Democrat Scotty Baesler, by a wider than expected margin, 52.8 percent to 34.8. Reform Party candidate Gatewood Galbraith posted a

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# Viewpoint

QUOTE OF THE DAY...

Parting is all we know of heaven, And all we need of hell.

—Emily Dickinson

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## Editorial

### Wrongful or unfair executions are an outrage

Twice last week the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals threw out death sentences against Kentucky inmates.

And no matter what your attitude toward the death penalty, you have to be terribly troubled, outraged even, that as things now stand, the mentally handicapped and folks who have been inadequately represented are being condemned to die. And some have been executed.

Across the country, the reversing of sentences leaves little doubt our system is fundamentally flawed.

Last Monday a panel of the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals threw out David Gall's conviction and recommended that he be placed in a mental facility indefinitely.

Kentucky's longest-serving death row inmate, Mr. Gall drew his sentence for murdering a 12-year-old girl in 1978. But the appeals court found that the prosecution never even bothered to rebut defense testimony that Mr. Gall was insane.

Then on Tuesday, appeals court judges sent David Leroy Skaggs' case back for re-sentencing, saying he probably received incompetent legal counsel. Mr. Skaggs was convicted and put on death row for the murder of a Baren County couple in 1981. But the court noted that his lawyers called a supposed expert (whose claim to being a licensed clinical psychologist later proved untrue) who provided incoherent (or more specifically, "bizarre and eccentric") testimony, not once but twice during the two phases of Mr. Skaggs' trial.

Moreover, the court found that Mr. Skaggs' attorneys essentially did nothing to show that their client, who has an I.Q. of 64, may have an organic brain disorder and diminished mental capacity.

A 1990 Kentucky law, which prohibits the death sentence for people with I.Q.s lower than 70, unfortunately was not made retroactive.

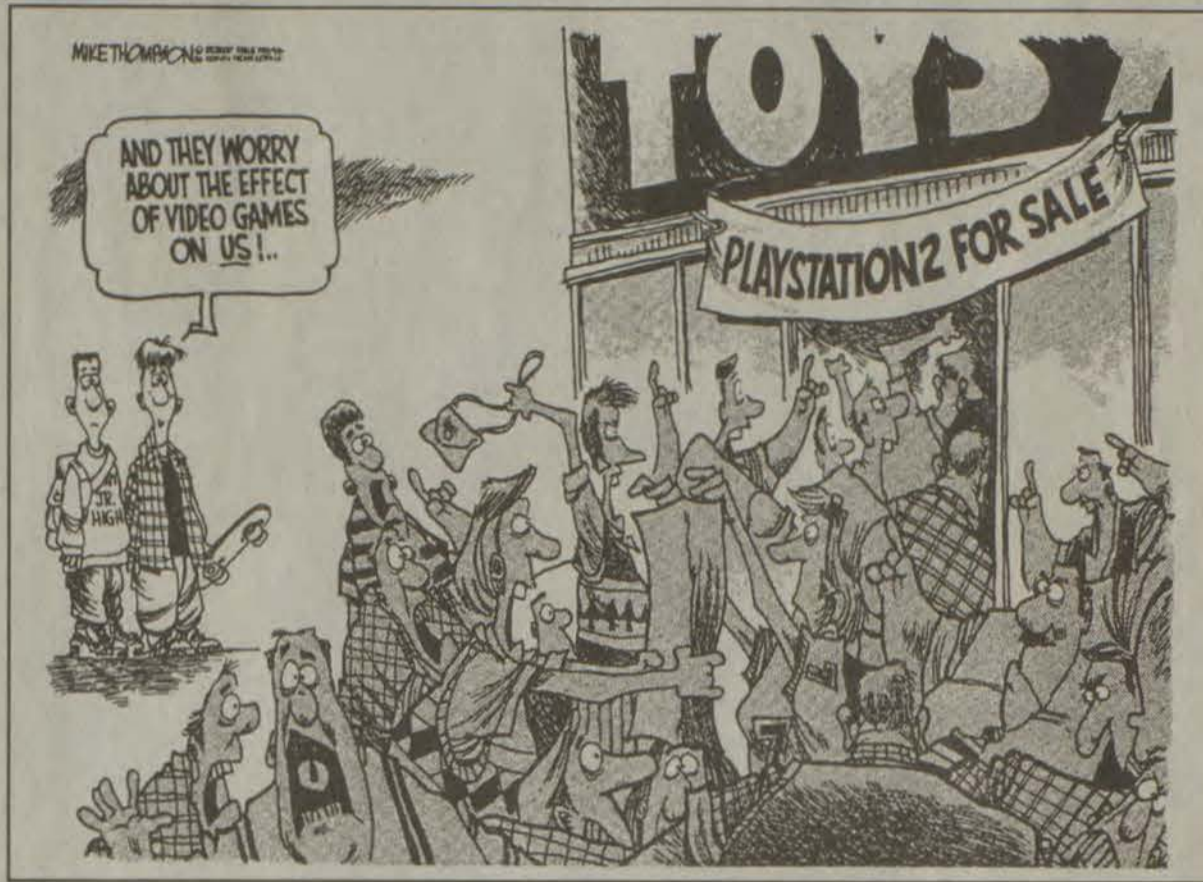
Meanwhile in North Carolina last week, a lawyer who represented a man sentenced to death could be disbarred in connection with the case.

He only recently has admitted deciding that he didn't like his client and deliberately allowed a critical filing date to pass.

"I decided that Mr. Tucker deserved to die, and I would not do anything to prevent his execution," the attorney said.

Surely the taste for blood and the desire for revenge haven't made a majority of us content with such perverse logic. It's not OK for the system to work most of the time. Putting someone to death wrongfully or unfairly is an outrage, even if it only happens once in a while.

—Louisville Courier-Journal



## Letters to the Editor

### Widow responds to Jones, Ratliff campaign tactics

Editor:  
Concerning a television broadcast on WYMT-TV, Hazard, November 6, concerning the Ray S. Jones II vs. Chris Ratliff campaign for state senate:

Gentlemen, please, it is in ill taste to use a dead man in your campaign battle.

Although Ray S. Jones II is completely innocent in the accidental death of Linzey R. Young on May 15, 1998, I believe it is in very bad taste to air his picture

without warning nor concern to his wife and 7-year-old daughter.

Gentlemen, I am in complete shock and my daughter, who is still suffering the loss of her father, is wanting to know why her daddy is on TV. Leave my husband at peace.

Rita Young  
Widow to Linzey R. Young  
July 29, 1971, to May 15, 1998

### A point of clarification and a word of thanks and appreciation

Editor:  
This letter is a response to a part of Dr. Robert Perry's recent article in the Letters to the Editor section of The Floyd County Times, in which he referred to me as his "former drinking buddy," without mentioning my name. For the sake of clarity, Dr. Perry did edit my article, but, my buddy and I do not share the same educational philosophy.

First, I would like to thank Dr. Perry again for editing my "Educational Philosophy" essay. I am sure he knew well, when he was writing his article, that this was only one of many things required in order to be considered for promotion to the rank of full professor. Other things were proof of excellence in teaching through student evaluation; proof of professional development by active participation in workshops, conferences and publishing of papers in math journals; proof of participation in community services; and proof of leadership by being an active member of local and system-wide committees.

I, through my own hard work, did all of these with no assistance from Dr. Perry, so he can't claim any

credit for any of these. I feel bad that "my buddy" did not get his promotion, which was probably due to a lack of proof in one or more of the above categories. I also expressed by disappointment with a letter of support to the president of the college on Dr. Perry's behalf whenever he received a low performance rating.

I should note that my degree is in mathematics, (Ph.D from University of Oregon). English is my second language and I confess that sometimes I need help with my grammar in general and my writing, I ask for help from my colleagues and friends. I would like to use this opportunity to also thank my mentor and colleague John D. Sammons and our division secretary, my chief editor, for editing many of my articles during 11 years of work here at PCC. I thought about asking my buddy to help edit this but on second thought, maybe not. It is not worth another bottle of wine.

Dr. Reza Akhlaghi  
Professor of Mathematics  
Prestonsburg Community College

### Rogers right about one world government

Editor:  
I was very pleased to see the letter from Mildred B. Rogers, Nazareth, concerning one world government. She is 100 percent right. Under the authority of the United Nations, the USA as well as all other countries of the world are losing their freedoms as independent nations. And, I might add, with the blessing of our present administration in Washington, D.C. Our major national parks are controlled by the U.N. under the guise of protecting the environment.

If the U.N. has its way, and they seem to have little opposition, the U.N. will indeed restructure the mission and powers of the U.N. When they are finished, all the countries of the world will be controlled by those in the U.N. All Americans should be very suspicious and concerned when we hear about Earth Charter, Earth Summits, etc. You've heard the phrase, "How do you eat an elephant?" Answer: One bite at a time. That is the way our sovereign freedoms are being done away with and absorbed by the U.N.

U.N. spokesmen say it will make all people equal. The problem is, and always has been, in communism and socialism, some are far more equal than others and they have the power to

destroy!  
Please, citizens of the United States, write your U.S. senators and congressmen and tell them you oppose one world government. Find out what they believe before you vote for them. You may be surprised at how many senators, congressmen and present administration support the one world government.

A brief note regarding the letter from Charles Scoville of Ivel. I agree with all he said. The ACLU and also People for the American Way are helping in any way they can to take away our freedoms. The most serious is freedom to worship. People for the American Way would like nothing better than to destroy all forms of worship, especially Christian worship. We still have far more freedoms of worship than many other countries, but as we turn away from Him, He will not be pleased with us.

It is very worrisome that most Americans have little or no interest in the running of our country. They think things will stay as they always have been. We are in danger of losing our freedoms our forefathers fought so hard to give us.

Lois Bond  
Hueysville

## Letters to the Editor

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## Family matters — a lot

There's a lot of talk about families this election year, with the hot-button phrase "family values" still parsing more political than personal. There's a lot of talk about children, too — their right to health insurance, a good education, a safe place to live.

But do children have a right to a family? An intact family with a mother and a father, living together in the same house?

It's a concept that sounds old-fashioned in our empathetic era in which nearly 50 percent of all marriages end in divorce, with more than 1 million children affected by a new divorce each year.

Maybe another old-fashioned notion, staying together for the kids, is something worth reviving, given the thesis of a disturbing new book, "The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce."

Written by psychologist Judith S. Wallerstein and her associates, it is the third in a controversial series following the same group of children for 25 years, into adulthood. Its frightening thesis is that the American culture of divorce has negatively affected the psychological profile of an entire generation.

Kids don't get over divorce, in this view. The impact of their parents' broken marriage reverberates way past childhood, forming adults with an inappropriate fear of marriage and commitment.

It is as adults, Wallerstein argues, that the children of divorce suffer the most — with the potential of their own children suffering as well.

As one commentator noted, this is the first generation of children now old enough to tell their side of the divorce story. It may not be one their parents hoped to hear.

Few people want to return to the finger-pointing days that existed before no-fault divorce. Children whose parents have a troubled marriage can testify to the misery found in their superficially intact homes.

But maybe we can do a better job as a nation getting young people prepared for marriage so that divorce will not be such a necessary option.

Schools can help, although the track record so far is poor. The Institute of American Values reported last month that only three of 10 courses on marriage offered in junior or senior high school did an adequate job. And only 2,000 schools nationally offer marriage preparation courses at all.

This is not an easy topic to talk about, particularly if one has either experienced divorce or knows someone who has.

But isn't that precisely the point?

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Union

ate for Kentucky West.

Greg Horn, union president, Brian Wells, vice president, Ralph Hood, secretary-treasurer, Larry Childers, David Hall and Merlin SESCO were in attendance to negotiate on the behalf

of union members.

Negotiations basically fell apart, according to Horn, because the company was unable to guarantee job security for union members. Horn and SESCO say they both feel that Kentucky West has offered a contract that looks good in theory, but that ultimately would prove to be harmful to the young worker.

"We are not a radical union," said SESCO, "but we do intend to protect the young man. Our brothers are not for sale ... we will not sell our brother out and we will not send anyone home."

Both Horn and SESCO say that early retirement incentives and downsizing could prove to be the demise of the young worker. They agreed that allowing layoffs was not a concession that they, in good conscience, could make.

Out of 150 union employees, Horn says that he has only 12 that are truly eligible for retirement.

Horn and SESCO both say that according to information gleaned from internet websites, Kentucky West's parent company, Equitable Resources, has shown a strong finan-

cial profit that has steadily increased over the past three years. They question the need for layoffs and they also question how the company could continue to operate smoothly in an 11-county area with decreased manpower. They feel that the strategy behind the new contract stems from "corporate greed" and that a "lay-off to hire-back" policy would result from an acceptance of the current contract offer. This would, in turn, result in lower wages to employees.

Although the union is willing to continue talks and negotiations, "blackmail bargaining" will not produce needed resolutions, said SESCO.

According to Kentucky West spokesperson Richard W. Taylor, the company made several noteworthy concessions to the union's demands in its final offer.

Retirement packages were offered to all employees that would provide, among other things, \$8,500 for each year of service to any employee who voluntarily leaves the company. The employees who would accept this package would also receive continuation of their health care benefits for an

extended period of time based on their age and years of service.

The company has also guaranteed employment for up to 90 of its current 148 employees for the duration of the five-year proposed contract term. The company had previously said it intended to layoff 110 of the union workers.

In addition, the company also offered a bonus and annual wage increases of 2 to 3 percent for the duration of the contract for all remaining employees.

"Every day, the deregulating energy marketplace is becoming a tougher and tougher place in which to do business," said Taylor. "The marketplace demands that we become more competitive, and we have tried to be fair to our employees as we respond to this challenge."

Taylor went on to say that he hoped that the union membership would vote to accept the company's offer.

The final contract offer made by Kentucky West was held to a vote by union members on Monday, November 6, and was rejected, reported Horn.

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Cities

in the county seat election, 905.

Coming in second, with 859 votes, was another newcomer, Harry A. Adams, followed by still another newcomer, Jimmy J. Derossert, with 788 votes.

Long-time incumbent Bill Ray Collins garnered 684 votes to retain his seat. Rounding out the eight-member council will be Hansel Cooley, 672 votes; Estill Lee Carter, 664 votes; newcomer Roy L. Compton, 630; and Danny Hamilton, 606 votes. Cooley, Carter and Hamilton are incumbents.

The remaining field and votes cast include Nairn, 525; Gorman Collins, 494, and Richard Price, 456.

City of Martin

Incumbent Thomasine Robinson was elected mayor of Martin. She captured 244 votes against Eugene Rodney Hutchinson, who took 119 votes.

Dr. Mahendra Varia was the leading vote-getter among contenders for the six seats on the Martin City Council. He won 235 votes, followed closely by Eugene Hamilton Ratliff, who also won

one of the six seats, with 220 votes.

Others winners in the Martin race were Bruce D. Salisbury, 198 votes; Joe E. Howard Jr., 191; Charles Edward Justice, 180; and Michael Robinson, 171.

Rounding out the field of candidates were Samuel Howell, 163; Hazel Robinson, 140; and April Maddox Gayheart, 131.

City of Wheelwright

Andy Wayne Akers attracted the most votes in winning a seat on the Wheelwright City Commission. He tallied 204 votes.

Also elected to the four-member commission were Bruce Johnson, 164 votes; Don "Booty" Hall, 149, and Ruby J. Johnson, 115.

Other contenders were Gloria K. Harlow, 114 votes; James Little, 109; Joe T. Yates, 106, and Jerry Tackett, 93.

City of Allen

There were only four candidates for the four seats on the Allen City Commission, so all four were winners.

The candidates and their votes were Phyllis Bentley Hall, 39; Cindy Bentley Parsons, 39;

Raymond Parsons, 25, and Deanna Slone, 21.

City of Wayland

The composition of the Wayland City Commission remains up in the air. No one filed for the four seats, so the winners were to be decided by write-in votes.

Three persons received undisputed write-in votes — Tommy Robinson, Curtis Tufts and Betty Mulkey. Only a partial name was entered for a fourth person, however.

The Board of Elections is expected to meet today to determine if the partial name can be identified and counted.

Soil and Water

James J. Carter II handily won re-election to the Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisors board, with 3,835 votes.

The other three candidates elected to the four-member board are A.J. "Jack" Crider, 3,786 votes; Ruby Akers, 3,445; and Jimmy R. Reynolds, 3,211.

Randolph Crisp garnered 3,161 votes.

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### Vocational Rehabilitation public hearings scheduled

FRANKFORT — The Kentucky Department of Vocational Rehabilitation has scheduled public hearings for comments on the services it provides to people with disabilities. The public hearing schedule follows.

- Lexington: 6:30 p.m., November 13; Marriott Resort, Newtown Pike
- Louisville: 6:30 p.m., November 28; Charles McDowell Center, 8412 Westport Rd., 2nd floor auditorium
- Ashland: 6:30 p.m., November 29; Ashland Technical College, 4818 Roberts Dr.
- Owensboro: 6:30 p.m., November 30; 311 W. Second St., 2nd floor conference room
- Florence: 6:30 p.m., December 7; 8020 Veterans Memorial Dr., main conference room

The comments will be included in the department's plan for vocational rehabilitation services that is submitted to the federal government and will be effective July 1, 2001.

Kentuckians who want to obtain a copy of the current state plan can contact Mindy Yates at the Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, 209 St. Clair St., Frankfort, Kentucky 40601 or call (800) 372-7172 (Voice/TTY).

The plan describes the types of services offered by the department. Those who require special accommodations or materials in alternative formats should contact Yates prior to the public hearing. People who wish to comment but cannot attend the hearing can submit comments to Yates at the same address or by calling the toll-free number.

The Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, an agency in the Cabinet for Workforce Development, provides vocational counseling, career planning, assistive technology, job preparation and job placement services to assist Kentuckians with disabilities in finding work.

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opted for a return to the magistrate system.

■ Four years ago, 4,467 voters expressed a preference for the magisterial form of government. This, 4,592 wanted to stay with the commissioner system.

■ And like the 1996 vote, roughly the same percentage of voters — 50 percent — participated in Tuesday's election. Tuesday's vote on Floyd County's form of government was also a reversal in one other key aspect. Unlike in 1996, when the election was considered a referendum on voters' attitudes toward county government, this year's race showed a distinct lack of enthusiasm on either side, with pro-magistrate forces saying very little publicly about the issue and commissioner supporters largely staying out of the fight altogether.

With the vote, Floyd County will once again be forced to redraw its political boundaries to carve another district for a fourth magistrate. Then, in 2002, candidates for the fiscal court will run for the office of magistrate, rather than for commissioner.

Floyd Countians were also asked two other questions on Tuesday's ballot, concerned with amending the state's constitution.

One question asked voters whether or not to allow the legislature to meet every year, rather than every other year as is current practice. The other amendment sought to abolish the state's antiquated Railroad Commission, which detractors have said outlived its usefulness decades ago.

On both counts, Floyd County voters chose to amend the constitution by a narrow margin. Local voters opted for annual sessions by a 5,314-to-4,464 margin and for doing away with the Railroad Commission by 6,183 to 4,592.

However, only one of the amendments was approved statewide — the Railroad Commission. Across the state, with 93 percent of the vote counted, voters elected to do away with the commission by the narrowest of margins — 488,996 to 487,993.

The annual sessions amendment, however, fell to defeat. Voters rejected yearly legislative sessions by a 487,040 to 421,078 vote margin.

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# Kentucky adult smoking rate drops

The percentage of adults who smoke in Kentucky has dropped by 1.1 percent, meaning the state is no longer the national leader in smoking, according to a report issued recently.

Kentucky's smoking prevalence dropped from 30.8 percent in 1998 to 29.7 percent from in 1999, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report issued recently. Nevada's 31.5 percent rate for 1999 made it the leading smoking state, while Kentucky was second.

"This is great news for our smoking prevention and cessation efforts in Kentucky," said Cabinet for

Health Services Secretary Jimmy Helton. "But we obviously still have a lot of people who smoke, and we will continue to work to reduce the percentage even more."

The 29.7 percent figure is the lowest for Kentucky since 1995. Health officials say there are a variety of reasons for the reduced percentage of smokers in the state, since there are many local, state and national efforts aimed at reducing smoking.

The CDC has been funding tobacco use prevention and cessation efforts in 11 local health districts in Kentucky in recent years. This year, Gov. Paul Patton and the General

Assembly set aside \$5.5 million for these efforts. Those funds are being distributed to all 55 local health districts for tobacco use prevention and cessation efforts that are already underway and to also work with community partners on activities to be carried out next year.

In both the CDC and state efforts, local health departments are asked to pursue these goals: prevent youth initiation; promote quitting among adults and youth; eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke and; eliminate disparities among populations disproportionately affected by tobacco use.

Kentucky has ranked No. 1 in adult smoking in the country for the last several years according to CDC. Here are the smoking percentages for Kentucky adults for recent years.

1996—31.6 percent  
1997—30.8 percent  
1998—30.8 percent  
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## Regional Obituaries

### Johnson County

James David "Jim" Cox, 49, of Campbellsville, died Tuesday, October 31, at his residence. Graveside services were conducted Friday, November 3, at Cox Cemetery, Paintsville, under the direction of Lyon-DeWitt Funeral Home.

### Knott County

Versie Bailey, 88, of Mallie, died Saturday, October 28, at the Hazard Appalachian Regional Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted Thursday, November 2, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

Rena Vae Logan, 64, of Redfox, died Wednesday, November 1, at her home. She is survived by her husband, Francis M. Logan. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 4, under the direction of Hindman Funeral Services.

### Pike County

Viola Lewis, 72, of Virgie, died Saturday, November 4, at her residence. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 7, under the direction of R.S. Jones and Son Funeral Home.

John Morgan Mullins, 95, of Green Cove Springs, Florida, formerly of Beehide, died Wednesday, November 1, at Orange Park Medical Center in Orange Park, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Sybil Edwards Farmer Mullins. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 6, under the direction of Lucas & Hall Funeral Home.

David Jordan Lee Silcox, three-week-old son of Teddy and Crystle Short Silcox of Elkhorn City, died Thursday, November 2, at Kosair Children's Hospital in Louisville. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 5, under the direction of Bailey Funeral Home.

Hazel Potter Thacker, 78, of Hatfield, died Monday, October 30, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 4, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Sylvester B. Schreifels, 69, of Garden Village, died Friday, November 3, at Parkview Manor Nursing Home, Robinson Creek. He is survived by his wife, Lois Schreifels. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 6, under the direction of Lucas & Funeral Home.

Mary Belle Daniels, 75, of Beech Creek, West Virginia, died Wednesday, November 1, in Charleston, West Virginia. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, November 4, under the direction of Chambers Funeral Home, Matewan, West Virginia.

Glenn Jones, 59, of Edgewater, Florida, formerly of Pikeville, died Friday, November 3, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. A memorial service was conducted Tuesday, November 7, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Polly Kayser, 64, of Mouthcard, died Thursday, November 2, in the Southern Ohio Medical Center. She is survived by her husband, Elmer Kayser Jr. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 5, under the direction of Justice Funeral Services.

Ethel Hager Morris, 73, of Lexington, formerly of McCarr, died Wednesday, November 1, at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 5, under the direction of Hatfield Funeral Chapel.

Bennie F. Slone, 83, of Kimper, died Saturday, November 4, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Bobbie Williams Slone. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 6, under the direction of J.W. Call & Son Funeral Home.

Kenneth Ray Stiltner, 38, of Sandy Hook, formerly of Mouthcard, died Thursday, November 2, at St. Clair Hospital in Morehead. He is survived by his wife, Marie Lois Stiltner. Funeral services were conducted Monday, November 6, under the direction of Thacker Memorial Funeral Home.

Grat Warf, 78, of Phelps, died Thursday, November 2, at Pikeville Methodist Hospital. Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 5, under the direction of Phelps Funeral Services.

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# Attention Prestonsburg Residents

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**Nora Edith Akers Howell**  
 Nora Edith Akers Howell, 83, of Banner, died Saturday, November 4, 2000, in Highlands Regional Medical Center, Prestonsburg.

She was born August 18, 1917, in Dana, the daughter of the late Wilburn Conn and Gracie Boyd Conn. She was a member of the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, at Dana.

She is survived by her husband, Walker Howell.

Other survivors include one son, Wesley Boyd of Lincoln Park, Michigan; one brother, Jack Conn of Riverview, Michigan; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 7, at 10 a.m., at the Little Salem Regular Baptist Church, Dana, with the Regular Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial was in the Fred Conn Cemetery, at Dana, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

**Carl Everett Rowe**

Carl Everett Rowe, 52, of Melvin, died Saturday, November 4, 2000, at his residence.

Born on November 23, 1947, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Leslie and Thelma Collins Rowe. He was a disabled mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Caldwell Rowe.

Other survivors include two sons, Ricky Rowe of Ligon, Leslie Scott Rowe of Melvin; two daughters, Carla Vance of Hi Hat, Kristen Francis Rowe of Melvin; one sister, Linda Johnson of Melvin; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 7, at noon, at the Wheelwright Freewill Baptist Church, with Rev. Louis Ferrari and Ralph Tennyson officiating.

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

**Charles Edgel Henderson**  
 Charles Edgel Henderson, 64, of McDowell, died Sunday, November 5, 2000, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born on May 30, 1936, in Dony, he was the son of the late Ben and Dony Akers Henderson. He was a disabled coal miner and a member of the Old Time Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Myrtle Lou Carroll Henderson.

Other survivors include one son, Berchell Henderson of Big Prairie, Ohio; one daughter, Martha Meade of McDowell; two brothers, Franklin Henderson of Big Prairie, Ohio, Johnny Henderson of Lakeville, Ohio; five sisters, Ada Paige of Ashland, Ohio, Clady Blachely of Lakeville, Ohio, Erma Lance of Loudonville, Ohio, Ruby Gayheart of Printer, Susie Austin of Wooster, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, November 8, at 1 p.m., at the Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin, with Denver Meade and other Old Time Baptist ministers officiating.

Burial will be in the Greenbury Hall Cemetery, McDowell, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home.

**Delbert Rufus Rose**

Delbert Rufus Rose, 79, of Garrett, husband of Carrie Edna Dempsey Rose, died Thursday, October 19, 2000, at his residence.

He was born August 10, 1921, in Freemont, Virginia, the son of the late John C. Rose and Eckie Kiser Rose. He was a retired electrician for Bailey Mining Company, a World War II Army veteran, and a member of the United Mine Workers of America, Local No. 9845.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Roger J. Rose of Garrett, Rodney M. Rose of Langley; one daughter, Delana Rose of Prestonsburg; one brother, Jack Rose of Coburn, Virginia; two sisters, Avanel Blevins of Coburn, Virginia, Virgia Benachamp of Indiana; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted, Sunday, October 22, at 1 p.m., in the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with Denzil Sexton officiating.

Burial was in the Elswick Cemetery, Pikeville, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were Cainer Hall, Robert Hall, David Hall, Larry Hall, R. B. Conn, Jeff Gibson, Lee Howard, Rodney Rose, Jason Baker, Byron Ring and Chuck Clark.

**Donald Carroll**

Donald Carroll, 44, of Pikeville, died Saturday, November 4, 2000, at his residence, following an extended illness.

Born on June 26, 1956, in Floyd County, he was the son of the late Carmen and Loretta Howell Carroll. He was a disabled factory worker.

He is survived by his wife, Betty Howell.

Other survivors include one son, Jeremiah Jones of Tennessee; one step-daughter, Shawna Howell of Lexington; one brother, Edgar Carroll of Port Huron, Michigan; three sisters, Lowene Sturgille of Harold, Eulavene Gale of Clarkston, Michigan, Lorraine Neely of Port Huron, Michigan.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 7, at 11 a.m., at the Upper Toler Church of Christ, Harold, with Tommy Bush and others officiating.

Burial was in the Carroll Family Cemetery, Toler Creek, Harold, under the direction of Nelson-Frazier Funeral Home, Martin.

**Hager pallbearers listed**

Serving as pallbearers for the funeral of Walter Marvin Hager were Bob Wise, Jack Wise, Mike Calhoun, Tim Mitchell, John McDowell, Nick Hager, Shane Montgomery, Mike Rohrer, Jerry Lowe, Eric Power, Tom Lowe and Jeremy Mitchell.

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**Edward Tackett**  
 Edward Tackett, 57, of Garrison, died Saturday, November 4, 2000, of an extended illness.

Born May 8, 1943, in Melvin, he was the son of the late Glen Tackett and Carrie Johnson Tackett. He worked out of laborers local #1445 Catlettsburg, for more than 30 years. He was a construction worker.

He is survived by his wife, Elsa Holland Tackett.

Other survivors include three sons, Edward Tackett Jr. of Quincy, Roger L. Tackett and David Wayne Tackett, both of Garrison; one daughter, Cathy Bivens of Garrison; four brothers, Benjamin Tackett, Homer Tackett, Carlos Tackett, all of Garrison, and Glen Junior Tackett of S. Portsmouth; six sisters, Thelma Jones of Melvin, Betty Bloomfield of Bucyrus, Ohio, Ester Skidmore of Paris, Martha Ellen Skidmore and Nellie Thurman, both of Garrison and Eliza Jane Ferguson of Black Oak; nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and one step-grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday, November 7, at 1 p.m., at the Dickerson Funeral Home, Vanceburg, with Rev. Wes Cooper and Rev. Clarence Hall officiating.

Burial was in the Skidmore Cemetery, at Garrison, under the direction of Dickerson Funeral Home.

**Barbara Ann Shepherd Wright**  
 Barbara Ann Shepherd Wright, 51, of Corn Fork, Prestonsburg, died Friday, November 3, 2000, at her residence.

She was born March 10, 1949, in Hite, the daughter of the late Woots Shepherd and Anna Mae Scarberry Shepherd.

She is survived by her husband, Wayne Wright.

Other survivors include three sons, Frank Rudder of Hindman, Johnny Rudder of Martin, Joey Wayne Wright of David; four daughters, Debra Marsillett of Corn Fork, Lisa Kendrick and Crystal Lafferty, both of Martin, Christina Pratt of Pine Top; nine brothers, Acie Shepherd of Martin, Jobie Shepherd of Hunter, Earnest Shepherd and Hershell Shepherd, both of Warsaw, Indiana, Jack Shepherd of Hueysville, Larry Shepherd of McDowell, Mike Shepherd of Drift, Steve Shepherd of Hunter, Roger Shepherd of Printer; one sister, Susan Slone of Drift; and 19 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday, November 5, at 11 a.m., at the Hall Funeral Home Chapel, Martin, with the clergyman, Charles Crider, officiating.

Burial was in the Shepherd Family Cemetery, at Hite, under the direction of Hall Funeral Home, Martin.

Serving as pallbearers were Adam Lafferty, Greg Shepherd, Roger Marsillett, Ronald Wright, Woody Paul Shepherd, Earl Dean Shepherd, Rod May, Mike Shepherd, Shawn Leslie, Joey Newsome and Mike Shepherd.

(See OBITUARIES, page nine)



**Card Of Thanks**

The family of Glo Deweyll Turner Osborne would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help in the loss of our loved one: Those who sent food and flowers, or just spoke comforting words. We deeply appreciate you all. A special thanks to the clergyman, Rev. Ted Shannon, and his singers, Dr. Dicky Tackett, Rev. Jimmy Hall, Clinton Moore, Randolph Crisp, and Dr. Andy Elliott, for all the comforting words and songs; the Sheriff's Department for their assistance in traffic control; and Hall Funeral Home for their kind and efficient service. A special thanks to preacher Huff and Bobby Lawson and all the other people who sent cards or called Glo during her illness.

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The family of Juanita Akers would like to extend their appreciation to all those friends, neighbors, and loved ones who helped comfort them during their time of sorrow. A special thanks to Belmont Johnson for his comforting words, the Floyd County Sheriff's Dept. for their assistance and to the Hall Funeral Home for their kind and professional service.


**THE FAMILY OF JUANITA AKERS**

**Card Of Thanks**

The family of Lincoln Brown wishes to thank all of those who were so kind and considerate during our time of grief. We want to thank those who sent flowers and gifts of love. We want to thank the Sheriff's Dept. for your assistance. Very special thanks to Clergyman Denver Meade and Hall Funeral Home for being so kind. All your kindnesses were greatly appreciated.

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Written by your son Carl Junior Collins

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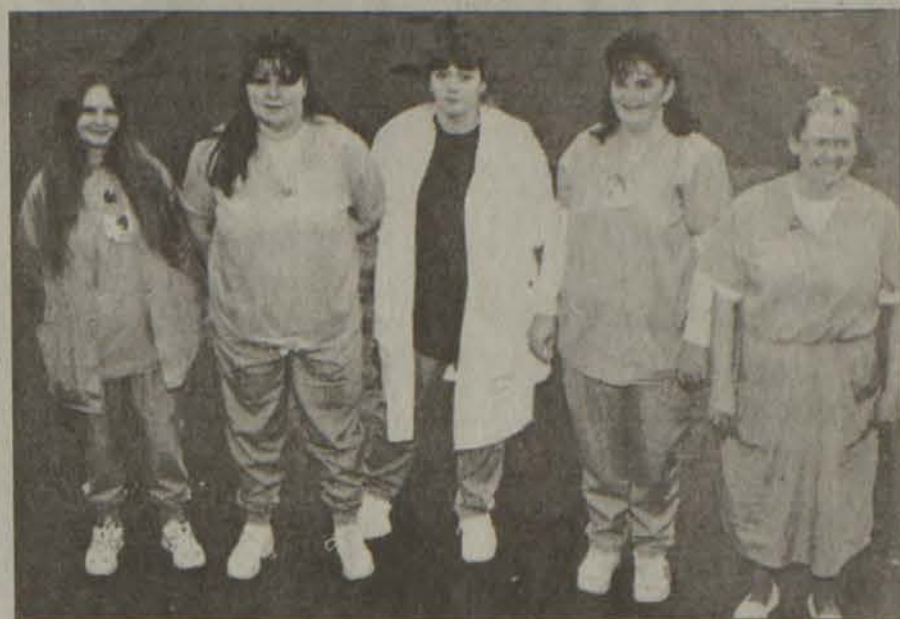












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**Sports In Kentucky**  
by Bob Watkins

# Louisville is 'the story' for Kentucky football season 2000

Best football story in the Commonwealth for 2000?

Last week I said Western Kentucky. In their last season in the OVC, and before a loss at South Florida, Jack Harbaugh's Hilltoppers were unbeaten and had clinched the league title. After beating Eastern Illinois to wrap up the title, "... first time in my 35 years on the Hill that I've seen the student body swarm the field after a football game and tear the goal posts down," said Paul Just of Western.

Long way back, isn't it, from the brink of abolishing football at Western? Harbaugh deserves a lion's share of credit.

But this week, my vote goes to John L. Smith's Louisville Cardinals. Seventeen point underdogs, UofL went to Hattiesburg and thumped No. 11 ranked Southern Miss.

Unless Louisville loses to Army and Houston, the Cardinals will finish 9-2 and go to the Liberty Bowl Dec. 29 (ESPN).

In what was supposed to be a rebuilding season, John L. Smith and staff made year 2000 a Louisville red letter season. A shoo-in for C-USA coach of the year, Smith ought to be a national coach-of-the-year candidate along with Bob Stoops at Oklahoma and Randy Walker of Northwestern.

Q. What are we to make of Hal Mumme, a coach who gives himself an "F" grade for the season we have witnessed?

A. Forthright. Give him an "A" for candor, and points for skipping alibis. Of course his contract allows Mumme to be comic and self-effacing. His "F" probably means the unemployment line for one or more of his assistants.

Q. What about Carlos Hurt's change-of-heart, saying he will not sign with Louisville this week, but wait until April?

A. The kid is 18 and wants to enjoy a few of the perks — visit college campuses, get attention and coach-stroke.

Q. Best thing to come out of UK's disappointing football season?

A. How about Dusty Bonner's terrific autumn? Valdosta State's quarterback led his team to a 9-1 season, and under consideration for Little All-America.

**HOOPS SEASON IS HERE!**

Tubby Smith's Kentucky opens Thursday night against St. John's in New York.

Let the swishing begin.

The coaches' preseason college basketball poll. If you live in the Bluegrass State it was as near perfect as the most ardent and grumpy UK radio call-in fan could hope for.

And a juicy side-dish dessert too — news that rights have been sold for Bob Knight's memoir to St. Martin's Press. \$1.25M.

No. 1 Arizona at the top where Lute Olsen can twist on the rotisserie from the get-go, followed by Duke. Familiar air for Dookies up around Everest's peak again.

Next, a veritable murderer's row for salivating UK assistant coaches and Tubby critics from Brooksville to Ohio River's edge in Hickman. Five future UK opponents, seven games, five on the road. No. 4 North Carolina at Chapel Hill, No. 5 Michigan State at East Lansing, No. 6 Kansas (in New York, if the pairings work out Thursday), No. 8 Tennessee home-and-home, and No. 11 Florida likewise.

Kentucky is ranked No. 12. How perfect is that? Just outside the Top 10 hot box.

Underdogs to the aforementioned, and ahead of No. 15 Arkansas, No. 17 Notre Dame, and a host of "Others" who await the Wildcats. (Alabama, Indiana, St. John's, Louisville, LSU, Auburn and South Carolina.)

Which brings us to other stratagems in this coaches' poll.

Louisville is in a refitting year, but there is enough respect for Hall of Fame Coach Denny Crum to earn the Cardinals six Top 25 votes. Murray State got a mention also as the Racers go for another OVC ring. And, Western Kentucky's no-mention stands as fodder for Coach Dennis Felton to motivate his Sun Belt-favored Hilltoppers to earn respect.

Something for almost everyone. Perfect.

Let the swishing begin.

**SWEET 16s: BEST EVER?**

The Kentucky Association of Basketball Coaches is forming committees to research and choose a best-ever team from those who played in the boys' and girls' state tournaments. Boys: 1945-to-2000 and Girls: 1975-2000.

A delicious project for basketball buffs across the Commonwealth and a hot discussion topic for fans. Who would be on your ballot?

All-State Tournament teams: Richie Farmer, Clay County (1985, 1987 & 1988); Howie Crittenden, Cuba (1951 and 1952); Allan Houston, Louisville Ballard (1987 and 1988); Kelly Coleman, Wayland (1956); John Pelphrey, Paintsville (1986 & 1987); Cliff Hagan, Owensboro (1949). Who are your favorites?

On the girls' side, what all-time All-State Tournament team would be complete without Jaime Walz (1994, 1995 &

1996); or Kyra Elzy, Oldham County (1993 & 1994)? And what about Valerie Owens of Butler who made the first two All-Tournament teams in 1975 and 1976. Clemette Haskins made All-Tournament in 1980 and again in 1983; and Bridgette Combs, Whitesburg (1983, 1984 and 1985)?

Ken Trivette, executive director of the Kentucky Basketball Coaches Association, has initiated the project. You can write to him at P.O. Box 4035, Winchester, Ky. 40392, or write to Sports In Ky, P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740 or e-mail sptsinky@aol.com

**READERS (RIGHT) WRITE**

• About the "best football coaches in Kentucky" ...

Dick Hudson, Louisville: "I concur with your ranking of best football coaches in Kentucky. Western Kentucky is fortunate indeed to have a gentleman of Jack Harbaugh's caliber. I was in Michigan several years ago when Jack Harbaugh lost the football job at Western Michigan U.. On that occasion Bo Schembechler made observation

that a low classed place like Western Michigan didn't deserve a person of Jack Harbaugh's caliber."

**PARTING SHOT**

About UK's Jules Camara... From Dan Townsend, Louisville: "Maybe an athlete convicted of drinking and driving should lose one year of eligibility, but keep his/her scholarship. Doing some community service work with younger athletes and students in the area of drinking and drugs during that off year might do some good too."

And so it goes.

Have a point of view you would like to share? Write to Bob Watkins at P.O. Box 124, Glendale, Ky. 42740 or on the internet at sptsinky@aol.com. And visit our website www.bob-watkins.com.

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When elections came and went

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Saturday is day to remember

by PAM SHINGLER LIFESTYLES EDITOR

Veterans Day is Saturday. It is the day we traditionally pay special homage to those who have served in the military through our national history, which is punctuated by war and uneasy peace. November 11 was originally celebrated as Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I, inappropriately dubbed the "War to End All Wars."



Cascades of water rise from the redesigned fountain at the Archer Park War Memorial in Prestonsburg. Benches provide a good place for a Veterans Day meditation.

(See MEMORIAL, page four)



Weldon Oakley

Floyd County man proud member of 'Chosin Few'

The war-time experience of a Floyd County man was featured in a special veterans' tribute last summer in the Sidney, Ohio, Daily News. Weldon Oakley is a 1949 graduate of Garrett High School, an Alcoa retiree, and widower of former teacher, Peggy Bowling. Bobby Joe Click of Martin shares the article, which is reprinted with permission.

Weldon Oakley of Sidney was barely 17 when he enlisted in the Army and went off the war. The Prestonsburg, Ky., native didn't feel he had much choice. The eastern Kentucky area where he grew up was very poor, no one had money, and, as a result, college was not an option.

"There was no work in the South. We didn't leave our homes because we wanted to, and most of us guys that got out of school went into the service. The coal mines had killed my dad and the only way to help my mom was to go into the service and have an allotment made out to her," he said.

Oakley wasn't even sure where he was going when he left. "We didn't even know where Korea was. We never heard of it. You talk to GIs, we never heard of Korea."

But he soon found out. "Gen. (Douglas) MacArthur needed our company over in Korea because they'd blown all the bridges. Our American forces had blown all the bridges to stop the invasion of the North Koreans, and we built pontoon bridges."

It was a job he became very familiar with. "We did a lot of that and we had to have infantry support because they were always shelling us and things while we were building these bridges."

But their efforts were rewarded when they got to see Gen. MacArthur one day while working on bridges. They didn't actually meet him, but, Oakley adds proudly, he got to see the famous general.

"We had word he was coming and they kept us really back away from him. The guys were always kidding that we'd been there a while and we were dirty and everything and we didn't really look like a bunch of shaped-up GIs."

He adds, "They tried to keep us away, but it was just like all of his pictures."

Today, Oakley is a proud member of the "Chosin Few," an organization made up of the men who were at the Chosin Reservoir when the Chinese came over

(See 'CHOSIN FEW', page three)

Jewel and Dean Conn, of Harold, have four daughters who are grown and gone from home. Cathy and Dena are married with families and live near the home place, but Sherry lives in Louisville and Melody in Morehead. There are eight grandchildren now and many of them are involved in sports and dating. But whatever the interests are, the whole family is there for support.

the care of father Jerry while all the women go off on their excursion. Cory wasn't too happy with the arrangement, for he really likes having his mother around, but he hardly knew how to express his feelings. Finally, he approached Melody and asked, "Can you give me five good reasons why you married my father anyway?"

in Betsy Layne for several years before they moved to "way off" Paintsville. We would take turns about who cooked Saturday night dinner, attended church together and told stories about each other. Then they spoiled a good thing by moving away from us, and you'd think they had gone all the way to

California. Anyway, Lana tells me they are celebrating another wedding anniversary the 30th of November. This will be the 58th one, and I think they are still on a honeymoon. Two of Cliff's brothers and their wives have also celebrated golden anniversaries. They are Orbie and Doris Boyd and Gratis and Goldie Boyd, and the two latter couples still reside in Betsy Layne.

Kinship I found an ally a few days ago when I stopped in at Velocity Market to pick up a few items. Morris Williams was there and told me he'd read about the ordeal I went through in giving away my little dog. He told me he understood my sadness for his dog had died. I'm not sure if he said he also cried, but whether or not he did, I know he felt like it. (Men are usually tougher than women.)

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**'Chosin Few'**

the Manchurian border and pinned them down.

Oakley remembers the minus 35-degree temperatures at the time. It was the brutality of the cold and the determination to survive it that formed the basis for the group.

"It's a last-man organization," he

explains, noting that "90 percent of us had some sore, frozen feet, frozen hands." This was out of 15,000 troops.

"Our canteens froze. We had to eat snow for water. That's where a lot of guys got frostbitten and toes frozen off."

Oakley knows a lot of Americans froze to death in the severe weather, and "I know a lot of Chinese did, because we found them." He takes experiences like this in stride. "I'm lucky I'm here."

Oakley saw some pretty terrible things as a young man in Korea. "We had a pontoon bridge that stretched across this river and there came the monsoon rains, which it does a lot in Korea, and there were a lot of dead bodies floating and catching on our bridge. We would have to take big gaffs (long poles with sharp ends on them), and (the bodies) were swelled up like animals and we'd have to go out there — the guys would get sick, and I did, too — and we'd have to take the gaffs and punch them and make

them go down in and float on down. That was a bad chore, too..."

Today, Oakley copes with such bad memories through his patriotism. "I fly my flag every day. I fly it day and night lit up. I've been working in this office (Veterans Services). I'm in my 20th year.

"All of the men seem to agree that war changes a person and that they are proud of it," Oakley says. "I know I could get in an automobile and go anywhere. It's freedom," he says, with the pride shining in his eye. "I know how we got it."

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**Family reunion?**

Share your family news. If your family has had a reunion within the last six months, the Times will publish a picture or two and basic information about the gathering. Stop by 263 S. Central Avenue; send to PO Box 390, Prestonsburg, KY 41653; or email fctimes@eastky.net.

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**Attend reunion**

Elmer and Eileen Martin of Grethel, journeyed to Clark's Summit, Pennsylvania, to attend her 50th graduation reunion from Baptist Bible College and Seminary.

When she graduated in 1950, the institution was located in Johnson City, New York.

They attended the all-day activities on October 6, including an alumni banquet.

On October 7, they went to Homell, New York, to visit relatives and friends, and returned to Kentucky on October 12.

**Pageants**



**Autumn beauty**

Kelsey Nicole Jarrell competed in the 2000 Autumn Beauties Pageant on October 28, in Martin. She won 2000 Halloween Beauties Queen, Most Beautiful, Best Attire, Best Costume and Costume Alternate. She is the six-year-old daughter of Shannon and Jessica Jarrell of Prestonsburg. Her grandparents are Arnold and Joyce Jarrell and Carria and James Clyde Jarrell, all of Prestonsburg.

**Snowflake pageant**

The Snowflake Beauty Pageant is slated for December 2, at West Liberty Elementary School, with registration from 1-2 p.m. Age categories for boys and girls range from birth to 15 years.

Prizes will be awarded for beauty, prettiest hair and photogenic. Entry fee is \$25, additional children \$15, photogenic \$10.

Call Kim Sparkman, after 3 p.m., at 606/743-2173 or Joyce Jones, 743-4502.

**Organizations**

**Drift Woman's Club discusses voting**

The KFWC Drift Woman's Club met at McDowell-Minnie Senior Citizens Center October 16.

Alice Osborne, hostess, asked the blessing followed by pledge to the American Flag.

Ruby Akers, president, KFWC Drift Woman's Club, introduced Professor Robert McAninch, of Prestonsburg Community College who spoke on "Vote Participation."

A pamphlet, "The Power of One," was passed out. One vote can make a difference. In 1923, Adolph Hitler became leader of the German Nazi Party by one vote. John F.

Kennedy's margin of victory over Richard Nixon in 1960 was less than one vote per precinct.

The women's vote is less than men in our state. In 1928, equal voting rights for all women replaced the limited women suffrage in 1918. We all must participate, so the country's laws represent the will of the people, not just a privileged few. "Every vote counts."

The GFWC/KFWC Drift Womens Club will meet November 20.

—submitted by Celia Little, secretary

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**Little Miss Red, White and Blue**

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**Little Miss Red, White and Blue Runner-Up**

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**Local representative needed**

World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is seeking local area representatives to volunteer their time and skills to provide students from several countries, including Germany, France, Spain, Brazil, Thailand, Japan, Mexico,

and the former Soviet Union countries, with local program support.

Local representatives plan an annual student orientation, meet with the local high schools, provide support counseling for participants, screen potential host families, and meet with the exchange students on a monthly basis. Representatives also attend an annual training workshop and report to the regional coordinator.

The ideal candidate should enjoy fostering new international friend-

ships, be community minded, and enjoy working with teenagers and adults. Local representatives spend an average of two to four hours a month with the exchange students, and time and expenses are reimbursed by the organization.

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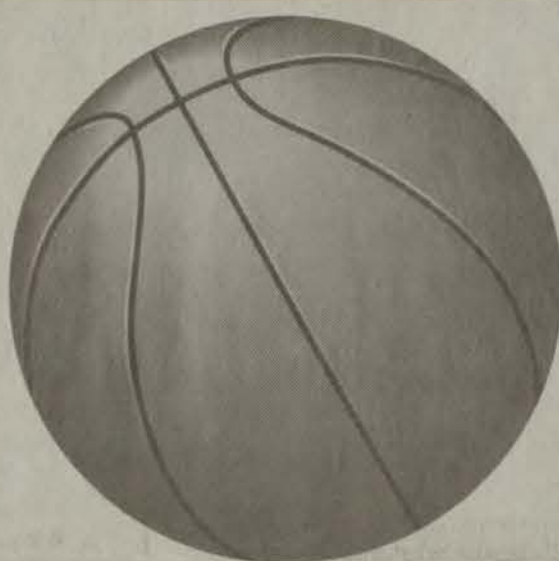
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## Memorial

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by those who have died in service to their country.

Most of the poles hold United States flags, but also included are the Kentucky state flag and an MIA (Missing In Action) emblem, in memory of soldiers unaccounted for.

Each flagpole sports a small plaque, placed there in memory of or in honor of designated persons. For instance, one plaque memorializes Col. Ruby Bradley, believed to be the most decorated woman veteran from Floyd County.

The plaques were a part of the fund-raising effort for the memorial. Each reflects a contribution of \$600 to \$700, Little said.

The makeover project cost around \$100,000, the park director said. Most of it was donated by area residents through the plaques and through lump-sum contributions, with many donors preferring to be anonymous.

Among those whose sponsorship is noted on the flagpole plaques are Ethel, Leslie, John and Jean Burke; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Music (two poles); Statewide Press and the Darby Family, Citizens National Bank; Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Vance (three); Consolidated Health Systems; WDOC/WQHY; Hall & Clark Insurance; R/S Body Co.; Prestonsburg Cycle Center; Wesburn Inc.; Mr. and Mrs. Phil Damron and Family; Action Petroleum; William Smith (two); Nairn Real Estate; Music-Carter-Hughes; Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Music Jr. (two); Mrs. Jno. C.C. Mayo Co.; Worldwide Equipment; Lambert-Spurlock Partnership; Mable Brown; Mayor Jerry Fannin (two); Floyd County Fiscal Court; First Commonwealth Bank; Carter-Hughes Toyota; Mr. and Mrs. Gold Slone; Terry Dotson; Charles Bradley; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Little.

# BIRTHDAYS



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Dakien Nathaniel Caudill

Dustin Blake Cox celebrated his ninth birthday on October 30, 2000, with a Pokemon party and barbecue. He is the son of Kevin and Jennifer Cox, and the grandson of Brenda and Leslie Cox of Lackey, James M. Conley of Mousie, and Brenda Conley of Laurel, Mississippi.

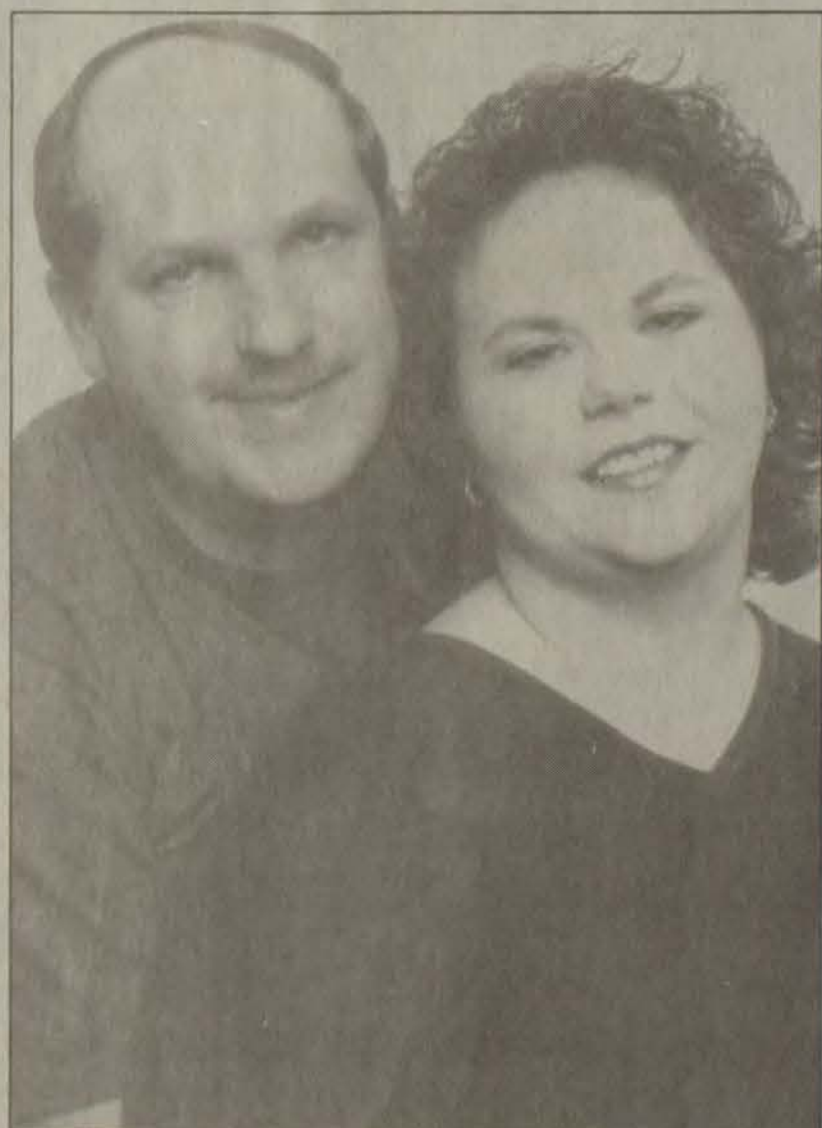
Alicia and Darrin Caudill of Melvin announce the birth of their fourth son, Dakien Nathaniel Caudill. He was born on July 12, 2000, at Highlands Regional Medical Center. He weighed seven pounds, nine ounces, and was 21-1/2 inches long. He is the grandson of Buck and Ruth Keens, and Garnis and Linda Caudill, all of Melvin.

## WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Campbell-Poe

April Michelle Campbell and Mark Edward Poe, both of Prestonsburg, have announced their engagement and forthcoming marriage. The bride-elect is the daughter of Darrell Campbell of Prestonsburg and Darlene Jones of Dana, and the groom-elect is the son of Edward and Connie Poe of Prestonsburg. The wedding is slated for December 2, 2000, at 6:30 p.m., at Big Lick Pentecostal Church, with a reception to follow at the church annex. The custom of open wedding will be observed.



Holbrook-Brown

Kenny Brown of McDowell and Savannah Holbrook of Garrett announce their plans to be united in marriage on Saturday, November 25, 2000, at 4:30 p.m., at the First Assembly of God Church in Martin. The bride-to-be is employed by Wright's Lumber and is the daughter of the late Chester "Perk" and Oretta Hodge. The prospective groom, an employee of Lance Inc., is the son of David Brown of McDowell and the late Verna Brown. The gracious custom of open wedding will be observed. The couple plans to reside at Banner.

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# BUSINESS

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### New administrator



Kristina Bevins is the new director of pupil personnel for the Floyd County School System, effective October 16. A graduate of McDowell High School, she most recently was a mathematics teacher at Madison Southern High School in Berea. She earned a bachelor's degree from Berea College and master's and Rank 1 from Eastern Kentucky University. She is the daughter of Bill and Barbara Bevins of Printer.

Kristina Bevins

## East Kentucky Corporation celebrates 10 years of growing Appalachian jobs

Eastern Kentucky has a decade of new jobs and businesses to celebrate. East Kentucky Corporation (EKC) is celebrating its 10th anniversary by sharing with the public the organization's achievements and future goals.

"For 10 years, East Kentucky Corporation board members and staff have tackled a fundamental question: How can we attract new businesses so we can support our families and improve our communities?" said EKC's executive director, Tom Jones. "We've brought jobs to our 45-county region, and we've done that now for a decade."

EKC's primary efforts focus on recruiting new industry to eastern Kentucky and providing loans to eastern Kentucky businesses. So far, the corporation has recruited 22 new facilities, including wood products makers, plastics makers and call centers. That amounts to nearly 4,000 jobs. Also, EKC has financed 32 businesses, creating or protecting another 1,200 jobs.

Jones cited the benefits of economic development, including "wages for our neighbors that increase the tax base and help get people off welfare."

Recently, East Kentucky Corporation added another tool to the organization's fight for the region's economy: fostering local entrepreneurial spirit, particularly with the information technology industry and the next generation of eastern Kentucky business leaders.

"The East Kentucky Corporation has helped the region by working with us to bring jobs and money into our neighborhoods," said Lewis H. Warrix, chairman of EKC. "Our partnership with the corporation is vital if we are to grow our communities."

Jones said the purpose of the cel-

bration is to share EKC's pride in the region with the local communities.

"We cannot scale this mountain alone," Jones said. "It takes all of us working together to develop the economy of our region."

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tion serving a 45-county region of eastern Kentucky. The corporation creates jobs in local communities by focusing on recruiting new industries, providing loans to local businesses and developing local entrepreneurship. EKC was created in 1990 by mandate of the General Assembly.

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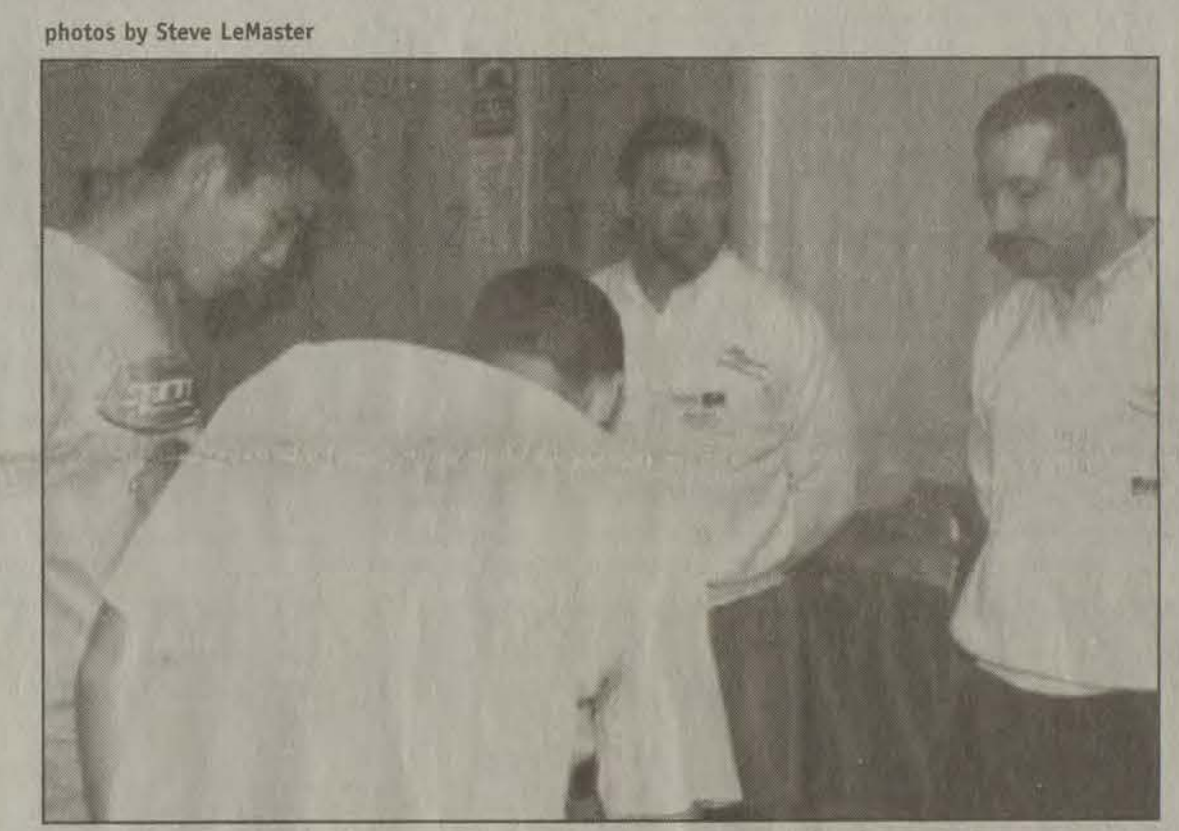
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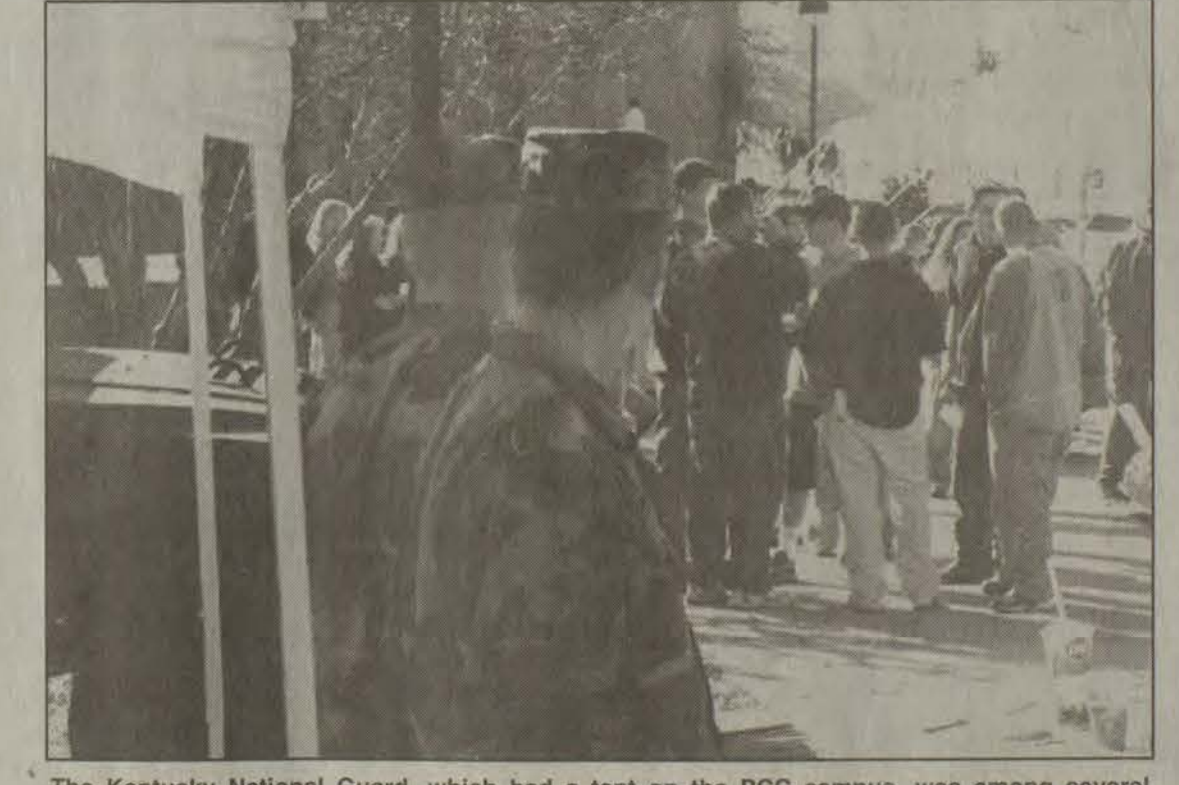
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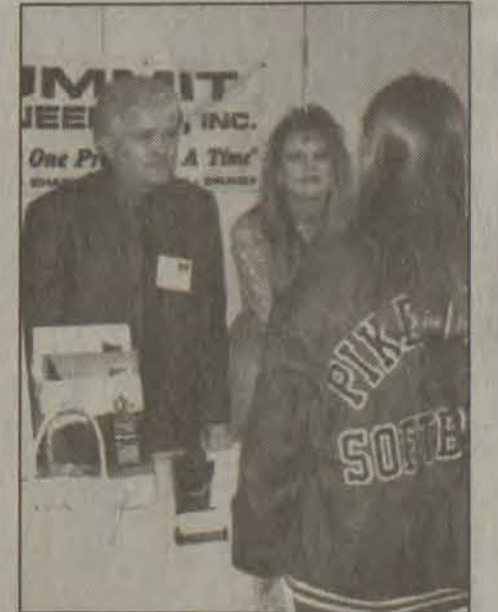
Robert Allen II and Phillip Elliott of First Commonwealth Bank talked with students about careers in banking.



The Kentucky National Guard, which had a tent on the PCC campus, was among several branches of the military that took part in the College/Career Fair at PCC.



Marshall University in Huntington was among about 30 institutions in Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia that sent representatives to discuss higher education opportunities with students.



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