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Briefs

P'burg councilman writes resignation, decides to stay

Reports and rumors that a long-serving city council member has resigned his office have proven to be misleading.

According to Mayor Jerry Fannin, "the city council members all remain the same, no one has resigned."

What did happen, however, was that council member Estill Lee Carter did draft a letter of resignation that he subsequently delivered to the mayor at a swearing-in ceremony held at City Hall on Friday.

According to the letter, Carter said that "despite a continuing desire to play an active role as a member of the Prestonsburg City Council," he, however, was finding it "increasingly difficult to balance the time needed to be an effective council member

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BOE accepts continued state oversight ... with reservations

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

Members of the Floyd County Board of Education had only two options regarding continued state management as they went into Monday night's special meeting. But they created another one.

Board members last week received the two-volume report of the system audit, done by the state Department of Education last fall, and Education Commissioner

Gene Wilhoit's recommendation that the county school system remain under state oversight, as it has been for the last several years.

The board's options were, one, to sign an agreed order, approving continuing management assistance, or, two, face a hearing in Frankfort at the end of this month that would likely be costly and end with the same result.

After going into closed session to discuss the proposed agreed order, board

members voted in favor of signing the order only after they and their attorney, Mike Schmitt, have the opportunity to make changes to the agreement.

They kept the commissioner's version of the order private by declaring it a "working document" and thus not subject to the open records law. In fact, Johnny Ross, District 1 board member, said that if a copy of the original order is released to the public, "I will find out who did it."

It was Ross who came up with the third

option of response to the audit and Wilhoit's order. After a discussion about the signing of the order, Ross asked Schmitt if the group could meet in closed session to discuss changes in the wording of the order before voting on it.

The attorney agreed that such discussion could be done in executive session, away from public view.

When the closed session was over

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Premiere showing ...



photo by Pam Shingler

Gov. Paul Patton addressed a meeting of the East Kentucky Corporation at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn Monday, at which time he unveiled an Eastern Kentucky publicity video aimed at erasing stereotypes about the region.

Changing stereotypes is video aim

by PAM SHINGLER
SENIOR EDITOR

A new video designed to counter some of the negative stereotypes about eastern Kentucky was shown Monday at the Prestonsburg Holiday Inn during the annual meeting of the East Kentucky Corporation.

Gov. Paul Patton, who is credited with writing the script and partici-

pating in the video's development, introduced the product, which has already been sent to several hundred Fortune 500 companies.

Patton said he will also make personal visits to businesses across the country to show the video, titled "The New Appalachia," and to promote investment in eastern Kentucky.

The video highlights the improved road network in the

region, the effect of education reform, recreation, housing, retail outlets, and the region's electronic capabilities.

"The new Appalachia is a jewel waiting to be discovered," says Maysville native Nick Clooney, in the video narration.

The video, which was produced by the Department of Coal County

(See VIDEO, page two)

Residents drop motion to prevent annexation

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

The city of Prestonsburg's annexation of the Big Branch of Abbott Creek area continues to move forward, with the latest development in the matter being that the remaining petitioners in the suit have recently filed a motion in Floyd Circuit Court to withdraw their previous request for a temporary injunction against the annexation.

Prior to this motion, a motion to withdraw from the suit was entered by three of the original petitioners after the city filed a counterclaim against them in response to the class action lawsuit. The counterclaim stated that Kent Dingus, Debbie Dingus, and Debbie Leslie all waived their rights to challenge annexation of their property when they signed an agreement with the city upon acceptance and receipt of the city's sewer service.

Under city ordinance 51.04, property owners outside of city limits are required to sign an agreement waiving "any objection to future annexation" of their property in exchange for city sewer service.

The sewer service agreement requires that the property owners not "protest, oppose or petition against the city's annexation," lest they subject themselves to a discontinuation of the city's sewer services.

The city claimed that since the three residents had each signed an agreement with the city to not oppose annexation and had subsequently broken that agreement, the city was therefore entitled to a ruling of breach of contract against the three.

In the counterclaim, the city asks for a "recovery of all damages, expenses and costs, whether incidental or consequential" incurred as a result of the provision of sewer service.

The city asked to be compensated for the cost of

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MAC, promoter bicker over future

Times Staff Report

The Mountain Arts Center Management Commission met Monday afternoon to view financial reports, discuss Bluegrass promotion services, and touch base on a few old business matters.

Ken Carriere, who operates "Goodtime Productions," was on hand to present his concerns in regard to future promotional dealings with the center.

According to Bob Meyer, chairman of the management commission, some "miscommunication" between Carriere and

MAC officials has apparently occurred in conjunction with the promotion of future Bluegrass shows to be performed at the center.

In the past, Carriere had worked in a joint effort with the MAC as a promoter of Bluegrass shows. Meyer said that he felt that some miscommunication came about because "in the past, we had worked as co-promoters, and Ken apparently assumed that we would have the same sort of dealings in the future."

Meyer said that he informed Carriere that if he wished to

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photo by Kathy J. Prater

Members of the Wayland City Council were sworn in by District Judge James R. Allen on Monday afternoon. From left, are Betty Mulkey, Michael Gibson, Ray Martin and Judge Allen. Each of the Wayland council members were elected by write-in vote after no one filed for the office.

Council member arrested on alcohol charge

by KATHY J. PRATER
STAFF WRITER

A newly elected Wayland City Council member was arrested over the weekend on charges of alcohol intoxication, disorderly conduct and terroristic threatening.

Michael W. Gibson, 45, of Wayland, was arrested early Saturday morning on Route 7 in Wayland by Wayland City Policeman Aaron Kidd.

According to court records, Gibson was a passenger in a white 1995 Chevrolet whose driver was

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MAC

continue to be involved in future promotional endeavors, he needs to "sit down with Director (Shannon, MAC executive director), work on a report and bring it back before the commission."

Keith Caudill, assistant director, echoed this same sentiment, saying essentially that there have, indeed, been some "communication prob-

lems," and that as a result, performers have been contacted by both Carriere and MAC personnel. This, said Caudill, has led the performers to experience confusion surrounding who they should be talking to.

Caudill said that at Monday's meeting, a decision was made that the board would give a directive to Shannon and that Shannon would

then act accordingly.

In an interview with Carriere, however, the situation and "miscommunication" problems were not dismissed quite so easily.

According to Carriere, the problem is not one of "miscommunication" but, rather, "mismanagement."

In a nutshell, Carriere has been for approximately two-and-one-half years, he has successfully promoted a series of Bluegrass music shows that have been produced on the center's stage.

Carriere said that he has traveled, made contacts and promoted the MAC extensively during that time. He said that in return, he was granted office space and, of course, a cut on the bookings for his "GoodTyme Productions" company.

Carriere said that his wife and children have performed for free at the MAC and that they even appear for no cost in videos promoting the Mountain Arts Center.

Carriere went on to say that this is all fine and well with him and his family, that they did not sign releases or expect any payment for these services. He said that he "loves that center" and that he has enjoyed promoting it. He said that he has been well satisfied with the reciprocal "give and take" of the promotions, but that when he was approached by Shannon and told that the MAC was no longer interested in doing "joint productions" that he was "very disappointed."

"And in addition," said Carriere, "they plan to use my idea of the 'Bluegrass at the MAC' series of productions. Now, they propose that we have 'Bluegrass at the MAC' and 'GoodTyme Bluegrass at the MAC.'"

"This is not ethical," Carriere went on to say, "and it certainly does not show appreciation for all the promotions that I have done. It said, in fact, 'We like the idea and we are keeping it.' It is a sad situation when local people in the entertainment business are treated this way. My family lives in this community, our money stays here and instead of being treated as assets, we are perceived as threats by those in management. We are not threats to anyone. The message that we are getting is that the MAC commission is telling people that they can take their ideas and then eliminate them from the picture."

Carriere said he got the impression at Monday's meeting that Meyer, Shannon and Estill Lee Carter do "not care" about his concerns.

"What I would like to know," said Carriere, "is what did I do wrong? No one can tell me what I did wrong. What did I do to get treated like dirt? If you have a formula that works, why eliminate a component of that formula?"

Carriere maintains that his promotions of the Mountain Arts Center along with his "GoodTyme

Productions" promotions have proven profitable for both he and the MAC.

In summary, Carriere said that he and his wife are "evaluating our situation."

"My wife feels that if I am not wanted at the MAC, then she doesn't feel very comfortable with providing them with her own presence, or that of our kids."

In other matters presented to the commission, a complete year-to-date profit and loss comparison

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sheet, balance sheet, and performance summary was offered to the commission for review.

Discussions were held pertaining to the re-installation of acoustic panels in the concert hall and the possibility of added improvements to the band and choral rooms.

A new member was also instated to the commission. Thomas Hereford, a newly-elected Prestonsburg City Council member, was appointed to the commission by Prestonsburg Mayor Jerry Fannin.

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The candlelight walk, held in observance of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, begins at 6:30 p.m., at the Little Bell Tower on MSU's campus, according to Peggy Overly, coordinator of minority student affairs. Participants will proceed to Jesus Our Savior Catholic Church, 309 Battson Ave., for a 7 p.m. program.

John Merchant, president of MSU's Alumni Association, will be the keynote speaker. A 1979 graduate where he studied economics and political science, Merchant continued his education at the University of Kentucky College of Law.

After earning a law degree, Merchant joined the law firm of Peck, Shaffer and Williams in Cincinnati, where he was the first African-American partner. A specialist in bond law, Merchant has worked at that law firm since 1991.

The event is co-sponsored by Rowan County Ministerial Association and MSU's Office of Minority Student Services, Office of Multicultural Student Services and the Black Student Coalition.

Additional information is available by calling Overly at 606/783-2129.

Carter

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with the time that my own personal and professional responsibilities demand."

In an interview, Carter expressed concerns with his mother's health and the increasing demands that had been placed upon him in connection with changes in his business and the settling of his father-in-law's estate. He said that, with such taxes on his time and energies, he began to feel that he would not be able to employ his full attention to council matters and so presented the mayor with his letter of resignation.

Carter was very open with the fact that his decision to resign had nothing to do with any of the recent disagreements or disputes that have plagued city hall of late.

"I've been involved in city busi-

ness for a long time now, none of that had anything to do with my decision," Carter said. He added that the factors related to his decision to resign were strictly personal.

However, Carter said that "after thinking about it for a weekend, and after receiving many calls from people asking me to reconsider, I decided to give it another try."

Carter said he loves his community and takes a tremendous amount of pride in it and that he has "willingly and enthusiastically committed" his "time, energy, and personal resources" to its "betterment."

Carter sounded very upbeat as he talked and said he will continue to serve on the city council and that he will give it his "best shot."

Video

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Development in the Economic Development Cabinet, however, does not gloss over some of the problems.

It points out a high unemployment rate — turning it, however, into a positive — and admits that a fundamental problem is the failure to develop a diversified economy. It then has developers new to the hill touting the quality of Appalachian workers. "We have the workers, what we need is the jobs," Clooney's voice resonates.

Patton said a brochure has been developed to complement the video and is also being distributed to business leaders.

Using the promotional materials and his own persuasiveness, Patton committed himself to working on behalf of the region. "I am going to use this office in the next three years to get people to invest in east Kentucky," the governor told the crowd of several hundred representatives from the development organization's 45-county service area.

The East Kentucky Corporation, celebrating its 10th anniversary, was created by former Gov. Wallace Wilkinson, at the urging of Patton and other business and government leaders in the region.

Patton, then Pike County Judge-Executive, said the group went to Wilkinson with a proposal for "an organization that could focus on economic development." He said they realized that "Pikeville and Hazard could not be islands of prosperity in a sea of unemployment... We had to have regional leadership."

The governor praised Wilkinson and former Gov. Brereton Jones for their efforts to bring progress to the area and gave high marks to the legislators from the mountain counties, including Rep. Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg.

"We have a legislative delegation excelled by none," he said, adding as an aside, "and if the cameras were off, (I'd say) not equaled by any."

The governor said that state government, over the last few years, "has decided to invest in infrastruc-

ture across the state and for the first time that includes eastern Kentucky, ... and on almost every front, we've made progress."

Access to the area is no longer a problem, he said, "stereotypes still do exist." The video, he said, is one way of dispelling the negative misconceptions about the area and the people.

Patton's office said he has already made trips to Detroit and Chicago on behalf of the region and is planning a trip to New York businesses.

VHS and Beta copies of the video are available from the governor's communication's office, 502/564-2611.

The East Kentucky Corporation added Dr. George Edwards, new president of Prestonsburg Community College and Mayo Technical College, to its board of directors and accepted donations from several companies, including BellSouth, AEP, Beech Fork Processing and East Kentucky Power.

Fletcher & Hall's receives sales award

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extending sewer lines into the homes — a total of \$318,443. And further, in the event that the city should prevail in the suit, sewer services to these residents would have been discontinued.

After an examination of the countersuit, the three residents found that they were not prepared, or willing, to carry the burden of the additional legal costs and ramifications that could be incurred should they choose to persist with their involvement in the class action suit and therefore have filed a motion to withdraw.

Further, in a new development, the three have also filed a motion to have their names stricken from any existing petitions opposing annexation of the area.

In return, according to City Attorney David Neeley, the city has agreed to drop its counterclaim against the three.

Two other residents, Dr. Terry Wright and Roland Gray, had

already withdrawn from the suit before the city had filed its counterclaim.

Now, the remaining petitioners, Joyce Conley, Lawrence Hale, Ila Hale, Ronald Wooten, Linda Wooten, Roberta Crider, Steve Allen and Debbie Allen, have asked to withdraw their previous motion for a temporary injunction against the city moving forward with the

annexation.

However, their petition for a declaratory judgment in the matter is still pending.

The petitioners still seek a judgment on whether the annexation proposal should have been placed on the 2002 ballot for a public vote by residents of the Big Branch area.

That determination is still pending.

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Home Owners CORNER



by Stan Stumbo & Vancel Thacker

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Judy White and Erin Burchett, Floyd Countians, have completed the registration process at Prestonsburg Community College. White is a sophomore majoring in social work and Burchett is a senior at MSU enrolling in an education course. They are shown paying their tuition to Business Office employee, Deborah Ratliff.

Board

Board Chairman Terry Dotson, District 2, read the following statement, which was sanctioned by the other members:

"The board has agreed to enter into a discussion with the commissioner's office to craft an agreed order that the board and the commissioner can agree to before a hearing date, in the best interest of the children, to maintain a relationship with state management."

In trying to explain the commissioner's comments, Tom Willis, one of the KDE officials assigned to the local district, said he believes Wilhoit is "convinced that the school district has turned the corner, ... but he is also convinced the district needs to be a little farther around the corner before state management is discontinued."

Willis said the recommendation is for the district to be under state management for another three years, with the primary focus on instruction.

Board member Carol Stumbo, District 4, contended that the standards on which the district was judged in the most recent audit differed from the previous audit, done in 1997. Stumbo insisted two different processes were used in the audits.

She questioned Willis on "what Floyd County would have had to accomplish for the state to say, 'You did well.'" She also wanted to know, "What (are) the criteria to be good enough for the state to say, 'You're on your own again.'"

Willis said the commissioner sees the oversight as a "partnership." He reminded that if the state ceased its assistance to the school system, the system would lose six resource persons who are "heavily involved in instruction."

Carol Stumbo replied that she was not asking the state "to withdraw your help, but we have to make the decisions."

When Willis expressed the opinion that there was "no cohesion on this board," Stumbo responded, "That's not necessarily bad."

Dotson reminded board members that the state has not vetoed anything the board has done. "There's no reason to fear aid or assistance," the chairman said. "I think we've accomplished more with the aid we've had than we could have done on our own... A crutch makes a cripple, but at the same time you may need to go from a wheelchair to a walker to a crutch to a cane."

Ross agreed with Carol Stumbo that standards on which the system was judged appeared to have changed, but Willis insisted there had been "very little change in the standards themselves, with the exception of the scholastic audit."

New board members Glenna Slone, District 5, and Jeff Stumbo, District 3, both said they could offer little response. "I was overwhelmed," said Slone, referring to the volume of the audit, which was delivered to board members last Friday. "I haven't had time to go through and analyze it."

"I don't feel we've had enough time," said Jeff Stumbo. "I don't feel I can come to any decision until I've had time to review. The problems I've read about didn't just happen overnight. Why weren't they caught some time ago?"

Willis indicated that some problems had been pointed out, but had not been addressed.

"The board has worked hard," said the District 3 board member,

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—Anita Baker

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Editorial

Future of voting goes beyond longer polling hours

The hectic pace many Americans live has led to the rise in the number of businesses open 24 hours, with the feeling that being open longer equals more convenient service.

That same theory was in play last week when it comes to voting in Kentucky. House Majority Whip Joe Barrows, D-Versailles, and Sen. Ernesto Scorsone, D-Lexington, co-sponsored a bill to let voters decide whether to amend the state constitution to allow the polls to stay open until 8 p.m. Indiana and Hawaii are the only states other than Kentucky that close at 6 p.m., and at least 27 states stay open until at least 8 p.m., Barrows said.

The theory is that moving the deadline back will increase voter turnout, because some people cannot get home in time from work to get in line by 6 p.m.

We are in favor of anything that would actually increase voter turnout, but there are downsides to staying open later. It would cost more to pay precinct workers longer. Some Kentucky counties without sophisticated voting equipment already do not complete their tabulations until late in the evening, and adding two more hours could mean people go to bed without knowing the winner of a tight race. That was the case in November concerning whether annual legislative sessions had passed.

Our biggest concern, however, is that this seems to be a 20th century solution to a 21st century problem.

The future of voting is not people driving to designated locations to stand in line, no matter how late they are allowed to do that. While our current system is going to be with us for years to come, other states are already experimenting or implementing more convenient methods of voting.

Texas is one state in which absentee voting prior to Election Day is encouraged not just for those away from their precinct, but to lessen the crowds.

Washington is a leading state in trying to work out the kinks in Internet voting, where residents never have to leave their home computers to cast a ballot.

Kentucky will be slower to act on new tactics, because the state has such a notorious reputation for vote fraud. Keeping the integrity in Kentucky elections ought to be the highest priority. Kentucky Secretary of State John Y. Brown III has come up with a quality list of goals to improve Kentucky elections, but they mainly deal with fixing what works poorly now, not where voting is headed.

If keeping the polls open two hours longer will really get more people to vote, it deserves that opportunity. But Kentuckians will be best served if the state can be a leader in voting technology before the rest of the nation.

—Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer



Guest Column

A legislative perspective

by GREGORY D. STUMBO
HOUSE MAJORITY FLOOR LEADER

This session of the Kentucky General Assembly could be compared to the old adage, "Some things never change and other things are never the same." The first week of January was primarily devoted to the standard business of the traditional "organizational session," which was designed to allow legislators to select members of leadership and announce committee assignments.

However, this particular session also includes the preliminary preparation for the first annual session of the Kentucky legislature. So while leadership elections and committee selections were going on as scheduled, legislators were also filing bills and meeting with staff to plan for the annual session when official business actually begins, Tuesday, February 6.

I have always supported the concept of annual sessions and am looking forward to the challenge. Annual sessions will definitely give legislators a more equal voice in the operation of state government.

As a result of leadership elections, the majority leadership of the House of Representatives remained the same. I am honored that the Democratic members of the state House saw fit to once again select me to the position of floor leader. Other members of leadership are House Speaker Jody Richards, Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark, Majority Caucus Chairman Jim Callahan and Majority Whip Joe Barrows.

Minority leadership did experience some change. The new slate for its leadership positions include Jeff Hoover as minority leader, Bob DeWeese as minority caucus chairman and Woody Allen as minority whip.

Because last week signaled the beginning of the 2001 annual session, the governor presented his State of the Commonwealth address Wednesday night and encouraged lawmakers to lay aside political differences and work together for the citizens of the commonwealth. He encouraged the joint session of both Senate and House members to examine closely a major revision of the Kentucky tax code. He also said he hoped to see legislation passed to amend the workers compensation law that deals with black lung benefits, in addition to a mandatory garbage law united with a strong litter abatement law to clean up the environment.

Following the adjournment on Friday, January 5, those committees with bills assigned to them can meet during the remaining weeks in January, preparing recommendations for floor action commencing the first Tuesday in February.

To learn what legislation is pending for this session, the public can access the Legislative Research Commission's website, The Legislative Record with the complete action taken the week of January 1 was made available Monday, January 8, in the Public Bill Room of the Capitol. The Record lists all of the bills that are prefiled. And finally, the Bill Status Line can be contacted at 1-877-765-0447 or the message line at 1-800-372-7181.

I welcome your questions and input. If you want to become involved with the development of any issue this session, please contact me at (606) 886-9953.

Conservation district accepting requests for cost share funding

The Floyd County Conservation District will be accepting requests for cost share funding under the Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program beginning February 1, and extending through February 28.

The Kentucky Soil Erosion and Water Quality Cost Share Program was created to assist agriculture operators protect the soil and water resources of Kentucky. The program was created in 1994 and received its first appropriation of \$650,000 from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Over the past six years the program has now grown to an annual appropriation of \$11,150,000 coming from general fund appropriations from the General Assembly, dollars transferred from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture and now from Phase I tobacco settlement agreement funds. With the passage of the biennial budget by the 2000 General Assembly and HB 611, an appropriation of \$18,000,000 over the biennium was a direct funding to the cost share program by the General Assembly. These additional funds will supplement the existing cost share program, which provides landowners with technical and financial

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Letters to the Editor

Reader enjoys seeing family, friends in book

I received my copy of "Our Yesterdays," shortly before Christmas and would feel remiss if I did not tell you how much pleasure, it has brought me.

There are several pictures of my father, Herbert Prater, including his seventh grade class at Prestonsburg, as a teen-ager at his home on Pyramid, and his graduating class of 1932 at PHS. I had never seen the latter and was thrilled to see that handsome young man in his cap and gown, standing all the way to the right on the last row, listed as "unidentified."

My father would be honored to be included in a history of Floyd County; he told me more than once that he would not live anywhere except eastern Kentucky. He cherished his rural and small community heritage and spoke often of his life as a boy and young man, before he became the truant officer for the Floyd County School District.

Thank you so much for creating such a wonderful look into our past. Seeing these pictures of dad has helped me feel him be a part of this holiday season, and I can never thank you enough for that.

I have also enjoyed seeing myself (I am "unknown,"

third from the right in the May Day Festival, Prestonsburg Grade School, circa 1959), other relatives, friends, teachers, and neighbors. I especially noted several photos of Dora G. Osborne, my good friend for most of my life who passed away a few months ago. She and my dad were in the same graduating class, giving that photo very special meaning to me.

I have not lived in Floyd County since 1966 when I left for college; however, I have always been proud of my eastern Kentucky background. I received an excellent education in Prestonsburg schools, and consider myself fortunate to have been raised in such a community. Doing business with people who know your name is something I miss today.

Wherever I have lived, I have always thought of Prestonsburg and Floyd County as "home." I have never met finer people anywhere. Thank you for the opportunity to say "thanks," both for the wonderful book and cherished family and friends.

Sandra L. Prater, Ph.D.
Brown Deer, Wisconsin

'McConnell poised to block...reform'

Editor:
Many Americans watching the tidal wave of money flowing into the last Presidential election were justifiably concerned about the hundreds of millions of dollars of corporate and "soft money" contributions raised by both Bush and Gore.

As a result, four of the five major Presidential candidates promised to make reform of political campaign financing one of their highest priorities, if elected. One candidate, Republican Sen. John McCain of Arizona, even made reform his signature issue.

Now back in the Congress, Sen. McCain has promised to make passage of the bipartisan McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill the first order of business in the 2001 Senate.

Yet, one man stands in the way of progress; Kentucky Sen. Mitch McConnell is once again poised to block campaign finance reform, using a

filibuster to prevent the Senate from voting on the McCain-Feingold bill, even though it has enough votes to pass the Senate. Is this any way to run a democracy?

And what's worse, McConnell has repeatedly declined to hold a public meeting with Kentuckians about reform, while loudly proclaiming that Americans care more about "static cling" than they do about the integrity of our political campaigns.

I ask every Kentuckian who is concerned about all the "big money" in our political campaigns to call Sen. McConnell's office, Washington, 202/224-2541, and leave a message asking McConnell to help restore true democracy to our government by letting the Senate vote on Campaign Finance Reform.

David Cooper
Lexington

It could happen to you

Editor:
My mother, a senior citizen, purchased a mobile home in 1997 from American Homes. She made a down payment when she decided to purchase it, then when they delivered it to her, she paid for it in full. They told her, "We will mail you the title."

She believed that she would receive the title in the mail, as this is common when people purchase mobile homes and autos. She did not receive a title and began to contact the company, to find out that they had filed bankruptcy. She then proceeded to contact the local courthouse but was unable to obtain a title, due to the fact that a title did not exist. She made further efforts to contact the company, with no results.

A short time later, a finance company came to visit her to tell her that the mobile home had a lien

on it. The finance company filed suit against my mother and was able to obtain a judge's order for her to vacate the home.

At this time, she is still in the home. The finance company has been very understanding, yet has the right to come any day and get the mobile home.

My mother's efforts to take legal action have been unsuccessful so far, due to the fact that American Homes filed bankruptcy. This definitely is not right! Anyone who purchases something and has cancelled checks to prove it should not have to give it back, especially their home!

Anyone who reads this, could you just pray, and be aware that this can happen.

Bonnie Collins
Prestonsburg

Letters to the Editor

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assistance to address environmental concerns associated with agriculture production.

Sign-ups for the 2001 program year will include some additional changes to the existing program. A new practice will be added, KWP5—Closure of Agriculture Waste Improvements, and additional components to existing practices will be added which include travel lanes, trails and waterways (KWP4). Changes will be made to the number of paddocks required as a minimum in rotational grazing systems (KSW3) and likewise changing the cost share rate for this practice from 65 percent to 75 percent.

Funding for practices will be approved by the Soil and Water Conservation Commission at the Kentucky Division of Conservation located in Frankfort as funds are available. Cost share rates are a maximum of 75 percent of the actual cost not to exceed \$7,500 for agronomic practices and \$20,000 for animal waste concerns.

For more information, stop by the local conservation district office located at 18 Mayo Branch Bradykeg or 214 South Central Ave., Prestonsburg. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Telephone: (606) 889-9800, (606) 886-9545, ext. 3.

Programs aim to improve schools

by BEVERLY CRISMAN

Beginning Tuesday, January 16, Floyd County teachers and counselors will have the opportunity to participate in an innovative instructional series focused on improved student performance.

An innovative model, called "You Can Handle Them All," will offer answers that work, whether dealing with four-year-olds or 19-year olds. Each school will receive a set of materials designed to help teachers identify the primary cause of a behavior, how each problem may affect teachers, other students, and the learning environment.

Up to 25 specific techniques to use to manage each problem behavior, as well as cross-references to related problem behaviors, will be provided. This discipline model offers a complete step-by-step guide to many options for handling student behaviors. The model is designed to enable teachers, counselors, administrators, and the entire school team to work together for a mutually satisfying solution to student problems.

As the school system moves for-

ward, this training will help develop the assurance that everyone is working from the same firm foundation toward the solution of discipline and motivational problems, according to school officials.

The second program in the series, 101 Plus Tips for Testing and Grading Students, is designed to help teachers explain their grading system, prepare for tests, develop a variety of teaching strategies, and counsel students about performance.

The third program, entitled 101 Tips for Motivating Students, includes tips for changing student attitudes and behaviors, motivating students to learn, communicating with clarity, maximizing performance, and increasing academic performance.

The professional development session will be held on January 16, at the district's Professional Development Training Center, located on the Opportunities Unlimited campus from 4-7 p.m. All schools are invited to participate. The session is designed to assist teacher interns and their resource teachers, as well as other educators.



photo by Pam Shingler

January is School Board Recognition Month nationally. Floyd County board members had the chance to get together for a photo on Monday during a special meeting. Seated, from left, are Jeff Stumbo, District 3, Glenna Stone, District 5, and Carol Stumbo, District 4. Standing are Chairman Terry Dotson, left, District 2, and Johnny Ross, District 1.

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UK offers tuition break to non-resident graduate students

To attract more high-caliber graduate students at the national and international level, starting in the fall semester of 2001, new non-resident graduate students at the University of Kentucky who meet certain academic requirements will be able to attend UK at the much lower in-state tuition rate.

The Kentucky Graduate Scholarships will carry a value of \$7,220 each academic year based on projected 2001-2002 tuition and fee levels of \$1,973 per full-time semester for resident graduate students and \$5,583 for non-resident students.

To be eligible for the merit scholarships, applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree with an undergraduate grade point average of 3.25 or higher on a 4.00 scale and have a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.25 on any prior graduate studies.

The Graduate School must receive a completed application for admission by June 15, 2001. All non-resident applicants will be automatically con-

sidered for the award. No separate application is required, said Michael Nietzel, Graduate School dean.

The scholarships are renewable through the completion of all degree requirements for students who remain in good academic standing. The scholarship offer is only applicable for fall and spring semesters and is not available for summer terms.

"This new scholarship program represents a major effort by the University of Kentucky to recruit and educate graduate students of the highest caliber," said UK President Charles T. Wethington Jr. "I am extremely pleased with this bold initiative."

"The scholarships will advance two important goals simultaneously: recruiting the world's best graduate students and encouraging them to stay in the Commonwealth and become part of Kentucky's economic growth and technological developments," Dean Nietzel added. "These scholarships should enable UK to enhance its reputation as one of the nation's leading institutions for comprehensive graduate education."

For further information about the Kentucky Graduate Scholarships, call the Graduate School, 859/257-4613, or visit the school's web site at http://www.rgs.uky.edu/gkgs.html.

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Rep. Paul Bather files bill to clean up state's brownfields

Pennsylvania's voluntary brownfields cleanup legislation has been used by Rep. Paul Bather to craft a bill aimed at reviving Kentucky's former industrial sites.

Bather, D-Louisville, filed legislation this week which uses major provisions from Pennsylvania law to create an effective brownfields remediation program in Kentucky.

Pennsylvania's law gives liability protection to developers who voluntarily clean up contaminated property, including industrial sites. Immunity is possible since the law operates separately from Pennsylvania's hazardous cleanup laws.

Bather wants to create the same legislative balance in Kentucky.

The Pennsylvania program has been very popular, earning a

\$100,000 grant from Harvard for its workable cleanup standards. Environmental lawyer Joseph M. Manko of Pennsylvania, an advocate of the program, said it has put hundreds of contaminated properties back into community life by "providing cleanup liability protection, loans and grants in certain instances."

Bather introduced brownfields legislation last session that would have given developers of contaminated property immunity from state environmental lawsuits. The bill, House Bill 755, did not pass, but Bather feels confident that a new bill based on the Pennsylvania model will be successful during the 2001 session.

"Cleaning up Kentucky will be one of the top issues of the session,

with solid waste a priority. As part of that effort, I think we need to address the issue of brownfields. And the Pennsylvania model has been shown to work very well," he said.

A public hearing on Bather's bill that was scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 6, has been cancelled to give the environmental community more time to review the legislation, Bather said. The hearing will be held later in January, closer to the start of the second part of the 2001 session of the Kentucky General Assembly, which begins Tuesday, Feb. 6.

Owners of brownfields in Louisville and statewide have been hesitant to permit redevelopment of contaminated property for fear of a state lawsuit, said Bather. HB 755, or the Kentucky Voluntary

Environmental Remediation Act (VERA), would have encouraged cleanup while drawing new development to the state.

Similar laws passed in Indiana and Ohio have put those states at a competitive advantage over Kentucky for economic development, he said.

VERA was the result of five years of discussion by working group members including local businesses and other stakeholders in the legislation, according to Louisville's Division of Environmental Issues. Drafters of the bill hoped it would encourage property owners to voluntarily clean up and manage contaminated former factory and other brownfield sites so that the sites could be redeveloped and reused.

Developers would have received immunity from state and most other legal action under VERA by entering into a covenant not to sue with the state if they successfully managed contamination on their property.

The immunity provision addressed concerns brought before the city by property owners who, fearing bankruptcy from state or other litigation, have chosen not to initiate cleanup of contaminated sites. Contamination of soil and groundwater from various hazardous substances is prevalent at abandoned industrial sites and other brownfield areas in Louisville and elsewhere, said Bather.

VERA's covenant not to sue would have prohibited further action by the state unless: the contamination in question was not made known to the state at the time the covenant was issued, the property owner has failed to comply with the terms of the covenant, or the claim involves a personal injury lawsuit.

A Louisville brownfield site, 2931 Garfield in Portland, is the only remediated site in the state which has received a "no further remediation," letter — or notice that no further cleanup at the site is required — from the state, according to Bonnie Biemer

of the city of Louisville's Environmental Issues division. The Garfield site was once contaminated by cyanide and other hazardous substances originating from a former factory operation there, she added.

Biemer said that Louisville, under the guidance of the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), removed deposits of lead and other hazards from the site and eventually obtained the no further remediation letter for the site.

Bather said that VERA would help Louisville and other brownfield communities create other success stories like 2931 Garfield by removing the threat of legal action against property owners from the cleanup process.

Different states have tailored their remediation standards to the severity of the brownfield situation. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, for example, has a tiered cleanup system. A Tier 1 cleanup involves use of Missouri's uniform cleanup standards to remedy the situation. A Tier 2 cleanup is put into play

if uniform cleanup standards cannot be determined at the site. In this case, said Bather, more complex "alternative cleanup standards" are established and a risk assessment must be performed at the site.

Minnesota, on the other hand, uses what it called "presumptive remedies" to make a decision on how to clean up a site depending on conditions at that site. Bather said these states' efforts prove that brownfields remediation is not a "one-size-fits-all" issue.

"There are different sites, whether in Kentucky, Pennsylvania, Ohio or Missouri, which require different treatment," said Bather. "Some are heavy industrial areas where cleanup is likely going to be very complicated. Others may be brownfields but are located in nice areas where not as much attention is required. More massive projects will, of course, take more resources.

"I believe using the successful Pennsylvania law as a model is a good starting point," he added.

Natural areas acquired for protection

A wild rivers area in eastern Kentucky and a hardwood forest in western Kentucky will be protected following their recent acquisition by the Kentucky Division of Water's Wild Rivers Program and the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, respectively.

The areas were purchased last month in part with funds awarded by the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund Board.

The Wild Rivers Program obtained four tracts containing 1,503 acres in Harlan County known as the Croushorn Tracts. The tracts, prior to purchase, constituted one of the largest privately owned areas within the Martin's Fork Wild Rivers Corridor. These tracts contain more than two stream miles of the Martin's Fork Wild River.

A wild river is a river or segment of river containing waters that are free-flowing and free of pollution, and shorelines essentially are unchanged and primi-

tive, offering opportunities for wilderness-type recreation.

"This purchase will ensure the permanent protection of this rugged and beautiful mountain area and help maintain the water quality of the wild rivers portion of Martin's Fork," said Morgan Jones, wild rivers coordinator for Kentucky. "The tracts will be managed to protect the natural features and native plants and animals that live there, while still providing low-impact appropriate public use of the area."

In Fulton County, 870 acres known as the Letoumeau Woods Tract were obtained by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources.

Letoumeau Woods is one of the best remaining examples of high-quality, bottomland hardwood forest in the lower Mississippi Valley, containing a natural wetland that supports large numbers of migrating waterfowl, shorebirds and locally-breeding and migrating

neotropical songbirds. The tract will eventually become part of the Obion Creek Wildlife Management Area.

Since 1995, the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund has provided funds to purchase and protect more than 13,000 acres of natural areas and wildlife habitat across the state of Kentucky. The fund receives \$10 for each nature license plate sold in Kentucky, in addition to the state portion of the unmined mineral tax, environmental fines and interest.

For more information about the Kentucky Heritage Land Conservation Fund, or the nature license plates, contact Mary Jean Eddins at 502/564-2184. For information about the Wild Rivers Program, contact Morgan Jones at 502/564-3410. For information about Letoumeau Woods, contact the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources at (800) 858-1549.

Women urged to get screening for cervical cancer during January

Kentucky women are being encouraged during January to follow through on this New Year's resolution: get a screening test for cervical cancer.

Although cervical cancer is nearly 100 percent preventable, an estimated 300 new cases of the disease will be detected in Kentucky during the year 2000,

according to the American Cancer Society.

During January, which has been designated Cervical Health Month, the Kentucky Cabinet for Health Services is encouraging women to receive a Pap test, a screening test for cervical cancer, especially if they have never had one or if they are rarely screened for cervical cancer. Women who are uninsured or underinsured may be eligible for free or low-cost cervical cancer screening through the local health department.

Use of the Pap test as a screening tool for cervical cancer over the past 50 years has reduced the incidence of this disease in the United States by 75 percent. Yet despite this success, each year thousands of American women are still affected and die unnecessarily. Most of the cervical cancers that occur in the United States occur in women who have not had a Pap test within the last five years.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, cervical cancer rates are higher among older women. However, dysplasia—abnormal cells on the cervix—is most common among younger women.

"This makes it very important that we expand our outreach to older women for Pap screening and continue our efforts with younger women," said Patty Sewell, program coordinator for the Kentucky Women's Cancer Screening Project.

Certain sexual behaviors, including intercourse at an early age, multiple sexual partners and sex with a partner who has had multiple sexual partners, are also associated with greater risk for cervical cancer. Women with immunosuppressive disorders

such as HIV/AIDS are considered at higher risk, as are women who fail to receive regular Pap testing, and women who smoke.

Many health organizations recommend that annual Pap testing begin at the onset of sexual activity or at the age of 18 and should continue less frequently at the discretion of the doctor and patient after three or more annual tests have been normal.

Women who are past menopause still need to have regular Pap tests. However, women who have undergone a hysterectomy in which the cervix was removed do not require Pap testing unless the hysterectomy was performed because of cervical cancer or its precursors.

For more information about Pap testing, call the Kentucky Women's Cancer Screening Project at 502-564-7996.

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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.

SNOOP sets meeting

SNOOP (Spay & Neuter Organization of Prestonsburg) will

meet Thursday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church in Prestonsburg. For information, call 606/889-9216.

Vaccines available for Veterans

All veterans enrolled for VA health care are encouraged to get flu and pneumonia shots. The vaccines are available at the Huntington VA Medical Center on Spring Valley Drive and at VA Outpatient Clinics located at 104 Alex Lane in Charleston and on KY 321 in Prestonsburg. Appointments at the Prestonsburg Clinic may be scheduled by calling 606/886-1970.

MSU closes for holiday

Morehead State University will be closed on Monday, January 15, in observance of the Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr. holiday. There will be no classes or office hours. Offices will reopen and classes will begin at 8 a.m., on Tuesday, January 16.

Marcum is featured

The monthly singing and fellowship dinner at New Beginning Outreach Church at Garrett, will feature Bobby Marcum on Saturday, January 20, beginning at 6 p.m.

Historical Society sets meeting

The Floyd County Historical and Genealogical Society will meet Monday, January 15, at 7 p.m. at the Floyd County Library. Marshall Davidson is scheduled to talk about the legend surrounding the infamous "Bad John" Wright. The meeting is open to the public.

Bobby Wells is slated to present a program on using computers to do genealogical research at the February 19 meeting.

Rules change for transportation

Sandy Valley Transportation Service hours for scheduling rides have changed. In accordance with a new state law and effective immediately, all Medicaid and Kentucky Works recipients must contact Sandy Valley at least three days before their scheduled appointment times and between the hours of 8

a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, to schedule transportation. Urgent care trips may be scheduled at any time.

To schedule transportation or for information, call 1-800-444-RIDE (7433).

SSI rep to visit Mud Creek Clinic

A Social Security Representative will visit the Mud Creek Clinic each Tuesday during the month of January.

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.

PCC testing announced

Prestonsburg Community College will hold orientation and assessment testing on the Prestonsburg Campus, according to the following schedule:

Orientation: Friday, January 5, 9 a.m. to noon.

Assessment Testing: Thursday, January 4; Monday, January 8; Wednesday, January 10; and Thursday, January 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For more information, call 606/886-3863, ext. 249.

Arrested

also arrested, on DUI charges. The arrests took place at approximately 4:10 a.m.

In court records, Officer Kidd alleged that Gibson was a passenger in the back seat of the vehicle and that he was extremely intoxicated. Kidd administered a breathalyzer examination that registered Gibson's blood-alcohol content at .239, nearly three times the legal limit.

Kidd further alleged that Gibson behaved in an extremely disorderly fashion to both he and detention center personnel, and that he refused to give them any of the information that they requested from him.

The citation reads that Gibson was "screaming in a violent manner" telling the officer that he was "fired."

The citation goes on to allege that Gibson made statements to Kidd to the effect that "he was digging himself a grave." Gibson

allegedly also stated to Kidd in a threatening manner that "if he wanted to keep his job, he better watch what he was doing" and "that he would not be feeding his children much longer."

Gibson was released from custody on the condition that he have no contact with Officer Kidd.

In an interview with Gibson Monday afternoon, he said that he did not "remember anything" about the incident.

"I blacked out and I don't remember anything about it," said Gibson.

Gibson took office Monday after being sworn in with other newly-elected members of the Wayland council.

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JENNY PARSONS (23) of Betsy Layne charged into Pikeville's Sarah Boyd (13) where the two teams met Monday night at Pikeville.

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— Piarist comes up short in All 'A' opener —

Piarist vs. Millard

Ross nets 20 as Lady Knights fall

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

And we have a winner! It's just not the team many thought it would be. Going into the 15th Region All 'A' Classic, 15th Region followers and prognosticators predicted the opening game of the tournament to be a very close

encounter. It proved to be just that.

The Piarist School Lady Knights took to the Paintsville High School hardwood in the opening game of the 2001 15th Region All 'A' Classic to do battle with the Millard Lady Mustangs. Both squads came into the game winless on the season, therefore, one would walk away a winner for the first time this season. Sadly enough, for the Lady Knights, they would come up short, literally as they finished the game with just four players, and took a 48-41 loss.

having just five players on a team is difficult to say the least. Coach Gary

Kidd's Piarist Lady Knights are faced with the daunting task of performing and playing an entire game with just five players night in and night out. The Lady Knights looked to get the win Monday night against Millard, and they nearly pulled it off, playing one player short for over eleven minutes as the game went down the stretch.

Kari Ross opened the contest with three straight field goals, as the Lady knights took an early 6-0 lead. Millard's Erica Elswick answered with a three-point field goal at the 5:52 mark of the first quarter to cut the Piarist lead in half, at a 6-3 advan-

tage. Piarist Lady Knight Emily Meyer got into early foul trouble, drawing her third foul on a rebound attempt following a Millard free throw at the 3:37 mark of the initial quarter. The Lady Mustangs were outscored 6-4 in the last five minutes of the opening quarter and went into the second period trailing the Lady Knights 12-7.

The two squads swapped buckets for most of the second quarter before Piarist went on a 7-0 run late in the quarter, giving them a 22-14 advantage as they headed into the locker rooms at halftime.

(See PIARIST, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

KARI ROSS (23) goes up for a short jumper over a host of Millard defenders. Ross tossed in a team-high 24 points for Coach Gary Kidd's Piarist team.

A LOOK AT SPORTS

Regional sports views



by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

> BUT FIRST...

A belated happy birthday wish to Allen Central's Jennifer Risner who turned 18 this past Tuesday. Happy birthday, Jennifer. How time flies!

Also, happy birthday wishes to Melissa Thacker, former third baseman for the South Floyd Lady Raiders. Melissa will turn, well she rather not say, this Friday. Happy birthday, Melissa!

> AND NOW...

Something has been bothering me and let me air it out right here. It concerns girls basketball.

We all know how our county teams get up for battle against county opponents and they look like superstars in the process. But when they play teams in the region, they look like someone who has no heart to win.

It appears that our kids are content on winning just a district championship when they are the caliber of a team that could win a regional title as well and a berth in the Sweet Sixteen.

But when they face the top teams in the other districts they just seem to freeze up, giving the impression, "we can't beat them!"

Players need to know that if they are going to compete in a state tournament you don't get there by winning a district tournament. You get there by being named regional champions and they just won't hand you that title, you have to go on the floor and earn it.

Teams like Belfry, Shelby Valley, Sheldon Clark, Johnson Central, and Pikeville seems to scare our county teams. While on the court with them, our teams just appear to back off and the effort, like against a county opponent, just isn't there.

This year, in our county, we have teams who can compete if they would just start believing in themselves more and go out with an attitude that they can win against the likes of the Belfry's, Shelby Valley's, Sheldon Clark's and Johnson Central's.

We have lost to these teams for so long we just don't feel we can ever beat them. That is not so.

I think there is a time to play an up tempo game and there are times to take care of the basketball more. I think who you play, the style of play, and the ability to execute should determine the pace of a game one plays.

If you are playing the up and down the floor game, which I really like, but you are turning the ball over more than you are getting shots at the basket, then it is time to slow the pace a bit.

I don't know. Maybe it is just me, but we have at least two teams in our county who are good enough to win a regional championship. But both teams appears intimidated by the other schools. Why? I don't know but it bothers me.

I really pull for our county teams when I am out there. The only time I do not take sides is when they play each other. I think we have some of the finest kids that you would want. We have outstanding coaches at the helm of every program. What is the problem? You let me know!

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photo by Ed Taylor

SOUTH FLOYD'S Michael Hall (10) scored two of his 19 points against Prestonsburg last Friday night at Raider Arena. South Floyd went to 4-1 in conference play with a win over the Blackcats.

South Floyd rolls past Prestonsburg



photo by Ed Taylor
RICKY POWERS (23) of Prestonsburg moved to the basket last Friday night at South Floyd. Prestonsburg played their first conference game of the season and fell to the host Raiders.

Ryan Martin and Justin Allen hit two three-point baskets for the Blackcats in finishing with eight points apiece.

South Floyd coach Henry Webb said his ballclub is starting to put things together.

(See SOUTH FLOYD, page three)

Tackett's 27 points leads in 94-45 win

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Rusty Tackett and John Meade combined for 50 points leading the South Floyd Raiders past visiting Prestonsburg 94-45 in a game that was one-sided from the onset.

Tackett finished with a game high 27 points while Meade, who had four treys in the win, finished with 23 points. Michael Hall added 19 points.

Dustin Music was the only Prestonsburg player to score in double figures finishing with 11 points. Coach Jackie Day Crisp played a lot of players with 12 making the scoring column.

The Prestonsburg coach was looking for the right combination on the court against the Raiders and went mostly with his bench in the second half.

Allen Central at Johnson Central

Allen Central fends off late rally, beats Johnson Central

Newsome tosses in 32 as Rebels remain perfect in region

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Johnson Central junior Dock Johnson began the Allen Central-Johnson Central game with a three-pointer, and he ended the game with a three-pointer. He would hit several more in the contest, nine more to be exact, as he led a late Johnson Central rally that saw the Golden Eagles battle back and cut a big double-digit lead to single digits in the opening portion of the fourth quarter. But, it was the Runnin' Rebels of Allen Central, who would hold on in the end and post a 75-69 win.

To say Allen Central Coach Johnny Martin was unhappy with his team's overall performance, especially in the second half, would be an understatement. The Allen Central mentor felt his team should have played much better than they did. Defending, or not defending a hot-shooting Dock Johnson at the end, nearly allowed the host Golden Eagles to pull off a major upset in a game that didn't seem to be nearly as close as the final score would indicate.

"We just didn't guard Dock Johnson there at the end of the game," said Martin following Allen Central's six-point win over Johnson Central. "I was real pleased with the way we played in the first half, I thought we were playing our type of game in the first half. In the second half, they (Johnson Central) got off to a real good start and we played on the pace they had set for the entire second half."

The contest was tied three times early in the opening period. Johnson Central freshman Mike Walters, playing out of a starting role, put the Golden Eagles up 8-6 on a short jumper. Shawn Newsome tied the contest 8-8 with a running lay-up at the other end. Newsome and Johnson swapped

(See ALLEN CENTRAL, page two)



photo by Steve LeMaster

SHAWN NEWSOME (23) looks to make a pass in first quarter action at Johnson Central. Newsome led Allen Central with a team-best 32 points. Junior Dock Johnson paced Johnson Central with a game-high 34 points, including 10 three-pointers.

Prestonsburg escapes South Floyd 61-55

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Sloppy play by both teams, cool shooting from the free throw line for both teams, and just a lot of confusion about calls for both teams made up for some sloppy high school girls basketball last Friday night at South Floyd's Raider arena.

But when the smoke had cleared, the scoreboard read Prestonsburg 61, South Floyd 55.

"We only lost by six points, so if we had made just half of our free throws, we would have won," said South Floyd coach Melenda Osborne.

In fact, the Lady Raiders were cool, cool and cool from the charity stripe hitting only 17 of 38 attempts. But the worst final fact of the game was that they turned the ball over 22 times against the pressure defense of Prestonsburg, that gave the Lady

Blackcats some easy baskets. Prestonsburg did not fair much better from the stripe hitting only 26 of 43 attempts in a game that neither crowd could get into but they did manage to let the officials know their calls were questionable.

It was one of those games where neither team did anything well. But Prestonsburg coach Harold Tackett said his hats off to the South Floyd team.

"They have played us as tough as anyone has played us," he said. "We hung in there and were fortunate enough to pull out a win and I do mean the word fortunate."

South Floyd opened in a 2-3 zone defense which caused the Lady Blackcats in the middle where they like to get the ball. The only field goals for Prestonsburg in the opening

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Allen Central

three-pointers, leaving the score tied at 11-11. Allen Central went on a 17-5 run to close out the opening quarter and took a 28-16 lead into the second frame.

Johnson Central struck first in the second period when senior Kyle Jennings connected on a long field goal. Newsome answered at the other end with a jumper of his own, and the Runnin' Rebels held a 30-18 advantage. Allen Central held a double-digit advantage over their hosts for the duration of the quarter. Martin's squad outscored the Golden Eagles 14-11 in a low scoring second

quarter, and took a 15-point lead into the third quarter.

Johnson Central Head Coach Les Trimble saw his team play somewhat of an inspired third quarter. With the help of five Johnson three-pointers, the Golden Eagles sliced the Allen Central lead to just seven at 58-51 heading into the final quarter.

Jennings cut the Allen Central lead to just a five-point advantage shortly after the start of the fourth period. Allen Central held a 58-53 lead for nearly three minutes, before Jeremy Hayes nailed a trey to make it a 61-53 contest with just under five minutes remaining to be played in the contest. Both teams went scoreless in a near-three minute drought, that proved to be pivotal in the game's outcome.

"We cut it to five there at the beginning of the fourth quarter and then couldn't score on four straight trips, and that really hurt us," noted Johnson Central's Trimble.

Allen Central (10-1) held a 69-55 lead at the 3:15 mark of the fourth quarter following a three-point play on a field goal and a free throw by senior Larry Mullins. The Runnin' Rebs looked to have the game wrapped-up, but nobody told Dock Johnson that. The Johnson Central junior hit three three-pointers in the final :36 seconds, the last coming at the buzzer, as host Johnson Central

didn't go quietly, before falling.

Newsome led the way for victorious Allen Central. The junior guard finished with a team-high 32 points. Hayes finished with 15 points in a game that saw ten Allen Central players find their way into the scoring column.

Johnson finished with a game-best 34 points for Johnson Central (3-6). He made 10 three-pointers, what's thought to be a new Johnson Central school record. Jennings ended the game with 23 points.

Allen Central was back in action last night (Tuesday night) against Sheldon Clark, as took part in the Coca-Cola Classic Tournament at Pike Central High School.

ALLEN CENTRAL (75) - Newsome 32, Hayes 15, Mullins 11, Yates 5, T. Francis 4, Allen 2, A. Francis 2, Sazabo 2, Chaffins 2.

JOHNSON CENTRAL (69) - Johnson 34, Jennings 23, Woods 5, Walters 4, Blanton 2, Keaton 1.

Goeing scores 20 but All-Saints rout Piarist

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

Perhaps the brightest time of night for the Piarist School Saturday night was it homecoming.

On the court, the Knights could not figure out what to do with a group of Saints as they hit the treys, stole the ball, made circus shots and much more en route to a 68-36 win over the Piarist School.

All-Saints (12th Region, 48th District) scoring was led by Chad McWhorter's 23 points. Charles Jones pumped in 14 while Tim Ohler scored 10.

(See GOEING, page three)



photo by Ed Taylor

PIARIST SCHOOL'S Matt Goeing (10) drove to the middle to score against All Saints in game play at the Piarist School last Saturday night. Goeing finished with 20 for the Knights.

Prestonsburg

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eight minutes came at the onset of the game end of the fourth quarter.

Angela Howell scored off the opening tip for a 2-0 lead and Prestonsburg did not score from the floor again until Brook Coleman's rebound basket with 49 seconds left in the quarter. The put back gave Prestonsburg a 11-9 first quarter lead.

Prestonsburg hit their foul shots early in the game which allowed them to stay around against the Lady Raiders. In the second quarter, they had only three field goals giving them five for the first 16 minutes of the game, very uncharacteristic of Prestonsburg.

"It gave us problems but at half time we made some adjustments against it and in the third quarter they had to come out of it," said Coach Tackett.

Once Prestonsburg forced South Floyd out of the zone they were allowed to extend their lead and led 24-18 at the half.

But, South Floyd, a vastly improved team, would not go away as the pesky Lady Raiders kept their poise on the court.

South Floyd went to a full court pressure game in the second quarter which seemed to bother the Lady Blackcats. For the second consecutive game, both conference games, Prestonsburg had to play without two-guard Megan Hyden. Freshman Heather White, replacing Hyden in the line up, scored 14 points to give the Prestonsburg offense a boost.

"She played a good game for us," said Coach Tackett. "Each game she is going to get better and better."

Prestonsburg built a 13 point lead late in the third quarter, their biggest of the game. South Floyd trailed 41-31 after three quarters.

Howell picked up her fifth personal foul at the start of the fourth quarter and three consecutive turnovers for Prestonsburg let South Floyd right back in the game as freshman Megan Ousley went to war scoring five straight points on two steals.

South Floyd played within five points of the Lady Blackcats throughout the fourth period, never to get any closer.

The last time a Harold Tackett coached Prestonsburg team rolled

into South Floyd they had to fight to get out of the arena with a win.

"I told the kids about that," said the Prestonsburg coach. "We came in here with the conference championship on the line and got out of this with just a three-point win. The thing about coming up here is they will play your socks off."

Coach Tackett said his team would extend their lead out only to lose it.

"We are a team that cannot stand prosperity," he said. "We would jump out 10, 11, 12 points and then I would sit down feeling pretty comfortable. Then they would come back and cut the lead to five or six."

"South Floyd didn't quit, they did not give up. Our team, they never got rattled."

One of the stranger sights of the game was toward the end of the game when Ramanda Music and Amelia Conley, the taller ones, was bringing the ball up the court against the South Floyd press. The result: a steal for South Floyd.

"We really don't want the big girls handling the ball," said the Prestonsburg mentor.

Music led Prestonsburg's scoring with 17 points and 12 rebounds. White added her 14 points while Brook Coleman finished with 14 points. White hit two three-point baskets while Coleman had one. Coleman's trey came at a crucial time when Prestonsburg needed a basket in the second quarter.

Amelia Conley tossed in nine points with Vicki Bowling, off the bench, contributing six. Howell scored four before fouling out.

Kandance Mitchell tied Music for game scoring honors with 17 points. Ousley added 16 and Ashley Johnson pumped in 13. Both Johnson and Ousley are freshmen. Jessica Paige buried a trey and netted five points. Stacia Stanley finished with three and Stephanie Skeans scored one point.

South Floyd played without one of their leading scorers in senior Minnie Tackett. Tackett has been out for several weeks but is hopeful for a return before the district tournament next month.

Prestonsburg will host Johnson Central, the regions top team, Thursday night. South Floyd will be competing in the Girls All "A" Classic at Paintsville this week.

Sports

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> PITINO BALL...

Pitino ball did not work at Boston and the Celtics continues to be one of the "bad" NBA teams. There are a lot of observations one could make of the franchise and why it is no longer the dread of the NBA.

Other teams have faltered over the years and continue to do so, yet they are not in the spotlight like a Rick Pitino coached team.

Rick's ego has been wounded because he failed to turn the program around, like he did some of our college teams. But Rick, you are coaching a different breed of basketball players in the National Brats Association (NBA).

Now, Rick tells us the next institution that bids for his services must be one with a winning attitude. Several schools have been mentioned as wanting Rick's services but the cool-hand coach said he will take the rest of the year off, before deciding what to do.

Well, maybe he can join Bobby Knight on a fishing trip and they can both discuss their own situations and lend support toward each

other.

UNLV maybe where Pitino-ball will be played next season. Rumors have linked him to UCLA and most recently at Louisville.

It appears for a certain that Louisville's Denny Crum is history at the school he has coached nearly 30 seasons. But is Louisville ready for Pitino-ball.

We have our own dilemma here at UK where Tubby-ball is not getting it done and look for UK fans to be calling (more so) for Tubby Smith's job.

The coaching guru's, as well as opposing coaches, are talking of the "great job, babbby" that Tubby is doing. But if a team had a coach who could not coach and you were beating him, wouldn't you want him to stay.

No, I don't think Rick would consider coming back to UK. I think he would be a perfect fit for Louisville but says here he will end up at Indiana.

Oh well, the Reds open April 2 against Atlanta!

Until Friday, good sports everyone and be good sports!

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■ Betsy Layne at Pikeville

Girls basketball...

Pikeville upends Betsy Layne

Lykens scores 20 in 72-60 setback

by ED TAYLOR
SPORTS EDITOR

For the first two quarters the Betsy Layne Ladycats had things

going their way. Despite not being able to take care of the basketball, still they lead at the first two stops against host Pikeville Monday night.

But in the second half it was an entirely different game for Coach Cassandra Akers ballclub as they could not find the basket on offense, failed to block on the boards at the

other end and turned the ball over way too many times.

It all added up to a 72-60 come from behind win for the Pikeville Lady Panthers, who improved to 7-3 on the season while Betsy Layne fell to 9-4 on the year. It was the second straight loss for the Ladycats, who dropped a heart-breaker to Sheldon Clark a week

earlier.

Freshman, Whitney Lykens led Betsy Layne's scoring with 20 points including four three-point baskets. Lykens fouled out of the game at a crucial time when the Ladycats were making a comeback. Jenny Parsons, who finished with 13 points, also fouled out in the fourth period.

No one else hit double figures for Betsy Layne as they got little from other players. Natasha Stratton and Kim Clark came off the bench and contributed six points each while Amber Roberts and Devon Reynolds managed four points. Tabitha Mitchell finished



photo by Ed Taylor
JENNY PARSONS (23) of Betsy Layne charged into Pikeville's Sarah Boyd (15) when the two teams met Monday night at Pikeville. Pikeville posted a 72-60 win over the Ladycats.

South Floyd

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"We are starting to play a little better," he said. "We made some mistakes the first half but we hadn't played in 14 days. The kids came out real anxious to play tonight."

"I thought Prestonsburg played hard, we played hard. It was a good game for awhile."

Coach Webb said despite his not executing well at times he saw a lot of things he hadn't seen before in the season.

"We had a lot of good ball movement for easy shots," he said. "We have worked real hard on, making extra passes. Moving the ball from one side to the other, I just saw some really good things tonight."

Coach said he was seeing more good things from his team than the bad things earlier and, "that is good for our team."

Prestonsburg led twice in the game taking a 3-0 lead on Ryan Martin's trey at the onset. After Meade tied the game, Brandon Branham's rebound basket gave the Blackcats their final lead at 5-3. South Floyd ran off the next seven points with Prestonsburg staying close behind the play of Music.

But after a Music free throw made it a 17-12 game, South Floyd went on a 15-2 run that netted them a 32-14 lead after the first quarter.

With newly elected state senator Johnny Ray Turner in the stands, South Floyd doubled the score on the visiting Blackcats at 40-20 mid way of the second period.

Martin hit his second three-pointer and scored off a steal to narrow it back to 15 points before the Raiders led 45-29 on Tackett's second three-point basket of the half.

The 16 minutes of the game was a picture-book look for South Floyd as not much individual play was evident.

"The first semester I saw a lot of dribble shoot," said Coach Webb. "I think we are getting better in that area. Prestonsburg is a good rebounding team. I thought they played hard for three-quarters of the ball game."

But in the third quarter, South Floyd ripped out to a 30 point advantage using a 17-0 spurt to lead 65-35.

"They played hard until we blew them away," said the South Floyd coach. "But I think both teams played hard and I was really pleased with what I saw."

With the long lay off for the Raiders (cancellation of two games) Coach Webb said motivating his team dur-

ing the dead time was just a matter of communication.

"We talked in practice and I am sure that our team is like every other team in the state, you don't go against the same competition you do when you go out and play a game," he said. "We really focus hard regardless who we are playing. We are always taking them one at a time. Here we take it one possession at time, one game at a time."

Joey Willis, who entered the game in the third period, sparked the Blackcats in the fourth quarter with Chris Kidd giving some quality minutes off the Blackcat bench.

South Floyd's biggest lead came at 42 points, 92-50 before Justin Allen hit a three-pointer and laid a 14-footer for the final scoring of the game.

Willis and Brad Bevins finished with five points each for Prestonsburg. Josh Justice added four points as did Branham. Josh Murdock, Craig Fleenor, Ricky Powers, Chris Kidd, and Kevin Younce scored two points apiece.

Josh Newman, Charles Ray, Tyler Hall and Jack Slone, a freshman, scored five points each for the Raiders. Josh Johnson hit a trey and finished with seven points. Anthony Hall and Joe Skeans finished with two points each.

Coach Webb said his teams will need to use the remaining weeks before tournament time to improve in some areas of their game.

"Number one, we have to improve in executing on offense," he said. "Defensively, we need to be a little more aggressive. I have been on to them hard on silly fouls and we are a little passive right now."

"We need to pick up on our defensive intensity and push the ball more. If we learn to execute on offense we are going to be tough to handle, but the area that really concerns me is rebounding."

South Floyd returns to the hardwood tonight in the WYMT Classic at Perry Central. The Raiders will meet a good Cawood team in the first game at 7 p.m.

GAME NOTE:

■ The Paintsville at South Floyd game that was postponed last week is scheduled to be played at South Floyd on February 6.

■ If the Raiders were to lose tonight against Cawood, then South Floyd would play Pikeville at home this coming Friday night.

GAME NOTES:

■ Lykens was a perfect eight of eight from the free throw line to go with her four three-point baskets. The frosh forward struggled at the start of the season but the last four games shows the shooting slump a thing of the past.

■ Shelby Valley coach Bobby Spears was in attendance to scout the two ballclubs.

with three and Kim Tackett scored two.

Through the first two periods of the game Betsy Layne held high scoring guard Jill Kimberlain to just five points but failed to slow her in the second two quarters, scoring 17 of her game high 22 to lead Pikeville.

Michelle Hall, who sung the National Anthem, went to the court and pumped in 17 points while Stephanie Kelly netted 11. Sarah Boyd finished with nine and Sarah Hobbs netted five while Lauren Francisco scored four. Both Elizabeth Sowards and Sarah Dye had two points.

It was the play of Kelly against the Betsy Layne press and her defensive play on Reynolds that added to the win for Pikeville. Kelly, a senior, was calm against the

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Goeing

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Matt Goeing tossed in 20 points to lead the Knights. Brent Hall added 10 points with Eugene Sisco and Justin Ross finishing with three points.

The closest Piarist could ever come to All Saints was two points and that was at the onset of the game. The Saints had taken a 4-0 lead but two free throws by Goeing cut it to two. After that it was the Saints having their way against the host school.

Piarist trailed 21-7 after the first quarter. Sisco had his three points in the opening quarter and he pulled down four rebounds in the first.

All Saints held Piarist to just a field goal in the second period, a lay in by Hall off an assist from Goeing. The Knights looked at a 25 deficit going to the locker room at the half down 34-9.

Piarist picked up their scoring in the third period but the bulk of it came from Goeing as he drove the middle getting some easy baskets. Ross buried a three-point basket that brought the fans to their feet. Ross is a grade-schooler.

Goeing's had eight third quarter points.

Goeing continued the hot hand for Piarist with 10 points in the fourth quarter, hitting a three-point basket.

TRAUM HOMECOMING QUEEN

At half time of the game, the school held their second homecoming where Nora Traum was crowned Homecoming Queen 2001 by last year's queen Chastity Ison. Ison is the daughter of Clarence and Carolyn Traum of Prestonsburg and was escorted by Robert Hall, who had to sit out the game with an injured finger.

Other senior attendants were Emily Meyer, daughter of Robert and Pamela Meyer of Prestonsburg; Tabitha Dawn Nunemaker, daughter of Vernon and Connie Nunemaker of Hager Hill.

Class representatives were freshman Tommi Sue Tussey, daughter of Rodney and Miranda Tussey of David, escorted by Brian Yates; sophomore Alisha Russell, daughter of Douglas and Pamela Russell of Salyersville, escorted by Josh Bohr; junior Rachel Leech, daughter of Dr. David and Elva Leech of Pikeville.

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PRESTONSBURG'S Brook Coleman (14) scored underneath the basket against the South Floyd Lady Raiders during district play last Friday night. Coleman finished with 14 points.

STEVE'S SIDELINE SHOTS

by STEVE LeMASTER
SPORTS WRITER

Allen turning his play up a notch

The Prestonsburg boys' varsity basketball team's 2000-01 season has given fans several ups and downs but one particular player seems to just get better with each passing game.

Prestonsburg Blackcat Justin Allen has played stellar basketball



as of late. Justin Allen, a player who I inadvertently recognized in two recent articles as Josh, because the roster I was provided with had a No. 14, 6-1, sophomore listed as Josh Allen, is playing great basketball. Allen has given Prestonsburg Coach Jackie Day Crisp some quality play on the court as of late. My sincerest apologies go out to Justin and the Allen family for the mix-up on the first name. Again, I was just going by the roster I was given.

Allen is a virtual three-point threat from anywhere outside of the perimeter. The sharp shooting sophomore gives Prestonsburg a good outside shooter to go along with outside threats' junior Brad Bevins and senior Ryan Martin. The 6-foot-1 Allen has rescued the Blackcats in recent games thanks to some outstanding perimeter shooting.

Keep your eye on Justin Allen. Once again, just a sophomore, Allen will be around in a Prestonsburg Blackcat basketball uniform for the remainder of this season and the next two seasons to come.

Teams all across the 15th Region could be altering their defensive schemes to combat Allen's talented outside game. He is the type of player who can really take a game over, when he has a rhythm going. Remember the name: JUSTIN ALLEN.

Football Blackcats hitting the weights

I caught up with Prestonsburg football coach John DeRossett at the recent Prestonsburg-Betsy Layne game, and he said that the turnout for recent weightlifting workouts had been great. Coach DeRossett said he recently had 48 players show up to lift. The Blackcats will enter spring drills with the nucleus of a regional championship team returning.

Former Blackcat Nathan Leslie, now at Marshall, recently presented Coach John DeRossett with a 2000 Motor City Bowl jacket. Leslie was in town over the recent holiday break, but is now back at Marshall and back with the Thundering Herd

football squad working out and preparing for the upcoming spring practice season. Look for an upcoming full-length article on Nathan Leslie in the February edition of Sporting Times.

Younger Music now part of varsity squad

Allen Grade School eighth grader Chanel Music is now dressing out with the Prestonsburg High girls' varsity basketball team. Chanel is a standout on the AGS team. Chanel's older sister Ramanda, a junior, is a standout on the P'burg team. Ramanda recently ripped into Betsy Layne for 30 points. The younger Music, Chanel, didn't see any playing time that game, but still has a whole lot of basketball left to play as her entire high school playing career still lies ahead of her.

Legends job search

The Lexington Legends Professional Baseball Club will host a job fair in early-February for potential part-time seasonal employees. The fair will be held Saturday, February 3 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Turfland Mall on Harrodsburg Road in Lexington. What a great way to spend your summer!

XFL Notes

Eastern Kentucky University wide receiver Diallo Burks was taken fifth overall in the recent Dec. 29 XFL Supplemental Draft. The Orlando Rage selected Burks ahead of several other wide receivers in the draft. The Chicago Enforcers

took Montana offensive lineman Chase Raynock with the first overall pick in the draft. Ohio State running back Pepe Pearson was taken with the 44th overall pick in the draft by the Las Vegas Outlaws.

First-ever XFL training camps are now underway in Orlando and Las Vegas. Over the next four weeks, teams will prepare for the season's February 3 kickoff, with rosters being trimmed from 70 players to 38 active players and seven reserves by January 28.

Training in the Orlando area will be the XFL's four East Division teams (Birmingham Thunderbolts, Chicago Enforcers, New York/New Jersey Hitmen and Orlando Rage) while the West Division squads (Las Vegas Outlaws, Los Angeles Xtreme, Memphis Maniax and San Francisco Demons) will workout in the Las Vegas area.

Recent passing brought family together

The recent passing of my grandmother brought nearly all of my dad's family together. My cousin, Rick LeMaster, is coaching high school basketball now. Rick is the freshman boys' coach at Fairbanks High School in Ohio. Rick's high school alma mater, Triad, is Fairbanks' archrival. Coach LeMaster mentioned that every time he goes into Triad High, he's showered with a chorus of chants to the tune of something like: "Traitor! Nevertheless, he's having fun coaching. Isn't that what sports is all about, having fun? Yes!"

Lykens

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press and used her quickness to get through the press.

But her defense against Reynolds, slowing the Betsy Layne point guard, was a big defensive key for Pikeville. Kelly covered Reynolds like a carpet covers a rug, forcing Reynolds to give the ball up.

Both teams turned the ball over way too much but it was Betsy Layne who won in that stat with 26 turnovers, very uncharacteristic of the Ladycats.

After the two teams were tied at 6-6, Betsy Layne opened up a 9-6 lead on Lykens first three-point basket of the game. Pikeville came back to take a 10-9 lead on baskets by Sarah Boyd and Hall. Stratton rolled under the basket, took a pass and scored with Reynolds scoring off a steal that gave Betsy Layne a 13-10 lead. A basket underneath by Parsons and Lykens second try, that just beat the clock, gave the Ladycats a 18-12 first quarter lead.

Overcoming three consecutive turnovers to start the second quarter, Betsy Layne built a 11 point lead, leading 26-15 at the 3:38 mark of the second quarter. Their biggest lead was 12 points on another three-point by Lykens at 31-19. A three-point basket by Hall cut the margin to nine, 31-22 at the half.

It was the third quarter that found the Ladycats wanting — for a basket. Pikeville held Betsy Layne to just two field goals in the third stanza in scoring only six points in the period. Mental mistakes proved costly for the Ladycats as they failed to do the things that got them the lead in the first two quarters.

Here is where Kelly came in as she took Reynolds out of the game in distributing the ball at the 1:40 mark of the third period, Betsy Layne's lead disappeared when Kimberlain drilled a three-point basket for a 38-37 Pikeville lead. Pikeville went on to score the final six points of the period taking a 44-37 lead into the fourth quarter.

Pikeville built a 16 points lead mid way of the fourth period as Betsy Layne failed to generate any offense in dropping the 12 point decision.

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Gallion leads Lady Bears

Sophomore Teccoa Gallion scored 20 of her season-high 23 points to lead Pikeville College past Cumberland University 55-46 Saturday afternoon.

Gallion was 9-of-16 from the floor in the game, but 8-of-9 in the second half. She also added a game-best 12 rebounds.

Pikeville (12-4) improved to 2-2 in Mid-South Conference play, and won their seventh consecutive game since a Dec. 2 loss to Georgetown.

Cumberland University (8-6) fell to

2-3 in the MSC.

Pikeville jumped out to a 26-13 lead with 5:59 to play in the first half after a three-point basket by freshman Cindy Burks. But that would prove to be the final Lady Bear point of the half, as Cumberland scored the final 10 points of the period, closing it out with a three-point basket by Francesca deBondt at the horn.

The Lady Bears righted the ship as the second half began, finding Gallion in the post for several easy baskets.

Neither team shot particularly well in the second half. Pikeville's 35.7 percent was favorable to CU's 24.2 - as the Lady Bears pulled away for the win.

Gallion was the only player in the game in double figures in the scoring column. Amanda Collins followed with eight, as nine players scored for Pikeville in the game.

Seniors Jessica Jones and deBondt, who had nine points each, paced Cumberland. Jones added 10 rebounds.

photo by Ed Taylor

RAMANDA MUSIC (33) drove around South Floyd's Stacia Stanley (42) last Friday night at South Floyd. Prestonsburg posted a 61-55 decision over the Lady Raiders.



Cumberland remains unbeaten in MSC

Cumberland University placed five players in double figures in the scoring column and knocked off Pikeville 82-74 Saturday evening.

The win kept the Bulldogs unbeaten in Mid-South Conference play, improving to 5-0. They are 16-2 overall.

The Bulldogs hit 15-of-30 from the floor in the second half to expand what was a two-point (35-33) halftime advantage. Pikeville

(8-6) lost its first MSC game and stands 3-1 in league play.

Senior Phoeron Scott led the way with 22 points for Cumberland. Berford Whitson followed with 14.

Hermann Buchert had 12 points and a team-best 11 rebounds for Cumberland, who defeated Georgetown College on Thursday night. Trevor Crafton and Jeremy Harwood came off the bench to

toss in 11 apiece for the Bulldogs.

Sophomore Alan Powe led Pikeville with 21 points. The Freeport, Ill. native also had 10 rebounds. Senior Ricky Freeman had 13 points and 13 rebounds.

Cedric Taylor added 12 points and seven rebounds.

Adam Reed, a junior from Augusta, scored seven points, handed out seven assists and grabbed five rebounds.

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Sunday, February 11

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■ "Uncle Charlie" Richmond was the former slave of Judge William Richmond of Big Stone Gap, Virginia. As a freed man, he worked for and lived with the Isaac Richmond family, prominent Floyd County merchants. He died in 1910.

Depression-era writer records local slavery stories

by ROBERT PERRY
 CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Editor's note: In reprinting a historical document, this article uses some language that the Times normally would not use.

In the late 1930s, a journalist employed by the Federal Writers Project came to Prestonsburg to collect facts about Floyd County slavery. He was hoping to find some ex-slaves who could provide him with first-hand accounts of Floyd County slave life during the antebellum period.

He didn't find any ex-slaves, but he did find a Floyd County man who had once interviewed one. Sometime around 1905, while working for a short-lived Prestonsburg newspaper called the East Kentucky Journal, Prestonsburg attorney W. S. Wallen reportedly had interviewed "Uncle Charlie" Richmond, former slave of Judge William Richmond of Big Stone Gap, Virginia.

Charlie was about 80 years old when Wallen interviewed him. When the old man died in 1910, Wallen published a feature story about him in the Journal.

Unfortunately, the newspaper's archives were destroyed by fire in 1928, and as a result,

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Classes set for Maytown

The Maytown Lifetime Learning Center, located in the former Maytown School, has scheduled four enrichment classes to begin next week.

- ▶ Beginning Keyboard and Computers, Thursdays, 1-3 p.m., beginning January 18, \$25/10 weeks.
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Small World

Good wishes

A belated congratulations to Jan Smith who was officially installed as Postmaster of Stanville, in early December. Bill Ed Johnson, manager of Post Office Operations, administered the oath of office, and several area postmasters and former postmasters were on hand to witness the ceremony.

Jan was a clerk in the Pikeville office before her selection, and her former postmaster, Darrell Rose, and several employees of that office came to support her. She had decorated the office, inside and out, for the Christmas season, making a beautiful setting for the occasion, and many friends and customers joined her "postal family" for the celebration. In fact, there were so many well-

Merry Old CHRISTMAS

Samuel and Catherine May entertained a houseful of guests Saturday night for the celebration of Old Christmas, ca. 1817. The festivity was planned by the Kentucky Highland Folk Festival Committee, which includes Dorothy Harris, Lida Howard, Fred James, Kathy Lowe, Verlin Nichols and Elizabeth Ramey.

In addition to partaking of Wassail, gingerbread and cookies, guests had a chance to tour the home, to look over the Newton May Collection of Indian artifacts and Frank Reffett's Collection of Middle Creek Battlefield artifacts, and to browse through newspapers from the first half of the 20th century.



Samuel and Catherine May and their daughter Elizabeth greeted guests to their home for Old Christmas. In their other lives, they are John David Preston and Julia Paxton, along with Preston's daughter, Ellen.



Robyn Tackett and her father Fred Goble (AKA "Munroe") entertained guests at the May House during the Old Christmas festivities.

photos by Pam Shingler

The mantles of the May House were decorated with simple greenery for the Old Christmas celebration Saturday night, in keeping with the style of the early 1800s. The first Christmas tree in the country was still a couple of decades away.



On telemarketers and postage stamps

I suppose I'm about like everybody else when it comes to telemarketers. I realize that these folks are just trying to make a living and I hate to be rude. I'm afraid, however, that sometimes I am.

But even though they aggravate me to death, I have to admire them for their uncanny sense of timing. I mean, we seldom eat supper at the same time every day, yet every time a telemarketer calls our house, that's exactly what we're doing.

I choose to write about this topic yet again, because last week I got the telemarketer call to end all telemarketer calls.

I'd just chomped down on a hunk of the finest cornbread a country boy could ever taste, when the phone rang. When I answered, an obviously recorded woman's voice on the other end said—now get this—"Hello, this is an important business call. Please stay on the line for the first available operator."

Of course, I didn't, but doesn't that take the cake? Not only did these people once again disturb my supper, now they're wanting me to hang on for who knows how long while my soup beans get cold and one of their pitchmen can free himself long enough to try and sell me something I don't want.

Now that takes gall. But I think I've figured it out and know what this telemarketer stuff is all about. I think it's a punishment cast down upon me to pay me back for all the times I pulled pranks on people via the telephone when I was a kid growing up in Muddy Branch, and the phone was a real novelty.

I'd do things like call someone whom I thought wouldn't recognize my voice and when they'd answer I'd say something like, "Is your refrigerator running?" If they said "yes," I'd say, "Well, better go run and catch it."

That's it, all right. Telemarketers are how I must now pay for my youthful peccadilloes.

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If you've mailed a letter this week, you've no doubt had to dig for that extra penny as the price of a first-class stamp went up to 34 cents on Sunday. But as much as I'd like to, I really find it hard to complain about the raise.

When I think about how much the price of everything else has gone up, the postage stamp is still the best bargain in town.

When I was a kid, Mom would send me to the post office with a dime and three letters, and warn me not to lose the change. First-class stamps were three cents each, and that means there's been only a 31-cent increase over the past 50 years.

A nickel bottle of pop now costs 75 cents, a \$3 pair of tennis shoes will run you somewhere near \$100, and you need to float a loan in order to fill up your car with gas, or take your family to the movies.

I refuse to complain about a 34-cent postage stamp.

wishers that they were standing wall to wall and happy to be sharing this day with her.

Captive visit

Pam Shingler, senior editor of The Floyd County Times, came to do a story of the installation, and it ran December 17. Also, Pastor Doug Lewis was there to do the invocation and I got to introduce my editor to my pastor. Doug is a former Sheriff of Floyd County, and the two of them lost no time in getting acquainted.

Though Pam and I have been working together for a good while, we rarely have a chance to visit. She needed to get back to her office after the ceremony, and I needed to get back to some chore waiting for me, so we started our separate ways only to find her car was blocked by another visitor. That gave us opportunity for one of the best visits

we've had. Now I'll be hoping that, if we ever wind up for the same program again, there will be some circumstance that allows us a little more time to just talk. I don't think we'd ever run down.



by Aileen Hall

Visit by chance

I was checking out the sales at the Pikeville J. C. Penney store a few days ago when I ran into some friends with the same idea. They were Palmer and Ramona Humphries of Ligon, former customers of my husband when he had Hall Marine Sales.

Walter had sold them a boat and trailer, and I think they had a lot of enjoyment from using them with their two children, Jimmy and Donna.

They now have six grandchildren. Ramona was a teacher at the John M. Stumbo Elementary School in Grethel until her retirement in 1993. I asked how she was enjoying retirement and she

said, "I would enjoy it more except I just don't like housework."

She struck a chord with me there, for I don't like it either. No matter how well you clean up the kitchen or make the beds, you still have to do them over again—and over and over. It's a lot more fun to sit here and write than it is to do the laundry!

Special Readers

I'd like to send a special hello and good wishes for the new year to Delores Carpenter and Carrie Branham, two wonderful ladies at the Floyd County Health Department.

It's nice to have them both as readers and to know they do such a great job, along with other staff members, in meeting the needs of the people of our county. It's one thing to do your work, but quite another to do it with such care and kindness. May the year ahead be good for you.

Slavery

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When the Federal Writers Project journalist arrived in Prestonsburg a decade later, copies of the article were no longer available. However, Wallen was able to provide him with the notes which he had taken during the 1905 interview.

Not much is known about the East Kentucky Journal beyond two facts: it was edited by J. W. Wallen, father of W. S. Wallen, and it was published from January to December, 1905.

In 1955, Floyd County historian Henry Scaff discovered a copy of the newspaper dated December 14, 1905. The copy was brittle with age, and as he was reading it, it crumbled in his hands. As a consequence, he was unable to preserve it.

Among other things, it carried this announcement: "With this issue the Journal has completed the first round of one year." According to Scaff, Wallen published his newspaper on a press located in the Floyd County Courthouse.

During the early years of the 20th century, W. S. Wallen was one of Floyd County's most popular attorneys. Following service with the U. S. Army during World War I, he was elected Floyd County State Representative and served in the Kentucky Legislature from 1922 to 1926.

Appointed to the Normal School Commission, Wallen was one of the men who helped choose the site for a new teachers college. Though he lobbied long and hard for Prestonsburg, his fellow commissioners finally decided to build it at Morehead. The decision keenly disappointed local voters, and as a result, Wallen became known as "the man who sold his vote and lost us the teachers college," despite the fact that no evidence of his wrongdoing was ever produced.

Though his legislative career ended in disappointment, we should be grateful to Mr. Wallen for preserving an important piece of Floyd County history. His account of Charlie Richmond's recollections was subsequently included in "Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States," an unpublished collection housed in the Library of Congress.

Several months ago, my friend Mack Horn of Hueysville discovered Charlie's narrative while researching the various genealogical databases at HYPERLINK <http://www.ancestry.com>.

(Thanks, Mack, for unearthing this important piece of Floyd County history.)

Here is the full text of the report composed by the unidentified journalist following his interview with W. S. Wallen:

"The last ex-slave of Floyd County, says Mr. W. S. Wallen of Prestonsburg, was 'Uncle Charlie' Richmond of Prestonsburg. Uncle Charlie was brought to the county by old Judge Richmond, of the Richmond Department Store of Prestonsburg, about the time of the Civil War. When the war was over, Charlie worked at Richmond's for hire and lived as a member of the family. Sometime before 1910, while working on a Prestonsburg newspaper, Mr. Wallen interviewed this old ex-slave and worked him into a feature story for his paper. These old paper files were destroyed by fire about 1928.

"We are unable to interview ex-slaves in Floyd County, so far as anyone we are able to contact knows. There are no living ex-slaves in the county. There are several colored people. The majority of them reside at Tram, Kentucky, Floyd County, in a kind of colored colony, having been placed there just after the Civil War. A small number of colored people live in the vicinity of Wayland, Kentucky, the original being the remains of a wealthy farmer of Civil War days, by the name of Martin. The colored people were identified as 'Martin's Negroes.'

"Mr. Wallen remembers that Uncle Charlie, as the old ex-slave was called, died in 1910, was buried in Prestonsburg, and that he, W. S. Wallen, wrote up the old darkey's death and funeral for his newspaper. This is the same paper whose files were destroyed by fire and whose papers no longer exist. Old Judge [William] Richmond brought this old slave from Virginia about 1862, along with a number of other slaves. Uncle Charlie was the only ex-slave that remained in the family as a servant after the Emancipation Proclamation.

"Mr. Wallen is a lawyer in Prestonsburg, Kentucky, a member of the James and Wallen Law Firm, located in the Lane Building on Court Street. He was born at Goodlow, Kentucky, in Floyd County on March 15th, 1866. [This is an error—census records show that Wallen was born in 1886.] He taught school in Floyd County for thirteen years, took his L. L. B. at a law school in Valparaiso, Indiana, in 1910, and later served as Representative to the Kentucky General Assembly from the 93rd District during the 1922, 1924, and 1926 sessions.

"The (N)egro dialect of this county is a combination of the dialect white folks use plus that of the (N)egro of the South. The colored population is continually moving back and forth from Alabama, Georgia, and North and South Carolina. They visit a lot. Colored teachers so far have all been from Ohio. Most visiting colored preachers come from Alabama or the Carolinas. The (N)egroes leave out their R's and use expressions like 'an't,' 'han't,' 'gwin,' 'su' for 'sir,' 'yea' for 'yes,' 'dah' for 'there,' and such expressions as 'tis Ye!'

"The wealthiest families of white folks still retain colored servants. In Prestonsburg, Kentucky, one may see on the streets neat-looking colored gals leading or wheeling young white children along. Folks say that this is why so many southerners leave out their

R's and hold on to the old superstitions. They've had a colored person for a nurse-maid.

"Adam Gearhart was a sportsman and used (N)egro jockeys. His best jockey, Dennis, was sold to Morg Clark of Johns Creek. The old race track took in part of the east end of present-day Prestonsburg—from Gearhart's home east in Mayo's Bottom one mile to Kelse Hollow. Jimmie Davidson now lives at the beginning of the old track, near Maple Street. Mike Tartar of Tennessee, Gearhart's son-in-law, brought horses from Tennessee and ran them here, Tartar was a promoter and book-maker also. Penny J. Sizemore and Morg Clark were other sportsmen. This was as early as 1840 up to the Civil War.

"Slaves were traded, bought and sold between owners, just as domestic animals are today. If the slave owner owned only a few servants, they lived with him in the big house. Otherwise, they lived in slave quarters, little cabins located nearby.

"Billy Slone had two female servants. He bought them in Virginia when they were fifteen years old, for \$1,000 sound. Many folk went over to Mt. Sterling or Lexington to auctions where they could buy or trade servants. Slave traders came into the county to buy up slaves for the southern plantations and cotton or sugar fields. Slave families were very frequently separated. Mean, thieving, or running-away — were the first slaves to be sold down the river. Sometimes good servants were sold for the price, the master being in a financial strait or in dire need of money.

"Traders handcuffed their purchased servants and took them by boat or horse-back down the river or over in Virginia and Carolina tobacco fields. Good servants were usually well treated and not over-worked. Mean or contrary servants were whipped or punished in other ways. Run-aways were hunted—dogs being used to track them at times.

"The list of people who owned slaves in Floyd County included Sophia Layne, Laynesville; Jim Layne, Laynesville; John Preston Martin, Prestonsburg; Jacob Mayo Sr., Prestonsburg; William Mayo Jr., Prestonsburg; Johnny Martin, Wayland; Thomas Johns, Dwale; Isom Slone, Beaver Creek; John Bud Harris, Emma; Billy Slone, Caney Fork of Right Beaver; Penny J. Sizemore, Prestonsburg; Samuel P. Davidson, Prestonsburg; Isaac Richmond, Prestonsburg; Valentine Mayo, Prestonsburg; Adam Gearhart, Prestonsburg. This list is as remembered by the oldest citizens, and one Thomas Jefferson 'Uncle Jeff' Sizemore, 94-year-old Civil War veteran and citizen of Prestonsburg. The list was dictated to the writer in just this order.

"The nearest auction blocks were at Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, and Gladesville, Virginia. Most slaves from the present Floyd County Territory were bought and sold through auctions in Southwestern Virginia. Other auction blocks were located at Abington and Bristol, Virginia."

During his stay in Prestonsburg, the journalist interviewed several other local people about Floyd County slavery, in addition to Mr. Wallen. One of those was a local minister, Rev. John R. Cox, who related the following story:

"A slave owner in West Virginia bought a thirteen-year-old black girl at an auction. When this girl was taken to his home, she escaped,

and after searching everywhere without finding her, he decided that she had been helped to escape and gave her up as lost. About two years after that, while a neighbor on a near-by farm was in the woods feeding his cattle, he saw what he first thought was a bear, running into the thicket from among his cows. Getting help, he rounded up the cattle and began searching the thick woodland.

"He finally found what he had supposed to be a wild animal. It was the long lost fugitive black girl. She had lived all this time in caves, feeding on nuts, berries, wild apples, and milk from cows, that she could catch and milk. Returned to her master, she was sold to a Mr.

Morgan Whitaker, who lived near Prestonsburg, Kentucky."

There is no denying the fact that slavery is a stain on the American conscience, as this last story so vividly illustrates. However, when discussing the subject, we need to remember that nothing in life is reducible to easy formulas. As Charlie Richmond's story proves, there were slaves who chose to remain with their masters following the Emancipation Proclamation.

My friend John B. Wells of Paintsville, who with Paintsville lawyer John David Preston, shares the distinction of being the region's leading authority on the Civil War in eastern Kentucky, likes to point

out that there were slaves who served alongside their masters in the Confederate Army.

Two Floyd County slaves, for example, served in Colonel Jack May's 10th Kentucky Cavalry. Their names were William Davidson (b. 1840) and Woodson Davidson (b. 1842). Their master was Greenville R. Davidson, 2nd Lieutenant, Company A, and son of Samuel P. Davison of Ivel, William and Woodson were captured at Saltville, Virginia, on November 2, 1864, probably by a Union scouting party. A Pike County slave by the name of George Honaker served in Company D of the 10th Kentucky. His owner was James Honaker, Captain of Company D.

Our Yesterdays

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

Ten Years Ago (January 9 & 11, 1991)

Former Betsy Layne High School assistant football coach Donnie Ray was arrested Monday evening in connection with a Monday afternoon bomb threat which forced emergency service workers to evacuate students at Betsy Layne High School... Convention facilities in Floyd County will expand next month when the new Jenny Wiley Convention Center opens for business... A 30-year-old Langley man was arrested December 26 and charged with three counts of first degree rape and two counts of first degree sodomy after an alleged incident involving two juveniles... State Representative Greg Stumbo of Prestonsburg was reelected by Democratic legislators this week as House Majority Leader for the Kentucky General Assembly... Former Martin postmaster Leslie C. Nelson was sworn in Monday as the new postmaster for the Paintsville office of the U.S. Postal Service... There died: Melda Lemasters, 70, of Prospect, Ohio, formerly of Floyd County, Tuesday, January 1, at her home; Lenora Hall Ravensburg, 73, of Lake Stevens, Washington, formerly of Topmost, Wednesday, January 2, at the Everett General Hospital; Imelene Craft, 58, of Prestonsburg, Saturday, January 5, at her residence; Rosie Gayheart, 84, of Eastern, Monday, January 7, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; John B. Tackett, 56, of Beaver, Sunday, January 6, at Jewish Hospital; Maggie Webb Allen, 94, of Lexington, formerly of Eastern, Thursday, January 3, at the Lexington Country Place Nursing Facility; James Gilliam, 72, of Wheelwright, Saturday, January 5, at Hazard Appalachian Regional Hospital; Wanda Setser, 83, of Allen, Wednesday, January 2, at Highlands Regional Medical Center; Audie Ellen Shepherd, 69, of Winona Lake, Indiana; Nancy Gibson Hall, 89, of McDowell, Monday, January 7, at her residence; Bruce Shepherd, 72, of East Point, Sunday, January 6, at Paul B. Hall Medical Center; H.B. Flack, 95, of Betsy Layne, died Wednesday, January 2, at the Veterans Hospital in Lexington; Ruth Marie Conn, 63, of Arkansas Creek of Martin; Tuesday, January 8, at HRMC; Johnny G. Mulkey, 62, of Banner, Tuesday, January 8, at Our Lady of the Way Hospital; Stella Stegall, 80, of Hi Hat, Tuesday, January 8, at McDowell ARH.

Twenty Years Ago (January 14, 1981)

Floyd County School Board member Dr. James D. Adams told school board members that the school system should once again consider a utility tax to finance school construction projects. A similar proposal met with strong opposition in 1979... The Prestonsburg City Council approved the filing of an application for a \$500,000 Community Development Block Grant for renovation of downtown Prestonsburg... County officials are working to redefine magisterial districts in accord with 1980 census figures. The county lost no magistrates, but elected officials would see districts redefined before they take office... Vending machines at Clark Elementary School were removed on the advice of a nutritionist... Martin City officials worried that \$1.5 million in funding would be lost because city council members would not attend meetings to approve a request for the funds... Floyd County schools remained closed after seven days due to a two-inch snowfall... There died: Ollie Robinson, 84, of Martin; Anna Dingus, 72, of Martin; Minnie W. Gearheart, 73, of Hueysville; Alvin Newsom, 73 of Teaberry; Otto Moles, 80, of East Point; Anthony Howard, one month, of Hippo; Beatrice Dunnagan, 70, of East Point; William (Hoosier) Slone, 79, of Ligon; Mary Hamilton, 53, of Bypro; Elder William Amburgey, 57, of Allen; and Bessie Johnson, 69, of Halo.

Thirty Years Ago (January 14, 1971)

A tentative agreement reached Monday between two mine locals at mines of the Patsy Development Co. of David, may have ended a

work stoppage there which also had spread to mines of the Island Creek Coal Company on Left Beaver Creek and idled more than 700 workers... Commonwealth Attorney Harold J. Stumbo said Monday that he is inviting all peace officers to meet with him at his office in the courthouse next Wednesday in an effort to establish coordination and cooperation between the court and enforcement officers... There died: Dollie Belcher, 63 of Garrett; Rachel Slone, 90, of Pippa Passes; Rev. Steve Walker, 95, of West Prestonsburg; Leon Moore, 52, of Wheelwright; Virgie P. Maynard, 73, formerly of Floyd County; and Henry B. Robinson, 83, of Martin.

Forty Years Ago (January 12, 1961)

The Floyd County Fiscal Court Monday renewed its expression of opposition to the proposed increase of gas rates in Allen, Dwale and possibly other communities served by the Floyd County Gas and Water Company... Ten additional members of the Floyd County Educational Council Advisory committee were elected at the January 3 meeting of the organization at the Allen grade school, it was announced this week by Raymond A. Bradbury, treasurer of the group... Two firms have paid stream pollution fines in this county recently and another is under investigation for the same charge, noted conservation officer Don Meade. There died: Donnie E. Hicks, 26, of Langley; Bessie Pennington, 66, of Melvin; Michael Zemo, 77, of Prestonsburg; Nancy Scott Whitt, 77, of Garrett; and Barbara Ward, 66, of Banner.

Fifty Years Ago (January 11, 1951)

The Inland Steel Company announced this week from its Chicago office that its new coal preparation plant at Price is capable of processing 750 tons of coal per hour... The office of district detective in this county will become vacant next Monday, and there is some doubt that it again will be filled... Floyd County officers last week destroyed three moonshine stills in the Dewey Lake section on the head of Toler Creek... Formal organizations of a casting club to represent Floyd County in local and state events will be effected Tuesday... Anna Mae Combs, of Rock Fork; Lanie Shepherd Howard, 62, of Wayland; Florence Martin Cox, 85, of Hi Hat; Eulah May Burchett Vanhoose, 30, of Prestonsburg; Charles Turner, 62, of Drift; Ann Miller Hereford, 91, of Cliff; Ann Jones Moore, 58, of Minnie; and William T. Shell, 54, of Bonanza.

Sixty Years Ago (January 9, 1941)

Of the 20 indictments returned by the grand jury of the Floyd Circuit Court at noon Wednesday, three named six Floyd County men on willful murder charges... Completion of sewer work at Martin is expected to be made without interruption as the town council recently took legal steps to authorize the project after an injunction had been granted against it... "An avalanche of western action, the dash and devilry of mad adventure, tragedy and romance under western skies," will be depicted by Ray "Crash" Corrigan and his western stars when they appear at the Martin Theatre on Sunday, according to an ad in The Floyd County Times. There died: Roscoe Castle, 52, of Wayland; Ester Lee Allen Martin, 40, of Allen; M Hattie Harmon, 66, of Sugarloaf; George Tuttle, 64, of Minnie; Roseanna Hamilton Hall, of Amba; and Duran Hall, 58, formerly of Floyd County.

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Golden anniversary

Otis and Ocie Ousley of Martin, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on January 13, 2001, with an open reception at 2 p.m., at the Woodmen of the World building, on US 23 at Allen. The event is being hosted by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



First anniversary

Deanne and Patrick Burke of Prestonsburg celebrated their first wedding anniversary recently. They were married on December 18, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Prestonsburg. Their parents are Bill and Joyce Campbell and Charles and Patricia Burke, all of Prestonsburg. The bride works in the office of the Floyd County Clerk, and the groom is an employee of Prestonsburg City's Utilities Commission.

School happenings...

Adams Middle School Youth Services Center

Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. or later by appointment. 886-9812.

Allen Central High School

ACHS Band is collecting Pepsi Musical Points, which enable the purchase of instruments. Points are on 12-pack cubes, 20 oz. and liter bottles of Pepsi, Diet Pepsi, Mountain Dew and Diet Mountain Dew. Give to any ACHS band member or mail to Eastern Band Boosters, PO Box 156. Eastern, KY 41622.

Clark FRC

After school child care, 3-5:30 p.m., school days, openings available.

Nurse in the center on Thursdays. Appointments for sixth grade physicals now being scheduled. 886-0815.

McDowell FRC

Floyd County Health Department nurse is at the Center each Monday to see patients. Call to schedule physical appointment for your 5th grader. Call 377-2678.

A counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care is at the center one day a week to see students in need of counseling. Parents are encouraged to stop by the center if they think their child can benefit.

GED classes, free, Mondays, 8 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Instructor, Linda Bailey of The David School.

Child Care, from school dismissal -5 p.m., \$20 per week/per child. For possible fee assistance, call East Kentucky Child Care Coalition, 886-1280.

Osborne FRC

- 1-16: Blood drive.
- 1-23: Ronald McDonald, Pre-K-4th grade.
- 1-26: Safety program, K-3.
- 1-29 & 30: Recycling program.

Prestonsburg Elementary PTA

PTA Dairy Queen Punch Cards for sale; \$10 for 18 uses between now and July 2001; buy one item, get the next free. Good at Prestonsburg, Martin and Pikeville Dairy Queens.

Prestonsburg FRC

Center is open weekdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. After School Child Care, 3-6 p.m., school days.

Counselor from Mountain Comprehensive Care at center one day a week to see students in need of counseling. Call 886-7088 or stop by.

Prestonsburg High School

- 1-11: SBDM Council, 6 p.m., library.

South Floyd Youth Services Center

Walking track open to public. One stop career station satellite and adult education available. 452-9600 or 9607, ext. 243 or 242.

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NEWS

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FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Health benefits of folic acid

Making folic acid a part of your daily diet will help you maintain good health and might help protect you from heart disease, stroke and cancer, according to results of long-term medical research studies.

Folic acid is a synthesized form of the B vitamin, folate. It works with other B vitamins to reduce the level of homocysteine in the blood. People with high blood levels of this substance have an increased risk of heart disease and stroke.

By taking 400 micrograms (mcg) of folic acid, the recommended daily allowance, you might reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases. This is especially important if you have a family history of heart disease.

Research also indicates the folic acid might help prevent certain cancers, notably colon cancer.

These preliminary studies suggest that many people might benefit from taking folic acid.

Folic acid also has an important role in the production of normal red blood cells. People with a folic acid deficiency are apt to develop a form of anemia resulting from reduced red blood cell levels.

You probably know women can significantly reduce (by up to 70 percent) the likelihood of having a baby with neural tube defects (NTD) simply by taking 400 mcg of folic acid every day during their childbearing years. This practice could save a woman and her family the heartache and drastic costs of having a baby with NTD.

Taking a B vitamin might be the best and least expensive preventive

measure for a problem that can cause major heartache for your family and friends.

The problem: Kentucky babies suffer twice the national occurrence of neural tube defects (NTD). A NTD is an incomplete closure of tissue over the spinal cord and brain. You might know someone who has spina bifida, which is a NTV. It can result in paralysis, club foot, or kidney and bladder problems.

About one-third of NTD victims suffer from mental retardation. In the worst case scenario, a baby is born without a brain and lives only a few hours.

The solution: Taking 400 micrograms (mcg) of the B vitamin folic acid could reduce the incidence of NTDs by up to 70 percent. Folic acid is essential for proper development of the spinal cord and brain. They are formed during the first 18 days of pregnancy. This means your baby's brain and spinal cord are already formed by the time you realize that you're pregnant.

Since half of all pregnancies are unplanned, every woman of childbearing age needs to take 400 mcg of folic acid every day. A woman's body tissues need to have adequate folic acid stores already in place before conception.

Getting 400 micrograms of folic acid daily is a simple process but it can make a big difference in the health and well-being of your family and those who are near and dear to you.

Folic acid is the synthetic B vitamin used in supplements and added to fortified grain product foods. Folate is the B vitamin found in natural food sources.

It's difficult to get enough folate in the diet every day. Our fast-paced

lifestyles and eating on the run mean many of us don't have a nutritious diet every day. Taking a multi-vitamin supplement can supply the 400 micrograms of folic acid as well as help you reach the Recommended Daily Allowance for all nutrients. You can buy a 90-day supply of a multi-vitamin supplement for literally pennies a day.

Another reason to take a multi-vitamin supplement is that your body absorbs the folic acid better and uses it more efficiently.

If you're a woman of childbearing age who doesn't consume 400 mcg of folic acid daily, you're putting your future baby at an extreme risk for a NTD. In addition to the heartache of having baby with a NTD, dealing with these birth defects is a very costly venture. More than \$200 million is spent annually in the U.S. for medical care and surgical procedures to deal with NTDs.

The Kentucky Folic Acid

Partnership is a group of more than 30 health care and related educational groups, including the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service.

Together with the March of Dimes, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this partnership is leading the educational campaign that taking 400 micrograms of folic acid daily is an easy, inexpensive way to reduce the incidence of NTDs in Kentucky and the U.S.

For more information on family nutrition, contact Theresa M. Scott at your Floyd County Extension Office, 921 S. Lake Drive, Prestonsburg, Ky, 41653; phone 606/886-2668; fax 606/886-1458.

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ATLA Consumer News

Snow blower safety

by Frederick M. Baron & Penny Gold

The snow blower, or snow thrower, is one of those inventions that has certainly made many of our lives easier. Believe it or not, these devices have been available to consumers for the last four decades.

Many of the first models of snow blowers were made with what is called a deadman's control, a safety apparatus incorporated into the design of the snow blower's handle bar, that when released, cuts power to both the blower's engine and the rotating impeller which throws the snow out of the discharge chute. This kind of safety control helps prevent injuries that occur when people attempt to

clear the snow-discharge chute with their hands—which they should never do. (See more safety tips below).

Boston Attorney Gerald Tutor, who has assisted clients in several snow blower cases, says, "Most snow blower operators don't realize the impeller is only two inches below the opening of the discharge tube."

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), snow blowers are one of the leading causes of finger amputations among consumer products. Statistics from the National Injury Information Clearinghouse in Bethesda, Maryland, reveal that, in 1999, there were an estimated 3,546 injuries that were the result of snowblower related (but not necessarily product-caused) accidents. Of those injuries, about 3,000 involved hands and fingers, including 283 finger amputations.

Over the years, some snow blower models have been manufactured without any safety devices that could help prevent injuries. And some of these

older models are still in use today.

Tutor says he knows of at least one snow blower manufacturer that decided decades ago to remove the deadman's control, because customers allegedly complained about the inconvenience of having to restart the snow blower each time the handle was released. Instead of a deadman's control, in 1968 manufacturers started making blowers with an m-shaped wire over the discharge chute to prevent people from inserting their hands into that opening.

In the early 1970s, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) passed regulations to require manufacturers to include a deadman's control or a kill switch on snow blowers. However, some of the old snow blowers, with neither a deadman's control nor an m-wire, are still in circulation today.

Tutor has a client who lost four fingers when he slipped on the snow and his hand inadvertently entered the unguarded snow discharge chute of

his snow blower. The man purchased this used snow blower from someone in 1982, and serial numbers on the snow blower indicated that the engine was made in 1966.

"These old snow blowers are a lurking danger," says Tutor, who would welcome mandatory retrofitting of old snow blowers with m-wires or deadman's controls. "At a minimum, a warning should be attached to these old snow blowers as to the danger they present to consumers who continue to use them."

Tutor explains that many people who own older snow blowers go to the manufacturer's equipment dealer or distributor for service or parts, yet are not warned of the danger of their old machines. "It would be easy for the manufacturer to produce labels to send to their distributors who could then give them to customers who own old snow blowers," says Tutor.

Even if you have a more recently manufactured snow blower, it is important to observe the CPSC's fol-

lowing safety tips:

- Stop the engine and use a long stick to unclog wet snow and debris from the machine. Do not use your hands to unclog the blower.

- Keep hands and feet away from all moving parts.

- Never leave the machine unattended if the engine is running.

- Never leave the machine running in an enclosed area. Add fuel to the tank outdoors before starting the machine. Do not add gas to a running or hot engine. Always keep the gas can capped and store it out of the house and away from ignition sources.

- For electric-powered snow blowers, be aware of the power cord at all times.

These smart safety practices are a reminder that everyone—not just those of us in colder climates—can benefit from learning as much as possible about the products we own and how we can use them to our benefit while staying safe.

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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Studies on effectiveness of nutritional supplements in relieving osteoarthritis pain are inconclusive

Arthritis sufferers react with enthusiasm to any treatment promising relief for the pain and stiffness affecting their joints. The introduction of nutritional supplements, such as glucosamine with chondroitin, have raised such hopes, but the effectiveness of these supplements is still debatable.

More than 40 million Americans suffer from osteoarthritis (OA), commonly thought of as a wear and tear disease that becomes increasingly common with aging. By the age of 65, an estimated 85 percent of the population have some degree of OA. Treatment usually focuses on relieving pain and stiffness in joints with acetaminophen or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), such as aspirin and ibuprofen.

"Many people find it difficult to control the symptoms of osteoarthritis and at least half of patients say they are not helped by pain medications," said Andrew L. DeGruccio, M.D., an orthopedic surgeon at the Norton Hospital Center for Advanced Orthopaedics. "Unfortunately, NSAIDs pose significant risk of stomach ulcers and bleeding."

The American College of Rheumatology recommends acetaminophen as a first-line treatment of osteoarthritis, with NSAIDs added only as needed.

The new COX-2 inhibitors, celecoxib (Celebrex) and rofecoxib (Vioxx) have added benefits since they relieve pain but do so without causing the same level of gastric bleeding and ulceration as NSAIDs.

Additionally, injections of hyaluronic acid (HA), such as Synvisc and Hyalgan, into affected joints can bring relief for some patients since it can help them stay lubricated and increase elasticity.

Hyaluronic acid is a component of the synovial and cartilage tissues and is administered through injection.

"Because it is injected directly into the joint, it works quickly," said DeGruccio. "However, injections do limit its therapeutic applications and high cost is also a factor."

According to De Gruccio, who is also with Orthopaedic Associates, PSC, the final option for many patients who no longer find relief from pain medications and other medical treatments is joint replacement surgery.

"Hip and knee replacements are common procedures, especially in the elderly, and results are very positive with most patients reporting a greatly improved quality of life," said DeGruccio.

Glucosamine and Chondroitin

"The conventional therapies to treat OA largely focus on the reduction of pain and inflammation through surgery, changes in lifestyle and medications," said DeGruccio.

However, recent research, focusing on slowing the progression of OA and promoting healthy cartilage, has identified substances, termed chondroprotective agents (cartilage protective agents) to be of possible benefit.

In addition to hyaluronic acid (HA), these include glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate which are nutritional supplements that have gotten increased attention in the last several years and are commonly available at many drug and nutrition stores.

Glucosamine provides the body with additional raw materials for matrix production. Since OA results when cartilage breakdown is faster than the body's ability to lubricate the joint, providing external sources of glucosamine may increase production of the building blocks of cartilage and seems likely to alter the natural history of OA. Glucosamine also has a mild antiinflammatory activity.

Chondroitin is a natural component of several tissues in the body, including tendons, bone, intervertebral disk, the cornea and heart valve, in addition to cartilage. As a chondroprotective agent, chondroitin is said to help inhibit many of the enzymes that break down the cartilage and synovial fluid in OA.

"Because glucosamine causes increased production of sulfate compounds and chondroitin sulfate inhibits breakdown, using them together may result in an increase in the amount of normal cartilage building blocks, thus slowing the progression of OA as well as reducing the symptoms of the disease," said DeGruccio. "However, research on the effectiveness of glucosamine and chondroitin is ongoing."

Studies to date are inconclusive, with some showing moderate to large effects in relieving symptoms of osteoarthritis, while other studies conclude these supplements may be no more effective than placebos. The negative results may be due to the age of the study group participants (an average of 63) and the facts that they were overweight and suffered from fairly severe osteoarthritis. Earlier detection and treatment of OA with these sup-

plements may therefore show to be more beneficial; however, all the research is not yet concluded.

Both glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate are obtained from animal tissue sources (such as the shells from crabs and shrimp), and purity can vary widely, which may alter their effectiveness.

"It is important to point out that glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate are considered dietary supplements, and are therefore not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)," said DeGruccio. "If you do choose to buy them, be careful to buy from a reputable manufacturer that uses quality-control programs to validate raw material and purity of the finished product."

Hope for new and better drugs to treat osteoarthritis is bolstered by continued research efforts that are now focusing not just on the role of cartilage, but on the whole joint. For many researchers cartilage destruction is just one part of a complex puzzle.

Birthdays...



Savannah Constance Hamilton

Savannah Constance Hamilton was born October 23, 2000, at 6:40 p.m., at Mary Weiles Hospital in Mt. Sterling. She weighed eight pounds, four ounces, and was 20 inches long. She is the daughter of Richard and Stephanie Slone Hamilton of Morehead, formerly of McDowell and Ligon. Her paternal grandparents are Ricky and Gwen Hamilton of McDowell, and her maternal grandparents are Jim Slone of Ligon and the late Connie Slone. Paternal great-grandparents are Dorothy DeRossett of Printer, Willis and Earlene Mathews of Prestonsburg, and the late Pay Hamilton, formerly of McDowell. Maternal great-grandparents are Draxie Slone of Ligon and the late Arthur Slone, and Wilma and Fred Hartley Sr. of Huntington, Indiana. She is the fifth generation baby of her great-great-grandmother, Beulah Mathews of Price.

WEDDINGS/ENGAGEMENTS



Allison-Porter

Christy Annette Allison and Jonathan Scott Porter were united in marriage by Rev. Mark Tackett on July 15, 2000, at the Pleasant Home Baptist Church in Prestonsburg.

The bride is the daughter of Clark and Phyllis Allison of Prestonsburg. Her maternal grandparents are Vonsel Atkisson of South Charleston, West Virginia, and the late Clarence Atkisson. Her paternal grandparents are Alvin and Roberta Allison of Charleston, West Virginia.

The groom is the son of Randy Porter of Allen and Rhonda Harris of Lexington, formerly of Prestonsburg. His maternal grandparents are Rudy and Billie Harris of Prestonsburg, and his paternal grandparents are Margaret Porter of Allen, and the late Vernon "Buster" Porter.

The maid of honor for the wedding was Crystal L. Slone of Prestonsburg. Bridesmaids were Jeanette Allison, Andrea Porter and Anita Allison, sisters of the bride and groom. The flower girl was Summer Ray, cousin of the bride.

The best man was Jeff Franklin of Prestonsburg. The groomsmen/ushers were Ryan Porter, Matt Porter and Mark Adam Crider, cousins of the groom. Ring bearers were Jacob Crider and Kyle LeMaster, cousins of the groom. Music was provided by Ashleigh Frasure and Crystal Slone. The pianist was Mark Stephens. A reception after the marriage ceremony was held at the church's fellowship hall.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Prestonsburg High School. She is a business major at the University of Kentucky. The groom is a 1996 graduate of PHS and is employed by Ruskin of Lexington.

The couple spent their honeymoon at Top Sail Island, North Carolina. They reside in Lexington.

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Municipal bond retail order periods

submitted by J.R. BLACKBURN

Individuals are now the primary investors in the municipal bond marketplace, and have shown a preference for individual bonds over bond funds. The recent popularity of the retail order period (ROP), therefore, should come as no surprise.

ROPs allow underwriters of new-issue municipal bonds to solicit orders from individual investors on a priority basis. Such offerings are based on tentative prices (i.e., anticipated pricing schedules), and the ROP ends prior to the new issue being officially priced and offered to all prospective investors.

Investor and Issuer Benefits

Retail order periods help to provide individual investors with priority access to new issue, highly-liquid municipal securities at competitive prices. In the past, the dominant influence of institutional investors used to make it difficult for individuals to buy bonds from the largest and most desirable issuers, but this is no longer the case. With more and more bond issuers offering ROPs, individual investors have been better able to enjoy new issue availability and price benefits.

ROPs are also good for bond issuers. Many bonds purchased by individual investors never see the light of day until maturity. As a result, that issue's remaining pool of bonds, available in the secondary market, is reduced. According to the basic laws of supply and demand, anyone wishing to make such a secondary market purchase would, in theory, have to pay a higher price.

From Wall Street to Main Street

Thanks to the increasing use of ROPs, individual investors can now compete on a level playing field against institutional buyers—professionals paid to know the many nuances of the municipal bond market. What's more, ROPs may even have an impact beyond the primary market. Major bond dealers have begun to heavily market municipal securities to the general public, often supplemented by advertising campaigns run by the issuers themselves. Through the use of such non-

traditional venues as radio spots and commuter railroad billboards, ROPs are helping municipal bonds move from the narrow confines of Wall St. to neighborhoods in every section of the country.

A Promising Future

Many issuers of municipal securities have already reorganized their new issue selling groups to include retail brokerage firms that specialize in offering bonds to individual investors. The list of issuers currently using retail order periods includes many of the biggest names in the municipal finance and, thanks to technological innovation, is expanding rapidly.

As the emphasis on capturing the business of individual investors continues to grow, ROPs seem likely to play an increasing role in the marketing of municipal bonds to the public. This is a development that may prove to be of significant interest to many an individual investor.

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Floyd County resident honored by state agency

A Floyd County man was given the Counselor of the Year Award from the Kentucky Department for the Blind at a ceremony recently in Shelbyville.

Mike Hall, a counselor with the Department for the Blind, was presented the award at the recognition event sponsored by the department, a Cabinet for Workforce Development agency.

The Counselor of the Year award goes to the rehabilitation counselor who has helped the most clients obtain employment. In the last 10 years, Hall has consistently been in the top 10 percent of counselors who have placed clients in the workforce.

"It was a difficult year for our

rehabilitation counselors because they had to conserve resources while helping customers get into the workforce. Mike worked hard and creatively not only to put people into jobs, but particularly people who are considered hard to place because of their disabilities," said Department for the Blind Commissioner Denise Placido.

The Kentucky Department for the Blind is a state government rehabilitation agency that offers assistance to persons who are blind or visually impaired and also provides services for employers. For more information about the department and its services contact 877-KYBLIND (877-592-5463) or <http://kyblind.state.ky.us/>

Basha awarded recertification

Nabil Basha, MD, FACS, has passed the recertification exam of the American Board of Surgery, which was given on October 20, 2000, in Atlanta.



Dr. Nabil Basha

Dr. Basha was originally certified in 1981 and recertified 10 years ago. He has been practicing general surgery and endoscopy in eastern Kentucky since 1978.

His office is located at Broadway Medical Center in Paintsville, and he is on the staff of both Highlands Regional Medical Center and Paul B. Hall Regional Medical Center.

The American Board of Surgery was founded in 1937 to certify those found to be qualified after meeting specific requirements and completing an examination process. It identifies a surgeon who has met a certain standard of excellence. The surgeon who has attained certification by the ABS has specialized knowledge and skill relating to a variety of surgical diseases.

Since 1976, the ABS has issued certificates that are valid for only 10 years. Once certified, the surgeon who wishes to maintain certified status upon expiration of the original certificate must complete a recertification process that includes review of credentials to determine if the surgeon has continued surgical education, is respected by peers and is active in the practice of surgery.

Successful completion of a written examination completes the recertification process.

New CNB ImageCheck™ offers lifetime benefits

Banking is being made easier at Citizens National Bank (CNB) in Johnson, Floyd and Magoffin counties. CNB checking consumers will no longer have to store checks and deposit slips in beat-up old shoe boxes hidden away in closets, attics or cellars. Nor will they have to be concerned about misplacing a canceled check that serves as legal proof that they have paid a bill.

As of January 1, CNB has instituted the ImageCheck™ system for all of its business and personal checking customers.

The ImageCheck™ process converts deposit slips and canceled checks into a microscopic size piece of computer information. Billions of those bits of digital information can be stored on a single non-erasable optical disk. Each month, CNB will laser print the front side images of the deposit slips and canceled checks onto 8.5" x 11" sheets of paper. They will be computer sorted and arranged in numerical order for ease of comparing to a check register.

Pages will be three-hole punched

so that they can be easily placed into a three-ring ImageCheck™ Statement Organizer provided to customers for free through February.

Image checks are printed in numerical order allowing for easier reconciliation of one's checkbook. Storage space is dramatically reduced because 12 checks or deposit slip images are printed onto one sheet of paper for personal accounts and 18 images onto one sheet of paper for business accounts. Additionally, account inquiries will be handled efficiently and quickly, because of this advanced technology used to store check images. Finally, the three-ring binder provided by CNB helps customers neatly store monthly ImageCheck™ statements.

In converting to the new

ImageCheck™ system, customers should use a black or blue pen to write on checks or deposit slips to ensure that the images on their statements can be clearly read. The new ImageCheck™ optical character reader does not recognize colors other than dark blue or black.

"Some of the reasons people store checks year after year is so they have legal proof of payment for the IRS and federal and state judicial systems should they ever need it," said Randy Reynolds, vice president of operations for CNB. "Our customers will no longer have to store the actual check because ImageCheck™ is legal proof of payment."

Additionally, Reynolds said that banks are required by law to store the images of checks and deposit slips on non-erasable optical disks.

Chamber Notes

Welcome, new member

The Floyd County Chamber of Commerce welcomes The Glass Slipper, Peggy Fraley, owner, into membership. The Glass Slipper is located at 99 West Court St., Prestonsburg, 606/886-0910.

The Glass Slipper is a small town store with a big city selection of shoes, jewelry, handbags, wallets, belts and more. They cater primarily to the ladies; however, they do carry a line of men's shoes, as well as shoes for young girls.

The Glass Slipper offers several "special touches" to customers. They special order with most of their lines and carry brands that are famous for comfort, fashion, elegance and affordability. The Glass Slipper offers products by Kenneth Cole, J. Renee, Proxy, Enzo Angiolino, Naturalizer, Nine West, David Tate, Clark's of England, Bandolino and others.

A big seller has been the Dansko (clogs and shoes). Doctors not only wear the shoes during and after office hours, but also enjoy them enough to give gift certificates for Dansko to their office staff on special occasions. Dansko is endorsed and recommended by the American Podiatry Association.

At The Glass Slipper, items are constantly being added to the line. Recently added was Brighton products (mini-bags, wallets, belts, key fobs, etc.). Hand & Hammer Silversmiths sterling jewelry and Black Hills Gold jewelry.

The "market" is held in Atlanta twice each year. The Glass Slipper staff drive to Atlanta to browse, get acquainted with new vendors and place orders for stock 6-8 months in advance of shipping.

Once the stock is bought and delivered, the next important step is pricing. Prices are constantly checked with similar items at other stores that carry brands and quality comparable to The Glass Slipper.

Fraley informed me that some people don't realize that some companies manufacture a style in two price ranges. The unsuspecting public can easily get an inferior product when they purchase what they believe is a top quality item. The Glass Slipper has found their stock to be as much as \$10 below the retail at some of the larger chain stores in Lexington and Huntington malls.

The Glass Slipper's goal is to give the customer the quality and selection he or she deserves, the warmth of being on a first name basis, knowing the preference, size and lifestyle that a small town business such as The Glass Slipper can offer.

The Glass Slipper also gives "curb service." If someone needs something, a phone call to the store telling them what is desired gets it delivered to the curb, thus, eliminating the need for women to "put on their face" and find a parking space. They ship to several states and have out-of-town customers who call for impulse sales (yes, there is an alternative to impulse buying) and regularly scheduled sales.

The Glass Slipper offers customers an opportunity to attend a "trunk show" in September. Peggy said they has so much fun, they are planning to repeat the "trunk show" with various participating vendors in the spring.

Everyone at The Glass Slipper appreciates their customers and works hard at earning their respect and business.

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